



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

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



Brother Knights,

Christmas...it might be my very favorite time of the year – for a couple of reasons. I don't get caught-up in the "shopping scene" (of course, I don't shop much at any time). Tripping over people in the malls to find that one unique article you've never purchased before - not for me. My secret – wait until after work on Christmas Eve. Now you know, I'm a professional shopper! This is a special time of year as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. His humble entry into this material world gives us all the opportunity to find eternal Peace & Joy with the Father. We are thankful to be blessed with our Families and Friends.

Thank you to all who were able to attend the Christmas social, which was held on Dec 12th. It's a great time to visit in a very informal setting. Thanks to Brother Jeff for all of his work in making the arrangements for the evening. He stepped in for Brother Wayne Exner, who usually prepares the feast for us. Get well soon Wayne!

We do not have a lot of time before the work of the Council commences in the New Year. The Executive Meeting will be on Jan 02 with the Regular Council Meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

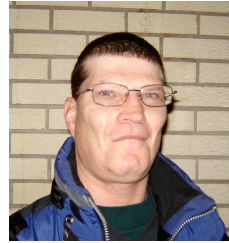
With the close of 2007, my time with Springside Credit Union also ends. After 32 years in the CU system, I am retiring (or maybe just shifting gears). My contact information follows at the end of this letter.

To all who are traveling this holiday season, may you have a safe trip. From Rose and I, we wish everyone a very Blessed and Peaceful Christmas! Let's remember to keep Christ in Christmas. See you in 2008!!

Fraternally,  
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*How is it possible to have a civil war?*

## PROGRAMMING REPORT



Many thanks to all brother knights who have helped out in any way this Festive Season, from ringing bells for the Salvation Army Kettles to singing at all the Masses during this Christmas Season. Just a reminder that the Fraternal Survey is to be in by January 9, 2008.

The following is the Calendar of Events for January:

- 2 - Executive and Director's Meeting
  - Bingo at P.K. Bingo Palace 6:00-10:00 pm
  - 9 - General Meeting (and maybe a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree)
  - 12 – Taking down "Keep Christ in Christmas" signs (9:00)
  - 13 - Sunday Brunch after 9 am and 11 am Masses
  - 19-20 - White Ribbon Sunday
- May you have a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Fraternally,  
Jeff Krasowski  
General Program Director

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT



We are planning to host a First Degree at our January General Meeting. So if you have a prospect over this Christmas Season, whom you think may join our GREAT ORDER, please sign him up and give the Form #100 to myself or our Grand Knight, who will then put him to the membership director. I am confident that we will have a few that will join this great Catholic Men's Fraternal Order, The Knights of Columbus. Please let us know by the Executive and Director's Meeting January 2, 2008 if you have someone that would like to become a KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS member.

Fraternally,  
Jeff Krasowski

## TRUSTEE'S REPORT

As you all know brother knights, we are approaching the second half of our Columbian year and although our Election of Officers is not for another 5 months, we as your Council Trustees will be asking many of you to consider a position for the Next Columbian Year. We are going to be putting in the "The Word" a series of information on the duties of each elected position. Be it Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Recorder, Treasurer, Advocate, Warden, Inside and Outside Guards, Board of Trustees. We will also describe the duties of the appointed officers; Chaplain, Financial Secretary and Lecturer. To be an elected officer you should have your Third Degree and are in good standing with your Council.

We will begin this information on the Duties of Council Officers by describing the Duties of the Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight and Chancellor.

**GRAND KNIGHT:** The grand knight is responsible for the welfare of the council. He presides over council meetings, acts as an ex-officio member of all committees, appoints a membership and programming director, convenes officers for a monthly meeting, and ensures all necessary reports are submitted to the state and Supreme Council. He should also be aware of the councils' financial status and ensure that his signature appears on all cheques drawn. The grand knight is a member of the Advisory Board with general supervision of the council's Columbian Squire circle.

**DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT:** The deputy grand knight is second in command. He assists the grand knight with council affairs and fulfills all duties assigned to him by the grand knight. Should the grand knight be absent from a council meeting, the deputy grand knight will preside. He is chairman of the council's retention committee and also a member of the Advisory Board charged with overseeing the council's sponsored Columbian Squires circle.

**CHANCELLOR:** The chancellor has a variety of responsibilities. Primarily, he assists the grand knight and the deputy grand knight in the execution of their duties and oversees the council in their absences. He is charged with strengthening the members' interests in council activities. The chancellor is chairman of the admission committee and a member of the Columbian Squires circle ceremonial team.

