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YORKTON COUNCIL NO. 2031

THE WORD

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



Brother Knights,

By the time this issue of The Word is being read, the outcome of the 95th annual Grey Cup classic will have been decided. One thing is certain – a Prairie Province will hoist the cup in 2007.

It is the 1st time that Winnipeg's Blue Bombers will tackle "our" Roughriders. Did I say "our"? Isn't it amazing how we in this Province take ownership of this football team? "Rider Pride", "Green Riders" & a fairly new one, "Rider Nation" are catchy phrases that have been developed to describe the team and its fans. I would wager (minimum bet, though) that more people were parked in front the TV for this year's Grey Cup game than for the election results on Nov 7th!

If not already, our attention will turn to preparations for the Christmas holiday season. Let us be mindful of the True Meaning of Christmas as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Have a Blessed and Peaceful Christmas Season!

Fraternally,

Br. Paul Ponak - GK

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## GENERAL PROGRAM REPORT



Another busy month is about to come up. I would like to thank all brother knights for your great dedication and work you have done this first half of this Columbian Year.

I have to apologize to all widows and families of our deceased brother knights as well to you my brother knights for any confusion on our Deceased Member's Memorial

Mass and Supper. When we first planned this we were having it on our general meeting night but with Father having a prior engagement, we were asked if we could move it to the following day. We agreed that this could be arranged so we did it after "The Word" was printed and distributed. I am sorry about this but to all in attendance thank-you for coming out and enjoying this Fraternal Gathering.

On Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, we will be having our Annual Council Christmas Social. This is an Invitation to all Brother Knights, THEIR SPOUSES, DECEASED MEMBER'S WIDOWS AND ALSO TO ANY NEW PROSPECT OR NEW MEMBER AND THEIR FAMILY to this FRATERNAL, Fun-filled evening. Brother Wayne Exner will be having more to say in this newsletter.

We have a busy month ahead of us. Here is the Calendar of Events for December:

- 1 – Put up "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" signs.
- 2 – Sunday Brunch after 9 & 11 Masses
- 4 – Special Needs Christmas Luncheon
- 5 – Combined Executive and General Meeting
- 9 – Singing at Nursing Home
- 12 – Council Christmas Social
- 15 – Parish Children's Christmas Party (Lower Level)
- 19 – Bingo at P.K. Palace 1:30-4:00
- 27 – Bingo at P.K. Palace 1:30-4:00

Please take time to fill out the Fraternal Survey and hand it in AS SOON AS POSSIBLE via the collection plate.

May you have a Safe Christmas and a Very Prosperous New Year!

Frateranally,

Jeff Krasowski, PGK

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The Knight who proposes a man for membership in our Order has many important duties.

First, he helps the prospect complete the Membership Document (Form #100) with all of the pertinent information and then provides it to

the Admissions Committee interview. At that time the candidate is then advised of upcoming First Degree exemplification. Next the Form #100 goes to the financial secretary who presents it to the council where it is voted on.

After a favorable vote the proposer makes arrangements with the prospect to escort him to the First Degree (regardless of whether it is at his council or a neighbor one). If there is a conflict in schedules, the proposer needs to arrange for another council member, or two, to escort the candidate to his First Degree.

The first impression that a prospect receives from the proposer should be the one that tells him who we are as members of the Knights of Columbus. As a new member advances, he hears the timeless messages, which have been the guiding principles of the Order; namely "Charity" "Unity" and "Fraternity". He will reflect on the words and actions set forth in the ceremonial and compare them to his own reception into the Order.

Always use the following guides when recruiting:

- *Process the paperwork quickly
- *Proposers should always and without fail make certain to escort the candidate to the Admission committee interview and the First Degree
- *Attend the next council meetings with him
- *Aid the new member in working on council projects
- *Verify that the new member's family is aware of programs in which they can participate
- *Ensure that the candidate earns the "Shining Armor Award"

All of these steps are vital to reinforcing the vision of our founder, Servant of Goad, Father Michael J. McGivney. When these steps are followed, coupled with a professional degree exemplification, your new members will become active and enthusiastic Knights.

