



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
YORKTON COUNCIL NO. 2031

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



Brother Knights,  
Ah..Autumn – it might be the most colorful time of the year. It does result in some extra work, though, as all those leaves on the big trees in your yard are now on the ground.

Where's the rake? Sound familiar? Speaking of leaves and raking – approximately a dozen Brother Knights were on hand for the annual "yard clean-up" on Oct 13<sup>th</sup>. We stopped at three yards plus the rectory and Church grounds. With the help, we were done by around noon. Thanks to all who were able to make it out and thanks to Brother Joe Swejda for organizing.

If you're a big sports fan, this is also the time of year when you can catch just about every type of Pro sport on TV. There's hockey, baseball World Series, b'ball and NFL/CFL football. How about those Riders? A playoff game in Regina, Wow! There's more "green" being worn throughout the entire country than you'd find on St. Paddy's Day!

Charity Appeal Tickets – still trying to round up the last of the books out in the field. I will be sending them in on Oct 25<sup>th</sup>. Almost 1,100 (we started with 1,250) tickets were sold. Thanks to all you good 'salesman'.

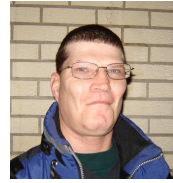
I attended the Fr. Delaere Council's regular meeting on Oct 02<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you to GK Wally and the Council for their hospitality. I am happy to hear that our Council will have a representative at the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on Oct 27. Jerome & Barb Niezgoda are planning to attend. Have fun!

Happy Halloween!!

Fraternally,  
Br. Paul Ponak – GK

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*A blonde calls Delta Airlines and asks, "Can you tell me how long it'll take to fly from San Francisco to New York City?" The agent replies, "Just a minute..." "Thank you," the blonde says, and hangs up.*

## PROGRAM REPORT



As the month of October comes to an end, I would like to thank all brother knights for all the work that you have done last month. I would like to take t5his time to ask you my brother knights to come t our next General Meeting. This meeting would start with our Deceased Members Memorial Mass, Supper then the meeting. I have received some new pamphlets and a Members Program Survey. This questionnaire is about how we as Council and Program Director's can use to help set up our projects for not only now but also for future projects and events.

Speaking of projects, here is the calendar of Events for November:

- 1 – Feast of All Saints
- 2 – Feast of All Souls  
- Bingo 1:30-4:00pm
- 4 – Sunday Brunch after 9 and 11 am Masses
- 7 – Executive and Directors Meeting
- 11 – Remembrance Day
- 14 – Deceased Members Memorial Mass, Supper and General meeting
- 26 – Bingo 6:00-10:00pm

Finally, if anyone who helped raking leaves on Saturday, October 13<sup>h</sup>, with the Knights picked up a green-handled rake by accident, please let me know because I am missing one. Thank you.

Fraternally,  
Jeff Krasowski



## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As you have noticed at our last Sunday Brunch, we have a sharp looking new display for our Order and for our Council. I would like to thank Brother Keith Hayward and his wife Debbie for doing this display for our Membership Drive. In regards to the recruitment of new members, as well as former members, we are thinking of hosting an Open House in the beginning of November with Father's permission. I am hoping to have a message read from the pulpit by

someone from our Council and have prospect cards and again this display at our Brunch. I encourage all brother knights to ask any gentleman eighteen years of age or older to join our Great Order.

Please feel free to make any suggestions on how we can make our quota and retain our membership status.

Fraternally,  
Jeff Krasowski, PGK

**YARD CLEAN-UP**



The Knights of Columbus, once again held their Annual Yard Clean-up, on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.

Twelve brother knights gathered at St. Gerard's, with rakes in-hand and proceeded to tackle a large amount of leaves at St. Gerard's and at the parishioners that required assistance.

A big thank-you to Brother Knights: Paul Ponak, Wayne Exner, Jeff Krasowski, Wilf Maier, Roger Blain, Orest Machushek, Merv Krasowski, Tom Pasloski, Keith Hayward, Frank Woloschuk and Bill Yaremko, who joined in this worthy project.

A long with the hard work, a lot of fraternization was enjoyed by all.

