

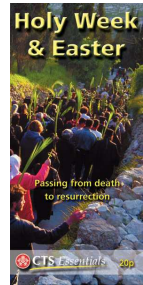
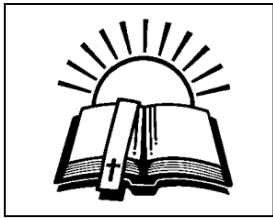


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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



As the Lenten Season is closing and Easter is right around the corner, we begin to feel a sense of a new beginning in not only our Spiritual lives but also in our earthly surroundings. Yes, it is just the beginning of the Spring season, but this sense of a new beginning with our recently successful First Degree Initiation held at our last General Meeting. I would like to again congratulate our newest member, Greg Dubois and I would like to remind all brother knights that we are planning another first degree in June. So please ask any Catholic gentleman who is eighteen years of age or older and a practical Catholic that is not a member to become a member. I would also like to thank our 1st Degree Team for the great job that they did at our last meeting. They initiated 3 new members, 2 from Fr. Delaere Council #5182 and of course Greg.

I would like to remind all brother knights that next month, May, is election time for a new executive for next year. Please consider this if asked by any of our Trustees or myself. Some new members may not be aware that you have to be a Third Degree member to hold an **elected position**. This DOES NOT, however, mean that if asked by the **New Executive** to hold a **directorship** that you can not, YES YOU CAN.

I would like to mention also that the new budget for the next Columbian year will be out at the April meeting so please feel free to come and pick up a copy and maybe we forgot something or you may have a suggestion.

May each of my Brother Knights and your Families have a Happy Easter and Rejoice that Jesus has Risen from the dead.

Vivat Jesus,
Jeff Krasowski GK

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*Then there's the story about the fellow who got a pair of water skis for his birthday and has been going around for weeks looking for a lake with a slope.*

## DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT



Welcome and congratulations to Greg Dubois, the newest member of Council #2031! Greg became a member at the March meeting with his dad (Rick) and grandpa (Al Herchuk) as proud observers. Thanks to our council's excellent First Degree team for a job well done!

Our council had the opportunity to lead the Stations of the Cross on March 9. Thanks to those Brother Knights and their families who were in attendance, plus a special thanks to those who helped with the service.

The following is a list of the upcoming events for April:

- 4 Executive meeting
- 5 Holy Thursday
- 6 Good Friday
- 7 Easter Vigil
- 8 Easter Sunday
- 11 General meeting (proposal of 2007-08 budget)
- 12 Patriotic Dinner (hosted by Fourth Degree)
- 13-15 State Convention (Saskatoon)
- 25 Bingo (Evening- 6:00-10:00 pm)
- 29 Brunch after both Masses

Please consider volunteering to help out with one or more of the services during Holy Week, whether it be as a lector, Eucharistic minister, welcomer, etc. It is a busy time for the parish and for Fr. Basil and all help would be greatly appreciated.

Best wishes for a happy Easter from Debbie and me.

Fraternally,  
Keith Hayward, DGK  
General Program Director

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Why does a slight tax increase cost you two hundred dollars and a substantial tax cut save you thirty cents?

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to all the Councils in District # 11 who completed and sent in and met their deadline regarding the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (# 1728); also the semi-annual Council Audit Report (# 1295). My District Deputy's Semi-Annual Report on Council Status (# 944A council evaluation report) was sent in by December 31, 2006. I am pleased to report that all Councils in my district have attained a passing grade. Keep up the good work---send in your monthly reports on time and all our requirement will be met.

By the time this report reaches your Council, the Basketball Free Throw Competition will have been completed. Congratulations to all Councils who held their Council Free Throw in January. Thanks to Councils # 2031 and # 5182 who hosted the District Free Throw Competition on February 18th in Yorkton. Our appreciation is extended to the newly named Fr. Hendrick Boels Council # 5320 in Ituna who accepted to host the zone Basketball Free Throw on March 10th, 2007. Congratulations to all the workers, the competitors and the winners who will move on to the Provincial Competition.

At this time a number of important announcements have to be mentioned so that all Councils are aware of what their responsibilities are. I hope that each Council in our District holds some sort of event to observe the 125th Anniversary on March 29, 2007 in recognition of Founder's Day. You may host an Anniversary Mass and an appreciation event to show that the Knights of Columbus stands "In Solidarity With Our Priests".

The Saskatchewan State Council is holding its 85th Annual State Convention on April 13, 14 & 15, 2007 in Saskatoon. I encourage all Grand Knights and delegates to register and attend this important event. A province wide convention will give you a broader view of what the Knights of Columbus do in Saskatchewan.

