



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
YORKTON COUNCIL NO. 2031

THE WORD

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



Brother Knights,

As this issue of The Word is being distributed, one month in 2008 will be ending – already! Also, this means we are well into the 2nd half of our Columbian Year. Time does travel at a

swift pace.

Rose and I did have an opportunity for some R & R, as we spent a week in a warmer clime – Mexico. It was extremely nice to just “get away” even if it was for only a short while. Although we did not lack for anything in the resort, when you are driving along their highways and see the living conditions that many in that country maintain, we must take a moment to reflect how fortunate we are to be living in a country like ours – Canada!

Most of the activities for our Council took place on one day - January 13th. A very successful brunch with large numbers served. Thanks to all who were able to be part of the work crews. Later that afternoon, we hosted a 1st Degree ceremony. Three new members from Foam Lake Council received their Degree. I was a bit disappointed that there wasn't a larger number of members from our Council in attendance to observe. We will have to do a better job of encouraging participation of our members at these types of events.

There are a number of projects up-coming: the local basketball free throw competition, Shrove Tuesday supper and curling, to name a few.

Please mark your calendar for Wednesday Jan 30 – a K of C seminar presentation will be made by State Deputy Marvin DeSchryver. The seminar takes place at the Columbian Centre in Melville from 7 – 9 pm. Special guest presenter is Rod J. Hofschulte – Supreme Regional Program Consultant all the way from Omaha, Nebraska. This should prove to be a very informative and interesting evening. I am hopeful that our Council can support this event with 6 – 10 attendees. Please contact myself or PD Jeff if you are able to attend. We'll try to pool the transportation.

Finally, in the previous issue of The Word,

PD Jeff profiled a couple of executive positions – the duties attached, etc. He will continue until all positions/directorships have been described. Why? Shortly, the process will begin to contact members in an effort to fill these various areas. When contacted, please give your consideration. Alternatively, if you are interested in a position, or learning more, please do not hesitate to contact one of the Trustees. The rewards of involvement cannot be measured.

Fraternally,

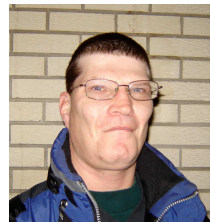
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## PROGRAMMING REPORT



As you may have heard at our January General Meeting, there will be a District Meeting in Melville on Wednesday January 30, 2008 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at the Columbian Hall. On

hand to give this seminar will be Our Worthy State Deputy Marvin DeSchryver and from the Supreme Office Rob Holfshulte. Together they will be in our District to answer any questions or concerns that we have in respect with our membership and order. By the time this newsletter is distributed the meeting would have already been held. A report on this meeting will be at our upcoming general meeting.

I am pleased to see that some of the Member Interest Surveys that were handed out last month have been handed back filled in with what, you the members, like to volunteer in. If you were not at this past meeting or forgot your Interest Survey we have more so just ask me for one and I would be more than happy to give you one. This survey is more about how we can better serve you. We value your judgment, we appreciate your opinions and we rely on your participation for continued success.

Here is the Calendar of Events for the Month of February:

- Jan. 31- Fraternal Survey Due
- Feb. 3 - Lucky Angel Banquet and Draw
- Feb. 5 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- Feb. 6 - Ash Wednesday also Executive and Director's Meeting  
- Bingo at PK Palace 6:00-10:00pm
- Feb. 10 - Sunday Brunch after 9am and 11am Masses
- Feb. 13 - General Meeting
- Feb. 15 - Semi-Annual Audit due
- Feb. 16 - Basketball Free Throw District in Ituna
- Feb 22 - Bingo at PK Palace 1:30-4:00pm
- Feb. 22-24- STATE CURLING BONSPIEL  
HOSTED BY OUR COUNCIL
- Feb. 24 - Basketball Free Throw Zone in Melville

As this month approaches our council will be putting the final touches on the State Curling Bonspiel. Please feel free to help out where you can. Success cannot be achieved without your help. We know that we have you to thank for all the past successes of our council. Please help our Worthy Chairman Paul Ponak and his hard-working committee chairmen who will be contacting you for your help.

Fraternally,  
Jeff Krasowski, PGK

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT



As mentioned at the January General Meeting, our Council hosted a First Degree for three new members from Foam Lake Council #5970. Our First Degree Team did a very good job in this ceremonial as it was their first time this year. My brother knights we have the great opportunity to continue to have these fine members hone their skills by signing up a new member today. The goal of our Council is to try and have a least three first degrees over this last

half of this Columbian Year. We cannot achieve this without your support and help.

