

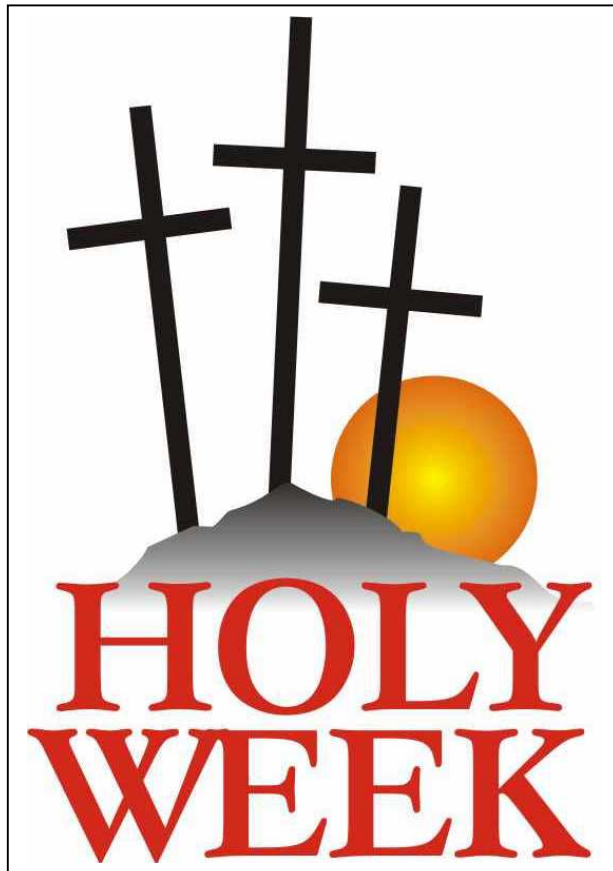
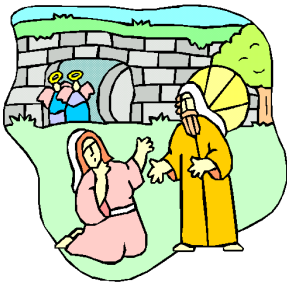


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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



I was again lucky to participate in an event along with some of our brother knights; an event that was very rewarding and brings one back to his roots.

Council 5182 in Yorkton, hosted a major degree this weekend. All present had a chance to renew our pledges to the Knights of Columbus. We also were reminded of our initiation. It is always good to observe an initiation after you have been through yours. With the long day you are apt to forget or miss something. I like to attend the initiations when I am able. When it is this close it is easier. I recommend to each knight who has not observed an initiation lately to participate in the next one, which you are able to attend. Also a reminder to all First Degree knights who have not furthered your commitment to the knights; avail yourself of this next step into knighthood. Remember you are not a complete knight if you have not gone through the second and third degrees.

I would also like to welcome two new brother knights into our council. Brother Dennis Yaremko and Brother Sheldon Adamiak are our newest brothers. I know that everyone will extend a warm welcome and help them to become active within our council. I know these two gentlemen will be a great addition to our order.

As you know, Easter is fast approaching. There are many liturgical events planned by our parish within the next couple of weeks. If you can help Father in any way please make yourself available. Remember that Christ died for our sins. We owe it to the Church to make ourselves available. We each have a different and unique talent---use it. This is one of the times of the year that our parish can especially use your talents. God gave you unique talents; use them to serve God. I know that the volunteer lists will be out. Find a ministry that you are comfortable with and pursue it.

Also, at our next general meeting, we will be presenting the initial draft copy of the budget. Please come and pick up a copy. If you are not able to attend and want a copy, please have

someone pick up a copy for you. [Remember this is your council.](#)

Once again I would like to wish all a rewarding holiday season. All those who will be traveling, have a safe journey.

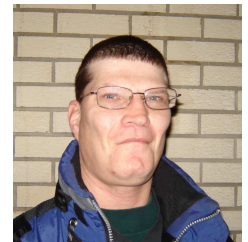
Have a blessed and happy Easter.

