



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL NO. 2031

THE WORD

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VALENTINE'S DAY
FEBRUARY 14th



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St. Gerard's 125 Third Ave. North Yorkton, SK S3N 1C4

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



This is the time of the Columbian year in which we should concentrate on our membership. We will be having a membership drive and we need your help. We all have to work together to make our council grow and not become stagnant. In order to achieve these goals we need new members with new ideas. We need each of you to ask one member of our parish who is not a knight if he would like to join our Christian and community minded organization.

We have a first-degree team that needs work. In order to put this team to work we need your help; ask someone to join your council. There are only two stipulations to become a knight and that is a male eighteen years of age or older and a practical Catholic. I know that if you do not ask, you will not get someone to join. There will be a local Major degree in Yorkton hosted by Council 5182 in March. Ask someone now so that he may join local candidates in furthering his journey within our order.

I would like to remind all brothers who have not attained their major degrees – second and third, that as stated above, there will be a local major degree initiation locally. Please complete the next step in your journey within the knights. A reminder will be sent next month to all brother knights who have not achieved third degree status so that you may join our second and third degree member knights. There are advantages to becoming third degree members. You cannot become an elected executive unless you are a third degree member. At state level, you cannot participate in some meetings or functions. So if you want to be a full member of the knights, please avail yourself to the next level.

Also before the end of the fraternal year the fourth degree will also be hosting an exemplification. The fourth degree is a special division of the knights, which has their own assembly independent of the local council. The fourth degree is a degree, which is patriotic. They are the knights who are the most colourful and are most visible within the parish and community. To join the fourth degree you have to be a third

degree knight in good standing for one year. Just a note, you do not have to purchase full regalia to be a member. Full regalia is a nice touch to brothers who would like to be part of a colour guard.

Please help council 2031 grow. Ask a Catholic parishioner to become a knight.

Your humble servant
Wayne

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## DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT



As we approach the month of February, there are many activities that need to be volunteered to this month. Family Curling on Monday nights will be in its final stages with playoffs for all teams being held during February. The finals will be on February 27<sup>th</sup>. There will be a banquet as well on the 27<sup>th</sup>, place and time will be determined at our executive meeting. The following is the Calendar of Events for the month of February:

- 1 – Executive and Director's Meeting
- 5 – Roses for Life Sunday
- 8 – General Meeting
- 14 – Valentine's Day
- 17-19 – K of C State Curling Bonspiel in Kindersley
- 19 – Sunday Brunch after 9 and 11am Masses  
- Bingo at P.K. Palace 1:30-4:00 pm
- 28 – Shrove Tuesday Supper

Finally, you will notice a message about Membership. Please help the Council and let's do our part to make our efforts to attract new members to this Great Order.

Fraternally,  
Jeff Krasowski

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"Las Vegas is loaded with all kinds of gambling devices," says Joey Adams. "Slot machines, dice tables and wedding chapels."

MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE

As mentioned in the December General Meeting that our Membership Directors both have resigned this portfolio, our Worthy Grand Knight and I, your Deputy Grand Knight and General Program Director, have come to the conclusion that we both could fulfill this major position with the help of the whole Council. I realize that this seems to be in some people's eyes a two man show, I assure you that this is not the case and was not our intention to be that. When we mentioned that there was this vacancy, no one really stepped up to the plate and offered to take this position. So after a long discussion, we felt that this would be the easiest solution to this problem. I will be the Membership Chairman in name only for the interim.

The goals that we would like to achieve are not as hard as they may seem, if each one of us could ask a Practical Catholic man who is 18 years of age or older to join our **GREAT ORDER**. This may seem like a big task, but it is not. We can accomplish anything if we put an honest effort into this project. Our goals that we would like to accomplish for the rest of the Columbian Year is to attain 8 new members and at least one **FIRST DEGREE** before March 26th as there will be a Major Degree in Yorkton hosted by Father Delaere Council #5182. I ask that all current 1st Degree Members who would consider this date as our brother council of St. Mary's Parish is hosting it.

