



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
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# THE VOICE

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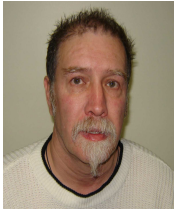
*MOTHER'S DAY*



**MAY 14TH**

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Council No. 2031  
St. Gerard's 125 Third Ave. North Yorkton, SK S3N 1C4

## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



We, meaning your Past Grand Knight Jeff and myself, have just returned from another successful and rejuvenating state convention. The State Program Directors discussed many activities. There were

visitors and presenters from Manitoba and from Supreme. There was meeting of new and rekindling of old acquaintances. There was the lead off Mass lead in the Eastern Rite. There was the farewell necrology Mass lead by State Chaplain Bishop Albert. There was a banquet attended by about 600 people. Amongst all this, there were guest speakers and voting on new resolutions and a new State Board. There are 34 Districts and 153 Councils in Saskatchewan. Membership was 84 people short of 1100.

Your council was fortunate to be recognized for your hard work. On Friday after Mass, the State Program Directors made presentations. We received an Appreciation Certificate for "continued work on youth". The next night at the banquet, our council was fortunate to receive two of five council activity award plaques from State. The first award was for family and our submitted project of "**Family Curling**". The next award was again for youth and the project "**Special Education Lunches**". You all have to be very proud of yourselves and especially the chairmen of each activity. It was a joy to see Jim Fahlman active again with a Saskatoon council. There are many former members from your council 2031 who are very active in other councils.

We are heading into the last two months of this fraternal year. The next two monthly meetings will be plans for the next fraternal year. You are needed to help your council plan the next year's activities and budget. There will be three budgets presented at the June meeting including the Needy Support, which is our special government budget. Come and see how your money is spent – this is the time to approve all general spending.

You can tell by all your activities and volunteer service that you are noticed. Please

continue your good support of your council 2031. I would personally like to congratulate each and every one of you for all that you have given to continued success of your council.

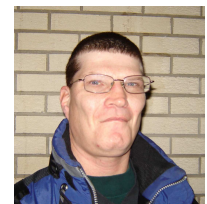
See you all at least one more time perhaps at a meeting before the end of the year.

Your humble servant  
Wayne

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## PROGRAMMING

The many projects that we do within our Council do not go unnoticed in the State Council ranks. We have had the privilege to be awarded a few awards at this year's State Convention held in Regina. I would like to tell you what they were for, but if I do tell you, then chances of you coming to the next General Meeting on Wednesday May 10, wouldn't be that great. We need you more than ever at this meeting because it is an important date for Our Council as we elect a **NEW EXECUTIVE for the upcoming 2006-07 COLUMBIAN YEAR**. Being at this meeting will not only show your support for the many projects that we do, but also to support our out going executive and our incoming new executive that will be elected that night. Our **Nominating Committee** made up of our Worthy Trustees has a very good slate of Nominations who have let their names stand. So I encourage you to please come to this important meeting.



Our Calendar of Events for May are:

- 3 – Executive and Director's Meeting
- 10 – Bingo at P.K. Bingo Palace (1:30-4:00 pm)
  - General Meeting and Election of Officers
- 14 – Mother's Day Carnations distributed after all Masses
- 21 – Sunday Brunch after 9 and 11am Masses
- 28 – Bingo at P.K. Bingo Palace (6:00-10:00pm)

Finally, just a note regarding a suggestion to host the 2007 State Curling Bonspiel. I spoke to

the Worthy State Executive Officer Brother Knight Bob Schlosser at the Convention and although he didn't have the forms with him, he mentioned that all we needed to do was e-mail him for the forms and then e-mail them back with our dates. So our Worthy Grand Knight Wayne will be doing this within a couple of days. We should have something to report at our General Meeting.