Your humble servant
Wayne Exner

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## PROGRAMMING

As our Columbian Year is in its final three months, I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank all Brother Knights who have volunteered their time and talents to many



projects that have been done this past month. We as a Catholic Fraternal men's organization are often seen as just another organization that is in the Church. What many people don't realize, we as a Men's organization, that we do a lot of our volunteerism outside the Church. We have many talented and dedicated members who go out daily, weekly or even monthly helping the elderly, young and even our Parish Priest as well as our Parish and Community.

The Calendar of Events for April is:

- 5 – Executive & Directors meeting
- 9 – Palm Sunday
- 12 – General Meeting and Budget Presentation
- 14 – Good Friday
- 16 – Easter Sunday
- 18 – Bingo at P.K. Bingo Palace 6:00-10:00 pm
- 21 – Annual K of C State Convention in Regina
- 30 – Sunday Brunch after 9 and 11 am Masses

A few closing words, on the election of Officers for the next Columbian Year. Our Worthy Trustees will be looking for “**New Blood**” and if they ask you, please consider this: we need new ideas all the time and your ideas are very important to the growth of our organization.

Fraternally,  
Jeff Krasowski, DGK/PD

**MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

As your Membership Director, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each Brother Knight who have helped recruit and sign up a new member to our Order. Just remember that your recruitment doesn't end there---please encourage the new member to come to the next General Meeting and show them that they made the right decision to join our Fraternal Order. We need new voices to be heard and new ideas to be suggested--what better way to get more projects thought out.

At the time of writing my report, we have just finished attending the Major Degree hosted by Fr. Delaere Council #5182, Yorkton. I would like to thank our First Degree Team who did another great job given the new format of the First Degree. I would like to congratulate and welcome our newest members to our Council: Sheldon Adamiak and Dennis Yaremko who received all three Degrees and to Larry Markham and Ron Pasloski who received their Second and Third Degrees.

Our job to sign up new members is not done. We as a council should continue to ask our fellow male parishioners who are not members to consider joining this fantastic Order and have the "Experience of a Lifetime" that each one us as members of the Knights of Columbius enjoy each time we are asked "What Organization do you belong to?" **"THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS."**

Your servant,  
Jeff Krasowski

**BINGO**



Our next scheduled bingo program at P.K. Bingo Palace is **Friday afternoon on March 31<sup>st</sup> (1:30-4:00pm)** and the next is **Tuesday evening on April 18<sup>th</sup> (6:00-10:00pm)**. I hope you will make yourselves available to help when called or better still, offer to help.

Fraternally,  
Wilf Maier

**SHROVE TUESDAY**



On Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, our council catered to 66 hungry parishioners in preparation for Lent.

A supper of pancakes and sausages along with other trimmings was served by the following brothers: Joseph Megyesi, Frank Waoloschuk, Orest Machushek, Denis Dierker, Ken Olszewski, Lyle Mroczo, Joe Swejda, Wayne Exner, Eugene Kuemper and Larry Markham. Thanks brothers.

Fraternally,  
Orest Machushek

**K OF C BRUNCH**



This month's Knights of Columbus Brunch on March 19<sup>th</sup> was a resounding success. 225 parishioners from St. Gerard's and St. Mary's churches enjoyed a

delicious brunch consisting of ham, french toast, scrambled eggs and other fixings. Thanks to the brothers who were out to help set and clean tables, cook, wash dishes and clean up: Orest Machushek, Gary Colbow, Larry Hamilton, Ken Olszewski, Francis Deters, Wilf Maier, Wayne Exner, Tom Pasloski, Murray Pankoski, Walter Bugoy, Elmer Matisho, Joe Megyesi, Henry Kweens and Alan Flavel. We also had a number of parishioners assisting as they apprenticed for their school fundraising brunch to be held on March 26. Thanks everyone for a wonderful job.