Mention must be made at this time that there will be no Major Degree Exemplification in District #11. For whatever reason, our Councils are reluctant to host a Major Degree. I know that each Council may have only one or two candidates but

these may have to wait till the fall or perhaps decide to attend Regina or Saskatoon in May and June, who will be hosting Major Degrees.

When you look at the calendar, April, May and June, how quickly the year comes to an end and yet there is so much to do. We have to look at year-end activities and new executive positions and service program directors plus election of officers and yet it seems we just got started.

Looking ahead to the fall, the year 2007 will mark a significant milestone in the history of Columbianism in the Saskatchewan State jurisdiction. Knights and their families will celebrate 100th Anniversary of our Order's arrival in our province. The first Council in Saskatchewan Council # 1274 in Regina will be hosting a major dinner at the Centre of the Arts on October 27, 2007, along with a Mass, a quest speaker and a formal banquet.

Each Council in Saskatchewan should in some way observe this 100th Anniversary. Some examples may be to form a committee to celebrate this event. You may involve your Church Director, Council Activities, Public Relations Director and Community Director to plan this celebration in your Council. Whatever it is, you are also encouraged to attend the celebration in Regina October 27, 2007.

You have heard time and again about membership recruitment and I am aware of all the problems and difficulties in attaining our quota for each Council, but we cannot give-up. I want to quote our Supreme Knight and his request. "It is our shared duty, as leaders of the Order, to work tirelessly to recruit new men into the Knights of Columbus. The reason we must work so hard is not, however, just to satisfy a quota; we need more dedicated brother Knights to continue and increase our charitable work, for the good of the Church and communities".

With the approach of the Easter season, we need to first of all, recognize what Lent is and what we are required to do about it. We know that Lent is a season of fasting and penance. The Great Fast is a time of change---opening our hearts to the Holy Spirit that He might transform us. Intentionally or through human weakness, some of our actions or lack thereof affect or even hurt others or deprive others of their fullest potential

for growth in love and service. With the Lenten season and the approach of Easter it is a great way to prepare and a great opportunity to re-examine oneself and make changes to deepen our faith and rectify some differences. Furthermore, the main reason for Lent is repentance over our sins and we need to forgive others and ask for their forgiveness. Christ died for our sins; his Resurrection; has given us hope. "Christ has Risen! Indeed He has Risen!

On behalf of my wife Edna and myself, we want to wish everyone a Blessed and a Holy Easter.

Fraternally,
 Tony Mazur
 District Deputy # 11.



BINGO



We have one bingo program at PK Bingo Palace scheduled for the month of April, **Wednesday, April 25th 6:00-10:00 pm.** Once again we hope that you will be available to help when called. Thanks brothers.

Fraternally,
 Wilf Maier



"BOWL FOR KIDS SAKE"

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Yorkton Inc. hosted their annual fund-raiser on March 24, 25 at the Yorkton Bowl Arena. Council #2031 sponsored a team consisting of Brothers Orest Machushek, Tom Pasloski, Larry Hamilton, Bill Yaremko and Dennis Yaremko. This team was defending last years' championship for raising the most money in the Service Club category and the highest bowling score and we achieved that again this year on Sunday March 25 1-3 pm. The team came in with pledges totaling \$597.00 plus our council's pledge of \$200.00, bringing our total contribution of \$797.00. We bowled three games, 1st was a regular bowl with a scratch score of 821.

The second game was a novelty game consisting of various delivery methods; this proved to be a great challenge and fun. The third was a modified regular game where each player was given three free strikes in frames #3,5,7; here we came in with a raw score of 1016. After the games, we were treated to beef-on-a-bun and a drink. Presentation of prizes followed and we came home with a variety of prizes for Highest Team Pledges, Highest Score and guaranteed pledge category. Well done brothers.

Fraternally,
 Orest Machushek



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 – Ruth Molnar | 12 – Rita Herchuk |
| 1 – Rita Therrien | 13 – Larry Hamilton |
| 2 – Gordon Barnes | 15 – Fred LaRocque |
| 2 – Caroline Chillog | 16 – Bernice Monka |
| 3 – Frank Woloschuk | 18 – Susan Malinowski |
| 4 – Pat Skaluba | 18 – Irene Dillabough |
| 6 – Ted Wlock | 20 – Kevin O’Callaghan |
| 7 – Ken Merkl | 25 – Richard Dubois |
| 7 – Shawn Bolton | 27 – Olga Molnar |
| 8 – Ruth Hardy | 27 – Jacqueline Guy |
| 10 – Andrew Chubak | 28 – Dennis Chillog |
| 10 – Linda Schachtel | 30 – George Gress |



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 22 – Denis and Donna Obrigewitsch(35th)
- 22 – Scott and Colleen Hoffort
- 23 – Alan and Helen Flavel
- 24 – Grant and Ruth Hardy
- 24 – Jason and Jana Kuemper