Next month we will describe the duties of the Recorder, Treasurer and Advocate.  
Fraternally,

Jeff Krasowski, 3 yr. trustee  
Henry Kweens, 2 yr. trustee  
Joe Paydli, 1 yr. trustee

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## FINAN. SECRETARY'S NOTE

Please make roster changes as follows:

Transfer: Ben Weber

Delete: Larry Therrien (suspension)  
Blair Ratushniak (suspension)

Note: Ernest Turta became an Honorary Life member in November – congratulations Ernie on your years with the council.

Thank you to those members who have renewed their memberships. Your 2007 membership runs out the end of December.

Fraternally,  
Alan Flavel F.S.

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*Ole & Lena lived on a lake in northern Minnesota. It was near the end of winter & spring was just beginning. Ole asked Lena if she would walk across the frozen lake to the general store to pick him up some tobacco. She asked for some money, but he told her to just put it on their tab, so she walked across, got the tobacco, and walked back. Then she asked Ole why he didn't send her with any money. He said, " I wasn't going to send any money ven I wasn't sure how tik the ice was.*





Sat. Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> - 8 Brother Knights set up "Keep Christ In Christmas" sign down town.



On Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, our council presented the Salvation Army a donation towards the Christmas Kettle Campaign. Making the presentation are L-R: Lt. Phile Vega, Joseph Megyesi, Lt. Phyllis Vega and Geraldine Megyesi



Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> – Our council served a Brunch after each Mass to about 220 hungry parishioners. At that brunch, Jeff Krasowski, on behalf of Council #2031, presented parish council chair, Matt Bernat with a \$10,000 cheque



to help pay off the Complex debt.

*Women's lib has done wonders for the guilt feelings of men. Recently, I had a seat on a crowded bus, and a woman was standing in front of me. I said, "Pardon me, but are you a member of woman's lib?" She said "Yes, I am." I said, "Is that the organization that wants women to stand on their own two feet?" She said, "Yes, it is." I said, "Right on!"*

On Tuesday, Dec 4<sup>th</sup>, Our council served appr.



100 Special Needs Children to an Annual Christmas Lunch.



*I signed up for an exercise class and was told to wear loose-fitting clothing. If I HAD any loose-fitting clothing, I wouldn't have signed up in the first place!*

Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, approximately 50 brother knights and their wives/partners enjoyed

an interesting evening of games, jokes, gifts / fraternity and a hearty lunch. Thanks to all who came. Santa never showed up. Thanks, Jeff.



Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, our council hosted the Annual Children's Christmas Party in the Lower Level of St. Gerard's. Approx. 50 children enjoyed treats of hot chocolate or drink with cookies, candies and other goodies. They each got a Goodie Bag, watched a video, sang Christmas Carols and were visited by Santa Claus.

## BINGO



One bingo program is scheduled for January. We start the year off with a bingo on **Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00-10:00 pm**. Again, your help is needed to make this project successful. Please be available to help when called.

Fraternally,  
Wilf Maier

*A blonde is speaking to her psychiatrist. "I'm on the road a lot, and my clients are complaining that they can never reach me."*

*The psychiatrist asks, "Don't you have a phone in your car?"*

*"That was a little too expensive, so I did the next best thing, I put a mailbox in my car."*

*"How's that working?"*

*"Actually, I haven't gotten any letters yet," the blonde replies.*

*"And why do you think that is?"*

*The blonde says, "I figure its because when I'm driving around, my postal code keeps changing."*

*Two elderly gentlemen from a retirement center were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turns to the other and says....*

*"Slim, I'm 83 years old now and I'm just full of aches and pains. I know you're about my age. How do you feel?"*

*Slim says, "I feel just like a new-born baby."*

*"Really!?! Like a new-born baby!?"*

*"Yep. No hair, no teeth, and I think I just wet my pants."*



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2 – Mary Caudle        | 9 – Sandy Persick        |
| 3 – Geraldine Megyesi  | 10 – Dona O'Callaghan    |
| 4 – Andre Charbonneau  | 12 – Stephanie Dolney    |
| 5 – Fr. Marcel George  | 14 – Janet Gress         |
| 5 – Clarence Parisloff | 15 – Delores Palchewich  |
| 6 – Lennie Loster      | 16 – Leoanard Schlechter |
| 6 – Marianne Dierker   | 16 – Murray Pankoski     |
| 7 – Alex Puchala       | 17 – Alan Flavel         |
| 7 – Leroy Persick      | 18 – Roger Blain         |
| 7 – Rita Ohochinsky    | 18 – Brenda Godin        |
| 7 – Sylvia Bugoy       | 24 – Lorraine Slogocki   |
| 7 – Effie Hardy        | 27 – Miles Shuya         |



## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 – Miles and Christine Shuya  
6 – Ken and Jennifer Merkl  
16 – Matt and Judie Bernat