Fraternally,  
Orest Machushek

*If you really want the last word in an argument, try saying, "I guess you're right."*

## FAMILY CURLING



I would like to thank all of the brother Knights, their spouses and children for taking part in this year's curling. Listed below are this

year's winners:

### **BLOCK WINNER:**

Alan Flavel Rink  
Kathy Reese – Third  
Henry Kweens – Second  
Ted Osicki – Lead



L-R: Henry Kweens, Ted Osicki, Kathy Reese, Alan Flavel, and Tom Pasloski (presenter)

### A SIDE



**“A” EVENT:** Len Chicoine rink defeating the Tom Pasloski rink  
(L-R) Len Chicoine, Joanne Chicoine, Lindsey Wolkowski and Tom Pasloski (presenter)

**“B” EVENT:** Alan Flavel rink defeating the Myles Shuya rink

**“C” EVENT:** Merv Krasowski rink defeated the Maureen Pankoski rink

**“D” EVENT:** Kurtis Chupa foursome defeating the Ken Schneider rink.

### B SIDE



**“A” EVENT:** Glen Brezinski rink defeated the Joe Swejda rink  
(L-R) Helen Flavel, Pat Spreitzer, Bill Yaremko, Glen Brezinski and Tom Pasloski (presenter)

**“C” EVENT:** The Jeff Krasowski foursome defeating the Glenda Lazaruko rink

**“D” EVENT:** Eugene Kuemper rink defeated the Glen Exner rink.

This ends another year of K of C Family Curling. I hope everyone had some fun and some good curling. I would like to thank Brother Jeff Krasowski for all the help he has given over this past curling season.

On behalf of my wife Rose and myself, we wish all of you a safe summer and we'll be looking forward to seeing all of you next fall. Thank you.

Fraternally,  
Tom Pasloski

## BUY YOUR INSURANCE NOW

Buying life insurance is something that's easy to put off until tomorrow. And if your life is as busy as mine, tomorrow can easily become next week, next month, or even next year. I'd like to make a personal plea that you not make that mistake. Before the summer is over, make an appointment to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus agent. I'll work with you to put a plan in place that will help your family when that help is most needed.

We all know someone, whose health instantly and seemingly out-of-the-blue, changes. You may think this can't happen to you. Think again. And keep in mind that no one will ring a bell warning you that your health is about to change. Medical technology has turned many diseases previously termed "death sentences" into very treatable conditions. What medical advances haven't changed, however, is that being diagnosed with one of these diseases will dramatically affect your ability to purchase life insurance coverage. Don't wait until it's too late. Call me today.

Your Knights of Columbus insurance program is second to none. Knights of Columbus Life Insurance represents a safety net for Catholic families that's unsurpassed, and we're proud of that. We're also concerned. Why? Because there

are more than 1 million Knights of Columbus members who have no life insurance with us. I suspect that, for many of those 1 million members, tomorrow has become next week, next month or next year. Don't be one of them. Don't wait for the bell to ring. It isn't going to.

Fraternally,  
 Ronald Wassill  
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Polish Eye Exam!

A man from Poland goes to the optometrist who shows the Pole a card with the letters: CZWXNQSTACZ

"Can you read this?" the optometrist asks, "Read it?" the Pole replies, "I know the guy"



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

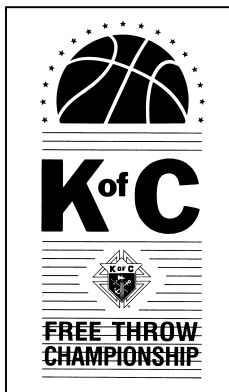
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| 1 – Ruth Molnar | 13 – Larry Hamilton |
| 2 – Gordon Barnes | 15 – Fred LaRocque |
| 2 – Caroline Chillog | 16 – Bernice Monka |
| 3 – Frank Woloschuk | 18 – Susan Malinowski |
| 6 – Ted Wlock | 18 – Irene Dillabough |
| 7 – Ken Merkl | 20 – Kevin O’Callaghan |
| 7 – Shawn Bolton | 25 – Richard Dubois |
| 8 – Ruth Hardy | 27 – Olga Molnar |
| 10 – Andrew Chubak | 27 – Jacqueline Guy |
| 10 – Linda Schachtel | 28 – Dennis Chillog |
| 12 – Rita Herchuk | 30 – George Gress |



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 22 – Denis and Donna Obrugewitsch
- 23 – Alan and Helen Flavel
- 24 – Grant and Ruth Hardy (30th)
- 24 – Jason and Jana Kuemper