Vivat Jesus  
Jeff Krasowski, DGK

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**MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE**



As this Columbian Year is drawing to a close, our job to recruit new blood to our Order

shouldn't be slowing down but we should be picking up steam to achieve some of the goals that we are striving for. Do we as a council want to again achieve **STAR COUNCIL STATUS** that we earned last year or do we say *"We got it last year so let another Council achieve it"*. I say **No**. We as a council should always strive to be the *"best council"* in our district. Now, I am not suggesting that the other Councils in our District are not the Best but we as the Mother Council to many of these Councils look up to us for guidance and knowledge on how we are successful in our fine projects. I just have to look at our members and say **"THESE MEN ARE WHAT MAKES OUR COUNCIL SO SUCCESSFUL."**

But how did we become so successful as a Council? The answer to this question is easy. It is because of our ability to recruit these members and ask them **"Do you want to be a member of a family of Men and Their Families who have the same beliefs and convictions that every Catholic Family tries to achieve?"**

We have the opportunity to achieve something that is unique to our Council, another **STAR COUNCIL AWARD**, but we cannot do this without all our member's support. We have to this date only 11 more weeks in our current Columbian

Year to accomplish our Membership Goal of 8 new members to our Council or Order. We are on the right track to reach our goal but we need **EACH ONE OF US TO BECOME RECRUITERS for OUR COUNCIL**. This means that each one of us have an opportunity to ask a Catholic Gentleman who is in our Parish that is 18 years of age or older, a practical Catholic and ask these worthy gentlemen and their families to join our Order.

Now, how do we begin to recruit these eligible new prospects? We ask them at Church on Sunday or even if we know them personally we ask them any time. I am sure that if you ask these gentlemen and their families we will find that all we had to do was **ASK!** I am sure that we can have a First Degree before the end of this Columbian Year and I am sure that **OUR FIRST DEGREE TEAM** will be ready and eager to show off the New Ceremonial that we have received.

We have Prospect Cards in our Council Chambers, so all we have to do is pick them up from the book shelf at the back by the filing cabinets and the phone. We also have new brochures and pamphlets about the Knights of Columbus. We have also put up a couple of Membership Posters at the East and South Entrances of the Church. So, take a look at these and don't be afraid to take one, I can always replenish these. I will try to explain more in detail on what we would like to do in the next few weeks.

Vivat Jesus  
Jeff Krasowski  
Interim Membership Director

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*The preacher, arriving in a small town to be guest speaker at a local church, wanted to mail a letter to his family back home. He stopped a young boy on a bike and asked him where the post office was. The boy gave him directions, and the preacher thanked him.*

*"If you come to church this evening," the preacher said, "I'll tell you how to get to heaven."  
"I don't think I'll be there," the boy said. "You don't even know your way to the post office,"*

**BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS**  
**"BOWL FOR KIDS SAKE"**



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Yorkton held their annual Fundraiser "Bowl For Kids Sake" March 31, April 1 and 2. They realized over \$20,000 from this event. Our

Council sponsored a team consisting of Brothers: Dennis Yaremko, Bill Yaremko, Larry Hamilton, Paul Ponak and Orest Machushek. We bowled on Sunday, April 2 with the Service Club group.

Although the primary objective of this event was fundraising, we had a very enjoyable afternoon. Glow Bowling is a challenge in itself. Our first game was a regular bowling game and we beat all competition with a scratch total over 900. Second game was a novelty game where we used various novelty deliveries such as opposite hand, backward, standing on one foot, etc. Third game was a "bingo" game ---fun, fun, fun. Various prizes were also awarded for such things as oldest or youngest bowler. We were then treated to a delicious lunch and presentations.

All bowlers, who raised over \$50 were presented with T-shirts. Our team, with the help of a \$200 sponsorship donation, raised \$672.00. This was top of all Service Clubs, thus earning the Plaque for the second year in succession. It was presented to us at an Appreciation Evening on Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at Cherrydale Golf Course following free Texas Scramble Golf and a delicious supper, courtesy Dale Cherry.

Brothers, start warming up your arms and I hope we can have at least two teams entered for next year.