We would like to have a table set up for a membership drive for early February; as we will have information of not only what our Order is about, but also what our own Council is doing in this Community. Another possibility we could do is have an informal meeting with the potential new members and their families for coffee and dainties and a question and answer session. We all could help with our own insights of why we became a member of the Knights of Columbus Order.

We are revamping our Council Brochure that will show all what we have done and what we are doing to make the Church and Our Community a Great Experience of a Lifetime.

Fraternally,
Jeff Krasowski,
Membership Director

COMMUNITY DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Another beautiful Christmas season has come to an end. Our "Keep Christ in Christmas" sign, which was very visible under the new city lights, was taken down on Saturday, January 14 by brother knights: Joe Megyesi, Tom Pasloski, Alan Flavel, Jeff Krasowski, Larry Hamilton, Bill Yaremko, Henry Kweens, Joe Swejda, Keith Hayward and myself.

Thank you brother knights for a job well done, in the spirit of **Christ**.

Fraternally,
Joe Swejda

BINGO



Our next scheduled bingo program at P.K. Bingo Palace is **Sunday afternoon on February 19th (1:30-4:00pm)**. I hope you will make yourselves available to help when called or better still,

offer to help.

Fraternally,
Wilf Maier

An airplane ticket agent was being given a particularly rough time by a woman who complained about the departure times. She said, "Young man, I could stick a feather in my ear and get there faster." "Madam," replied the agent calmly, "the runways are clear."

WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN

Council #2031 once again conducted its Annual White Ribbon Campaign the weekend of January 7-8, 2006. White ribbons were made available to parishioners after each of the Masses. The money collected is donated to Shelwin House to provide assistance to abused women and their children. This year we collected just over \$231, but the council will be topping that up to make a contribution of \$400 to this worthy cause. Beyond the monetary assistance provided, this project is important for the awareness this brings to a serious problem in society. Thank you to all who assisted with the campaign.

Fraternally,
Keith Hayward

HELLO BROTHERS

First of all, I wish to thank you brothers for your co-operation in submitting your e-mail addresses, and then in coping with any difficulties in accessing our newsletter. The response has been so good, that we now have 87 members receiving the "Word" electronically. Out of a total membership of 150, I would consider that very good.

If you can't open our new "The Word", or if you have difficulties to display it properly, get the newest **free adobe pdf reader** by clicking the following link:

<http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>

After downloading and installing the software, you should be ready. If you have any problems with installing the software, write Johannes at Johannes.Prost@pastryworld.ca, he will be glad to help you.

Thanks brothers,

Orest Machushek

Ever stop to think, and forget to start again?



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 2 – Gerard Sterk | 13 – Ken Olshewski |
| 2 – John den Brok | 14 – Mary Diakuw |
| 4 – Ignis Palchewich | 16 – Lyle Mroczko |
| 5 – Mary-Ellan Mallard | 16 – Rose Gress |
| 6 – Elliot Graf | 22 – Alison Lyon |
| 6 – Judy Bolton | 25 – Angela Ostapovich |
| 7 – John Malinowski | 25 – Paul Farbacher |
| 7 – Katherine Bolton | 27 – Dr. Daniel Wassill |
| 7 – Scott Hoffort | 27 – Donna Odrigewitsch |
| 8 – Hugh Mallard | 27 – Kay Kuemper |
| 9 – Marge Farbacher | 27 – Sharon Chillog |
| 12 – Edward Mroske | |



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 – Wayne and Irene Dillabough
10 – John and Susan Malinowski
17 – Gary and Donna Copan
21 – Paul and Rosemarie Ponak (25th)

A teacher was giving a lesson on the circulation of the blood. Trying to make the matter clearer, she said, "Now, class, if I stood on my head, the blood, as you know, would run into it, and I would turn red in the face.."

"Yes," the class said.

"Then why is it that while I am standing upright in the ordinary position the blood doesn't run into my feet?"

A little fellow shouted,

"Cause your feet ain't empty."