BASKETBALL FREE THROW



The **ZONE** Basketball Free Throw playoffs were held at Canora on March 25. The event was well organized and conducted. Competition was excellent. I would like to thank Canora Council for hosting the event. The results of the competition are as follows:

- Age 9 Boys – Korwin Shewchuk Buchanan
- Girls – Rachael Machnee Canora

- Age 10 Boys – Sam Folk Sturgis
- Girls – Emily Elash Ituna

- Age 11 Boys – Nicky Kaczmar Ituna
- Girls – Kelsey Schultz Melville

- Age 12 Boys – Mark Yaholnitsky Yorkton
- Girls – Brittany Brenzen Yorkton

- Age 13 Boys – Brett Kobelka Canora
- Girls – Shaylyn Renton Yorkton

- Age 14 Boys – Peter Machnee Canora
- Girls – Taylor Hannotte Canora

- Age 15 Boys – David Mysko Yorkton
- Girls – Chelsey Skibinsky Canora

- Age 16 Boys – Michael Tymiak Jasmin
- Girls – Megan Jacobson Preeceville

Fraternally,
 Larry Tymiak, DD

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**NAIL IN THE FENCE**

There once was little boy who had a bad temper. His Father gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper, he must hammer a nail into the back of the fence. The first day the boy had driven 37 nails into the fence. Over

the next few weeks, as he learned to control his anger, the number of nails hammered daily gradually dwindled down. He discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to drive those nails into the fence. Finally the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper at all. He told his father about it and the father suggested that the boy now pull out one nail for each day that he was able to hold his temper. The days passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone. The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence. He said, "You have done well, my son, but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this one. You can put a knife in a man and draw it out. It won't matter how many times you say I'm sorry, the wound is still there. "A verbal wound is as bad as a physical one. Friends are very rare jewels, indeed. They make you smile and encourage you to succeed. They lend an ear, they share words of praise and they always want to open their hearts to us." Please forgive me if I have ever left a hole.

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MUSLIM RELIGION

The Muslim religion is the fastest growing religion per capita in the United States, especially in the minority races!!! Allah or Jesus?

By: Rick Mathes

Last month I attended my annual training session that's required for maintaining my state prison clearance. During the training session, there was a presentation by three speakers representing the

Roman Catholic, Protestant and Muslim faiths, who explained each of their belief systems.

I was particularly interested in what the Islamic Iman had to say. The Iman gave a great presentation of the basics of Islam, complete with a video. After the presentations, time was provided for questions and answers.

When it was my turn, I directed my question to the Iman and asked: "Please correct me if I'm wrong, but I understand that most Imans and clerics of Islam have declared a holy jahad (Holy War) against the infidels of the world. And, that by killing an infidel, which is a command to all Muslims, they are assured of a place in heaven. If that's the case, can you give me the definition of an infidel?"

There was no disagreement with my statements and, without hesitation, he replied, "Non-believers!"

I responded, "So, let me make sure I have this straight. All followers of Allah have been commanded to kill everyone who is not of your faith so they can go to Heaven. Is that correct?"

The expression on his face changed from one of authority and command to that of a little boy who had just been caught with his hand in the cookie jar. He sheepishly replied, "Yes."

I then stated, "Well, sir, I have a real problem trying to imagine Pope Benedict XVI commanding all Catholics to kill those of your faith or Dr. Billy Graham ordering Protestants to do the same in order to go to Heaven!"

The Iman was speechless.

I continued, "I also have a problem with being your friend when you and your brother clerics are telling your followers to kill me. Let me ask you a question. Would you rather have your Allah, who tells you to kill me in order to go to Heaven, or my Jesus who tells me to love you because I am going to Heaven and He wants you to be with me?"

You could have heard a pin drop as the Iman hung his head in shame. The organizers and/or promoters of the 'Diversification' training seminar were not happy with Rick's way of dealing with the Islamic Iman and exposing the truth about the Muslim's beliefs

This is a true story and the author, Rick Mathes, is a well-known leader in prison ministry.