Fraternally,  
Orest Machushek

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*Then there's the one about the panic-stricken man who called the fire department and shouted that his house was on fire. "How do we get there?" the fireman asked.*

*"Don't you have your red truck anymore?" the man replied.*

**BINGO**



How lucky can we get, we have TWO bingo programs at P.K. Bingo Palace scheduled this month. The first is **Wednesday afternoon on May 10<sup>th</sup> (1:30-4:00pm)** and the next is **Sunday evening on May 28<sup>th</sup> (6:00-10:00pm)**. Once again, I will need your help; so I hope you will make yourselves available to help when called.

Fraternally,  
Wilf Maier

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**GREENER GRASS**

We all know the old adage – the grass seems greener on the other side of the fence. When it comes to replacing your existing Knights of Columbus life insurance with coverage offered by another company, the adage holds true. Perceptions are deceiving. A move to *the other side of the fence* might seem like a good one, bit it can leave you with less *green* in your wallet – in some cases, a lot less. That's why it pays to remember another old saying – *Read the fine print*.

There are many reasons to keep your existing coverage in force, whether that coverage is with the Knights of Columbus or with another company. I'll focus on the potential pitfalls of replacing coverage here – pitfalls that an agent trying to convince you that the grass actually is greener might neglect to mention.

First, all life insurance contracts contain a *contestability period*, which allows the insurer to contest claims made for a period, typically two years, after the contract is issued. Chances are, this is no longer an issue with your current coverage.

Second, it's unlikely that you can obtain the same amount of coverage, for the same premium, that you were able to obtain with your existing contract. The two factors that determine how much you'll need to pay for life insurance

coverage are age and health. Certainly, you're older now than you were when you took out your current coverage. There's no way around that one. And you have to ask yourself, has your health changed during that time? Is your blood pressure the same? Your cholesterol? Have you gained weight? All these factors affect the amount of coverage you'll get for your premium dollar.

If someone encourages you to replace your existing coverage, please call me. I'll show you how your existing coverage is working for you and why replacement is not in your best interest.

Fraternally,  
Ronald Wassill  
767-2258

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**GOD AND THE SPIDER**

During World War II, a US marine was separated from his unit on a Pacific island. The fighting had been intense, and in the smoke and the crossfire he had lost touch with his comrades. Alone in the jungle, he could hear enemy soldiers coming in his direction. Scrambling for cover, he found his way up a high ridge to the caves. Although safe for the moment, he realized that once the enemy soldiers looking for him swept up the ridge, they would quickly search all the caves and he would be killed. As he waited, he prayed, *Lord, if it be your will, please protect me. Whatever your will though, I love you and trust you. Amen.* After praying, he lay quietly listening to the enemy begin to draw close. He thought, Well, I guess the Lord is not going to help me out of this one. Then he saw a spider begin to build a web over the front of his cave.

As he watched, listening to the enemy searching for him all the while, the spider layered strand after strand of web across the opening of the cave. He thought what I need is a brick wall and what the Lord has sent me is a spider web. God does have a sense of humor.

As the enemy drew closer he watched from the darkness of his hideout and could see them searching one cave after another. As they came to his, he got ready to make his last stand. To his amazement, however, after glancing in the

direction of his cave, they moved on. Suddenly, he realized that with the spider web over the entrance, his cave looked as if no one had entered for quite a while. *Lord, forgive me*, prayed the young man. *I had forgotten that in you a spider's web is stronger than a brick wall.*

We all face times of great trouble. When we do, it is so easy to forget the victories that God would work in our lives, sometimes in the most surprising ways. As the great leader, Nehemiah, reminded the people of Israel when they faced the task of rebuilding Jerusalem, "In God we will have success!" [Nehemiah 2:20]

**Remember:**

Whatever is happening in your life,  
With God, a mere spider's web can become  
a brick wall of protection.  
Believe He is with you always.  
Just speak His name through Jesus His son,  
And you will see His great power and love for  
you.

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**GOD AND THE GEES**

There was once a man who didn't believe in God, and he didn't hesitate to let others know how he felt about religion and religious holidays. His wife, however, did believe, and she raised their children to also have faith in God and Jesus, despite his disparaging comments.

