# GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

The busy season having pasted, we can now proceed for the second half of the Columbian year. It sure was great to see so many knights give a part of themselves to make the workload

spread out to help our parish family. Some knights did not just help at one Mass, but were at several. Every one of you must know that your job was appreciated.

To start the next half of the year, we as Council 2031 will be hosting the Basketball Free-throw on January 29<sup>th</sup>. I know Brother Blair Ratushniak will be looking for help for this event, so keep this date in mind. I also have the entry forms for the state curling, so if you are sending a team to Saskatoon, please give me a call and I will get the forms to you. We will also be having speakers come to our general meetings in both January and February, so please join us for some informative talks. I believe we have tentatively a speaker from "Kids First" and "Prostrate Cancer" support group. So please attend these meetings if you are interested in these topics. Larry Hamilton, our lecturer, would like to know if he brings in speakers, that you will support his choices or maybe you have others that Larry can bring.

I thank everyone who attended our Christmas Social; as it sure was good to see a lot of faces. Just as the parish is a family, the Knights are a family within a family. We have no better example of a family to mould our lives around than the family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. So please join our family and help promote family values and join as often as you can, both the parish and knight family.

I would like to personally thank Brother Ted for suggesting and heading the *Children's Parish Christmas Party*. We have to promote youth, as they are the future of both the parish and the knights. There may hopefully be some future seminarians and priests, so let us help youth as much as possible.

I would like to thank all others who quietly go about both parish and knight functions and go unnoticed. You are truly a family member and are greatly appreciated. I thank you and bow to your unselfish endeavors. I thank all brother knights and wish you all a new year filled with great health and true meaning of being a valued member of all families in which you are a member. Happy 2005.

Your humble servant Wayne

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#### CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE

December is always a busy month and I hope an enjoyable one for everyone. Christmas joy is filling all our hearts and minds with our Lord's birth celebrated in full, to last through the year. We now look forward to the New Year 2005 with our 100 year anniversary to celebrate.

I would like to encourage any and all brother knights to volunteer for at least one project or event this year. We need every ones' support and any time you can give will be greatly appreciated. We do need you and your talents to make our council #2031 grow and reach all who need our assistance. Come out to our meetings and see how you can become involved in making this year the year to help others as well as yourself.

Now this is also the time to fill in the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities. The form will be inserted as a centerfold in this issue of "The Word" and only takes a few moments to fill out. So please, pull the form out and make the time to reflect and fill in your volunteer hours and bring it to the January meeting or place it in the collection on Sunday before our general meeting in January.

#### Fraternally, Ted Osicki

Get the last word in: Apologize.

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

The Children's Christmas Social on Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup> was a great success. Approximately 70 children and 20 adults enjoyed themselves. Hot chocolate, juice, cookies and candies, Christmas Carols, Santa Claus and goodie bags kept all entertained and filled with good things to eat. I would like to thank all brother knights as well as our musicians and Santa Claus, who in any way helped to make this a success

Fraternally, Ted Osicki

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#### PROGRAM OF EVENTS

We have gone through half the Columbian Year Programs, which kept a lot of knights busy. Here are the events scheduled for the month of January:

- 5 Executive Meeting
- 6 Bingo at P.K. Bingo Palace 6 10 pm
- 9 White Ribbon Campaign
- 12 General Meeting
- 15 Take down "Keep Christ in Christmas" signs
- 16 Brunch after both Masses
- 22 Basketball Freethrow
- 31 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities

As you can see, our brothers will be busy.

Fraternally, Lyle Mroczko, General Program Director

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As this Columbian Year draws to the half way point, we as a council have only six months to achieve my goal of ten new members to our council. My records show that we have attained almost half of my goal.

I need your help my brother knights to meet our goal. If you as a member know of someone that is a practical Catholic and is a male 18 years of age or older, ask them if they would like to know more about the works of the Knights of Columbus in our community. We need these people. I feel personally that I made the commitment to have this goal achieved and that I am personally willing to make an effort to have an open house sometime in January. So please ask someone that you know and ask them and their families to better understand what the knights mean to this parish.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to wish each brother knight and your families the very BEST in the new year.

> Fraternally, Jeff Krasowski

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The party of clergymen was attending a conference in Scotland. Several of them set off to explore the district. Presently they came to a river spanned by a temporary bridge. Not seeing the notice that said it was unsafe, they began to cross. The bridge keeper ran after them in protest.

"It is all right," declared the spokesman, not understanding the reason for the old man's haste. "We're Presbyterians from the conference."

"I'm no' caring aboot that," was the reply. "But if ye dinna get off the bridge you'll all be Baptists!"

### FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S NOTE

All billable members should have their statement re dues for 2005. Some were delivered with the previous "Word" and some were mailed. If anyone was missed, please let me know. I would like to thank those members who have paid their 2005

dues. If you have not sent in your dues yet, maybe this would be a good time to dig out the bill and send them in.

We have had 6 members who have changed their membership status this month:

Honorary Members: (25 years continuous service and age 65)

Walter Sotski Ray Malinowski Nestor Ohochinsky

Honorary Life Members: (25 years continuous service and age 70) Orest Machushek Conrad Rodney John Monka

Congratulations to these members. I try to keep up with these member changes, but if you feel that I have missed you, please let me know

> Fraternally, Alan Flavel

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### **BINGO**

Our next bingo program is scheduled for the **evening of Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**. Make yourselves available when called to help for this important fundraising event.

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#### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Ben Weber 2 – Mary Caudle
- 7 Effie Hardy
- 9 Sandy Persick
- 16 Murray Pankoski 17 – Alan Flavel
- 10 Dona O'Callaghan 18 Roger Blain
  - 18 Brenda Godin
  - 24 Lorraine Slogocki
- 15 Delores Palchewich 26 Renae Bylsma
- 6 Lennie Loster 14 Janet Gress 7 – Leroy Persick 15 – Delores Pal
- 7 Rita Ohochinsky

3 – Geraldine Megyesi

6 – Marianne Dierker

- 7 Sylvia Bugoy
- 16 Leonard Schlechter

12 – Stephanie Dolney

16 – Leonard Schlechter 27 – Miles Shuya

#### JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Miles & Christine Shuya
- 6 Ken & Jennifer Merkl

10 – Allan & Judy Filipchuk (**35**<sup>th</sup>) 16 – Matt & Judie Bernat

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