Fraternally,
Jeff Krasowski, PGK

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*A Sunday school teacher asked the children just before she dismissed them to go to church, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" Annie replied, "Because people are sleeping."*

## DISTRICT DEPUTY'S MESSAGE CHRISTMAS 2007



As your District Deputy many thanks are extended to all Councils in District #11 for the welcome that I received when visiting your Council this year. I have enjoyed observing the discussions and the various activities that you planned and my hope is that I have been of some assistance by keeping you informed about the ideas and objectives coming from the Supreme and State.

Our important religious Holy day "Christmas" is being attacked from many directions in our present ever increasing secular society. Look at the present day evidence. The word "Christmas" is being replaced by many with Happy Holidays, Seasons Greeting's etc. Perhaps some think there is nothing wrong with that and it has its place yet we are losing sight of the main focus - that Christmas is a time to celebrate Christ's birth. Another example of society discarding Christian values is that prayer is being eliminated in schools because it offends other ethnic groups.

How often do you see or how often are you tempted to use a so-called abbreviation of "Christmas" as Xmas"? This is wrong because it is reducing Christ as an x-rated trivialized message of the season.

Christmas is the time to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. He is the center of our Catholic faith. However, at times our Savior is forgotten in the commercialization of the season and the rush to get ready for holiday festivities. The Knights of Columbus strongly encourage, through various programs, to remember that Christmas is first and foremost a Holy day. One of the important ways to remind people of this special Holy day is to "Keep Christ in Christmas". Many Councils will erect billboards to convey the message of Christmas.

Another significant program that has been developed and continues to grow in popularity each Christmas season is the "Light Up for Christ" program. The Knights of Columbus Councils will

symbolically start the Christmas season on December 4, 2007 at 8pm local time with a "Light Up for Christ" ceremony. The Knights of Columbus Councils should conduct blessing services and light Nativity scenes and/or Christmas trees as part of the program. I encourage your Council to take part in this popular program.

My brother Knights from District #11; continue to spread the true meaning of Christmas in your homes, your church and your community. May the season bring to your families, joy and peace as you gather to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

On behalf of my wife Edna and myself, we extend to everyone a joyous and blessed Christmas and a healthy and successful New Year.

Fraternally yours,  
Tony Mazur  
District Deputy #11

We will be continuing the tradition of caroling at the Yorkton and District Nursing Home on **Sunday December 9 at 2 pm at the First South wing.** This activity dates back a number of years to the Christmas parties that were started for the residents of the Park and Prairie Units by Brother Ben Holtkamp and his family. Please come out for an hour of Christmas song and cheer that will lift the spirits of the residents. Each family is asked to bring dainties for the coffee and socializing that follows the singing.

Debbie and I would like to wish all Brother Knights and their families a happy and safe Christmas season!

Fraternally  
Keith Hayward

Family Christmas Social

This is your invitation to all brother knights and widows of brother knights, that we will be hosting our annual Christmas Social. The

date is **December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm** in the council chambers. In the past caroling, card games and pool challenges have been known to break out. So please bring your family and enjoy some true Knights of Columbus hospitality.

Your humble servant  
Wayne/social committee.

FROM FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Please make roster changes/additions as follows:

Add: James Gibney  
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Yorkton, SK S3N 1G9  
Ph: 641-5041  
Welcome back Jim.

Change: James Donovan  
1314 Warner St.  
Moose Jaw, SK S6H 6L1

Transfer: Kevin O'Callaghan  
To Regina Council #10797

It's that time of year when I have to send out membership bills. I would appreciate your dues as soon as possible. You can mail them to me or put them in the collection plate at St. Gerard's marked "attn. Alan Flavel".

Thank you and have a good Christmas Holiday.

Fraternally,  
Alan Flavel F.S.

SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN

A Special Needs Luncheon will be held on **Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am** at St Gerard's Complex. We could use as many helpers as possible to set up and serve our guests. Helpers please arrive at 10:30am.

Fraternally,  
Joe Megyesi

*An old man goes to the Wizard to ask him if he can remove a curse he has been living with for the last 40 years. The Wizard says, "Maybe, but you will have to tell me the exact words that were used to put the curse on you. The old man says without hesitation, "I now pronounce you man and wife."*

landed, the pilot turned to Morris and said, "By golly, I did everything I could to get you to yell out, but you didn't. I'm impressed!" Morris replied, "Well, to tell you the truth, I almost said something when Esther fell out, but you know -- 50 dollars is 50 dollars."

**BINGO**



Two bingo sessions have been scheduled for December. The first is **Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> 1:30-4:00 pm** and the second is **Thursday, December 27<sup>th</sup> 1:30-4:00 pm.**

Mark these dates on your calendar and make yourselves available to help when called.

Fraternally  
Wilf Maier



**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

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| 1-Eva Schlechter    | 12-Tom Pasloski      |
| 2-Darrell Pasloski  | 15-Barry Fiendell    |
| 3-Jeniffer Merkl    | 15-Edmund Lang       |
| 5-Donna Copan       | 18-Carol Smith       |
| 9-Freda McCann      | 26- Audrey Parisloff |
| 10-Gladys Fiendell  | 27-Edward Magis      |
| 10-Bryon Godin      | 29-Carol Deters      |
| 11-Elizabeth Vossen | 31-Denis Dierker     |
| 12-Alfred Labas     |                      |

Morris and his wife Esther went to the state fair every year, and every year Morris would say, "Esther, I'd like to ride in that helicopter". Esther always replied, "I know Morris, but that helicopter ride is 50 dollars -- and 50 dollars is 50 dollars".

One year Esther and Morris went to the fair, and Morris said, "Esther, I'm 85 years old. If I don't ride that helicopter, I might never get another chance."

Esther replied, "Morris that helicopter is 50 dollars -- and 50 dollars is 50 dollars". The pilot overheard the couple and said, "Folks I'll make you a deal. I'll take the both of you for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and not say a word I won't charge you! But if you say one word, it's 50 dollars." Morris and Esther agreed and up they went. The pilot did all kinds of fancy manoeuvres, but not a word was heard. He did his daredevil tricks over and over again, but still not a word. When they



**DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- 13-Larry and Gabrielle Hamilton
- 21-Wayne and Tracy Zelinski

2007 ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY INDIVIDUAL  
MEMBER WORKSHEET

Last year, the Knights of Columbus donated more than \$139.7 million to charitable and benevolent causes and 64 million hours of volunteer community service to aid the less fortunate. **To help prepare our Fraternal Survey for the Supreme Council office, please complete the information requested below and return it to Jeff Krasowski at the next General Meeting(NO LATER THAN) on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008.** You may also use the church collection basket by January 6th, just mark the envelope **K of C Survey**. This information will assist us in determining the total number of hours of community service volunteered by our members **during 2007**.

1. Number of visits you made during 2007 to:
  - Sick ---caring for the sick/nursing homes/hospitals..... \_\_\_\_\_
  - Bereaved ---visits of condolence..... \_\_\_\_\_
2. Number of times you served as a blood donor during 2007..... \_\_\_\_\_
3. Estimated hours of community volunteer service during 2007:
  - Church Activities --- service in all Church related activities..... \_\_\_\_\_
  - Community Activities --- service in all community related activities..... \_\_\_\_\_
  - Youth Activities --- service in all youth related activities..... \_\_\_\_\_
  - Habitat for Humanity --- service in all related projects..... \_\_\_\_\_
  - Miscellaneous Activities --- service in areas not outlined above..... \_\_\_\_\_
4. Number of hours of fraternal service during 2007:
  - Sick/disabled members and their families – household chores,  
transportation, tutoring, counselling, etc..... \_\_\_\_\_