One snowy Eve, his wife was taking their children to service in the farm community in which they lived. They were to talk about Jesus' birth. She asked him to come, but he refused. "That story is nonsense!" he said. "Why would God lower Himself to come to Earth as a man? That's ridiculous!" So she and the children left, and he stayed home.

A while later, the winds grew stronger and the snow turned into a blizzard. As the man looked out the window, all he saw was a blinding snowstorm. He sat down to relax before the fire for the evening. Then he heard a loud thump. Something had hit the window. He looked out, but couldn't see more than a few feet. When the snow let up a little, he ventured outside to see what could have been beating on his window. In the field near his house he saw a flock of wild geese. Apparently they had been flying south for the winter when they got caught in the snowstorm and couldn't go

on. They were lost and stranded on his farm, with no food or shelter. They just flapped their wings and flew around the field in low circles, blindly and aimlessly. A couple of them had flown into his window, it seemed. The man felt sorry for the geese and wanted to help them. The barn would be a great place for them to stay, he thought. It's warm and safe; surely they could spend the night and wait out the storm.

So he walked over to the barn and opened the doors wide, then watched and waited, hoping they would notice the open barn and go inside. But the geese just fluttered around aimlessly and didn't seem to notice the barn or realize what it could mean for them. The man tried to get their attention, but that just seemed to scare them, and they moved further away. He went into the house and came with some bread, broke it up, and made a bread crumb trail leading to the barn. They still didn't catch on. Now he was getting frustrated. He got behind them and tried to shoo them toward the barn, but they only got more scared and scattered in every direction except toward the barn. Nothing he did could get them to go into the barn where they would be warm and safe.

"Why don't they follow me?!" he exclaimed. "Can't they see this is the only place where they can survive the storm?" He thought for a moment and realized that they just wouldn't follow a human. "If only I were a goose, then I could save them," he said out loud. Then he had an idea. He went into the barn, got one of his own geese, and carried it in his arms as he circled around behind the flock of wild geese. He then released it. His goose flew through the flock and straight into the barn—and one-by-one, the other geese followed it to safety. He stood silently for a moment as the words he had spoken a few minutes earlier replayed in his mind: "If only I were a goose, then I could save them!"

Then he thought about what he had said to his wife earlier. "Why would God want to be like us? That's ridiculous!" Suddenly it all made sense. That is what God had done. We were like the geese—blind, lost, perishing. God had His Son become like us so He could show us the way and save us. As the winds and blinding snow died down, his soul became quiet and pondered this wonderful thought.

Suddenly he understood why Christ had come. Years of doubt and disbelief vanished with the passing storm. He fell to his knees in the snow, and prayed his first prayer. ***"Thank You, God, for coming in human form to get me out of the storm!"***



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 – Brant Bylsma       | 10 – DonnaLyn Graf      |
| 2 – Claude Slogocki    | 11 – Melissa Fleury     |
| 2 – Eugene Bialobzyski | 12 – Ted Osicki         |
| 2 – Fr. Basil Chomos   | 12 – Treeske Holtkamp   |
| 2 – Frances Mroczo     | 13 – Blair Ratushniak   |
| 3 – Christine Digout   | 18 – Elsie Adamiak      |
| 5 – John Monka         | 19 – Pamela Yaremko     |
| 6 – Gary Copan         | 21 – Sherrie Malinowski |
| 7 – Sheila Ratushniak  | 25 – Joan Monette       |
| 8 – Margaret Matisho   | 28 – Vonda Grywachski   |
| 9 – Gabrielle Hamilton | 29 – Jean Hudy          |



## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 – Mark and Janice Flaman
- 3 – Don and Valarie Reed
- 6 – Joseph and Geraldine Megyesi
- 9 – Melvin and Gloria Maduke
- 11 – Gary and Madeleine Colbow
- 13 – Bryon and Brenda Godin
- 16 – Ted and Marcy Osicki
- 17 – Francis and Carol Deters