Fraternally,  
Joe Swejda  
Community Dsirector

**WE SHALL REMEMBER**

It's hard to believe that the Columbian year is in full swing. November is upon us, the month of Remembrance. Please mark November 14<sup>th</sup> on your calendars as the date of our Memorial Mass. The evening consists of Mass, a supper and then our Regular Meeting. It would be great to

have a good showing of Knights at this event, to honor the memory of so many dear departed Knights who put so much dedication into our council.

If you haven't already done so, please check out the K of C display at the back of the church. We hope it will help recruit some new gentlemen, and renew the enthusiasm of the wonderful Knights already in our council. We hope to plan a Mass with Knights serving in various capacities to make ourselves more visible-- so be prepared to step forward and take part. Have a good month.

Fraternally,  
Keith Hayward

**BINGO**



We are scheduled for two bingos this month. The first is on **Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1:30-4:00pm** and the second is on **Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-10:00pm**. Once again we hope you will be available to help when called.

Fraternally,  
Wilf Maier

*Ed and Dorothy met while on vacation, and Ed fell head over heels in love with her. On the last night of his vacation, the two of them went to dinner and had a serious talk about how they would continue the relationship. It's only fair to warn you, I'm a total golf nut," Ed said to his lady friend. "I eat, sleep and breathe golf, so if that's a problem, you'd better say so now." Dorothy responded, "If we're being honest with each other, here goes.....I'm a hooker." "I see," Ed replied, and was quiet for a moment. Then he said, "You know, it's probably because you're not keeping your wrists straight when you tee-off."*

**GUEST SPEAKER**



At our last Regular Meeting, guest speaker Gerry Oake from Esterhazy, gave a very inspiring talk on his involvement with drugs and “Street Life” and subsequent rehabilitation. He acknowledges that his recovery was mainly due to the Recovery Program provided by the “**Our House**” program, with houses in Ontario and British Columbia. He works very closely with Norm Sharkey, founder of “Our House” and is working very hard to establish this Recovery Program in Saskatchewan and especially in the Parkland area.

Gerry has organized Roll-a-thons the last two years between Esterhazy and Yorkton as fund-raisers for the program. Our council has been involved and a supporter both years.

Goals of “Our House” in Saskatchewan are Education and Awareness as short term and in the long term, a treatment facility in Saskatchewan.



*"It's chilly in here," the wealthy diner sniffed.*

*"Will you please turn down the air conditioner?"*

*"No problem, sir", the waiter said. After a few minutes, the man flagged the server again.*

*"Now I'm too warm."*

*"All right," the waiter said.*

*But soon the customer was chilly again. Finally, a patron at another table whispered to the waiter: "I commend you for your patience. That guy is certainly keeping you busy."*

*"No, he's not," the waiter said with a shrug.*

*"We don't have an air conditioner."*



**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

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|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 – Christine Shuya    | 16 – Helen Hunt       |
| 1 – Angeline Sherman   | 18 – Evelyn Loster    |
| 2 – Harry Monette      | 19 – Doreen Rathgeber |
| 3 – Orest Machushek    | 20 – Terry Yaremko    |
| 5 – Denis Obrigewitsch | 22 – Myrtle Skikewich |
| 5 – Marcy Osicki       | 23 – James Caudle     |
| 7 – Debbie Hayward     | 23 – Larry Therrien   |
| 10 – Henry Kereliuk    | 24 – Genevieve Turta  |
| 11 – Wayne Exner       | 25 – Elmer Matisho    |
| 11 – Cheryl Loster     | 26 – Bill Yaremko     |
| 12 – Jean Bryski       | 27 – Gilbert Kryski   |
| 14 – Trina Wanner      | 29 – Eddie Slogotski  |
| 16 – Joe Swejda        |                       |



**NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

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| 4 – Carl and Anne Letwinetz (60 <sup>th</sup> ) |
| 7 – Elliot and DonnaLyn Graf                    |
| 7 – Elmer and Margaret Matisho                  |
| 8 – Nestor and Rita Ohochinsky                  |
| 9 – Dr. and Vera Wassill                        |
| 12 – David and Sandra Sutter                    |
| 14 – Alfred and Lillian Labas                   |
| 15 – Gordon and Sharon Barnes                   |
| 16 – Rudolph and Margaret Faye                  |



*A little boy went up to his father and asked: "Dad, where did all of my intelligence come from?" The father replied. "Well, son, you must have got it from your mother, 'cause I still have mine"*