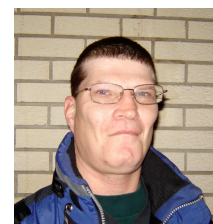
There are many incentives for you the recruiter from the State as well as from Supreme. I will explain in detail more about this at our February General Meeting. My appeal to you is that without you and your resources, we as a Council will become more and more older and our new ideas will become less and less. We need new blood, new, energetic ideas to help our council to continue to grow as a huge cornerstone for not only our parish but also for our community. I encourage you to ask a Catholic Gentleman who is eighteen years of age or older to be a part of this Catholic Fraternal Men's organization- THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - TODAY!

There are a couple of Third Degree Exemplifications around our area. There is one in Wadena March 2, 2008 and the other one is in Esterhazy April 12, 2008. More details will be given at the General Meeting.

Fraternally,
Jeff Krasowski, PGK

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**TRUSTEE'S REPORT**

This month's report, we will continue to describe the duties of the elected council officer's. Last month we gave you an overview of the duties of the grand knight, deputy grand knight



and the chancellor of the council. This month we give you the duties of the recorder, treasurer and advocate. Remember that in order to hold a position on the executive you MUST be a **THIRD DEGREE** member of the Order. So here are the duties of recorder, treasurer and advocate.

**RECORDER:** The recorder is similar to a court reporter or a secretary. He is responsible for maintaining a true record of all actions of the council and it's correspondence. A Recorder's Minute Book is available from the Knights of Columbus Supply Department for keeping a record of council meetings.

**TREASURER:** The treasurer is responsible for the safekeeping and maintaining records of all council funds and accounts. He is responsible for depositing money into the council's accounts and provides a certificate of such monies to the grand knight. He is also responsible for payment of all expenses.

**ADVOCATE:** The advocate is the legal representative of the council and serves as the council's attorney at trials and investigations of any interest to the council. While he does not need to be a member of the legal profession, he should be familiar with the council by-laws, the Order's Charter, Constitution and Laws, Methods of Conducting a Council Meeting and Robert's Rules of Order.

Next month we will have the duties of the warden, inside and outside guards and the board of trustees.

Fraternally,  
 Jeff Krasowski- 3yr. Trustee  
 Henry Kweens- 2yr. Trustee  
 Joe Paydli- 1 yr. Trustee

**FIN. SECRETARY'S NOTE**

Please make roster changes as follows:

Transfer: Walter Kmet (To Regina)

New Address: Peter Loster  
 #14 – 2310 36<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Vernon, BC

Note: Denis Dierker became an Honorary Life member in December. Congratulations Denis on your years with the council.

Thank you to those members who have renewed their memberships. I still have some cards left to send out.

Fraternally,  
 Alan Flavel F.S.

*My wife and I had words, but I didn't get to use mine.*

**BINGO**



We have two bingo programs scheduled for the month of February. The first is on **Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> 6:00-10:00pm** and the second is **Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> 1:30-4:00pm**. As usual we depend upon your help to make this project a success.

Please make yourselves available when called.

Fraternally,  
 Wilf Maier



**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2 – Gerard Sterk       | 13 – Ken Olshewski      |
| 2 – John den Brok      | 14 – Mary Diakuw        |
| 4 – Ignace Palchewich  | 16 – Lyle Mroczko       |
| 5 – Mary-Ellen Mallard | 16 – Rose Gress         |
| 6 – Elliot Graf        | 22 – Alison Lyon        |
| 6 – Judy Bolton        | 25 – Paul Farbacher     |
| 7 – John Malinowski    | 25 – Angela Ostapovich  |
| 7 – Scott Hoffort      | 27 – Dr. Daniel Wassill |
| 7 – Katherine Bolton   | 27 – Donna Obrigewitsch |
| 8 – Hugh Mallard       | 27 – Kay Kuemper        |
| 9 – Marge Farbacher    | 27 – Sharon Chillog     |
| 12 – Edward Mroske     |                         |



**FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 9 – Wayne and Irene Dillabough
- 10 – John and Susan Malinowski
- 17 – Gary and Donna Copan
- 21 – Paul and Rosemarie Ponak