



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
YORKTON COUNCIL NO. 2031

THE WORD

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St. Gerard's 125 Third Ave. North Yorkton, SK S3N 1C4

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



Brother Knights,

The calendar says that summer is just around the corner – I'm sure many of you have dug your golf clubs out of the closet or garage and polished them up, ready for the course.

Membership – unfortunately, the Major Degree scheduled for Esterhazy on April 12th has been cancelled. They have re-scheduled for a date in October 2008.

There was much discussion around Membership during the State Convention, which Brother Jeff and I attended April 4 - 6. As at January 01, 2008, membership in Saskatchewan had decreased by 122 from a year earlier to 10,772. At the Necrology Service, there was a list of some 170 Brother Knights and Chaplains who died in the past year – a significant number.

The research indicates that the most common response to the question, “why had you not joined before?” – “I was never asked”. Perhaps it is an opportune time to **ASK** members of the Parish – the answer may surprise us.

A Major Degree note – State Deputy, DeSchryver advised that the Board had approved funding to subsidize the expense of hosting. This would assist in travel, etc. for the team and will come into effect in the new Columbian year (July 01, 2008). Maybe our Council could consider being a host next year?

State Convention notes:

For anyone who has not attended a convention and thinks it is a nice “holiday” in a hotel – let me assure that that is certainly not the case. Our days (Sat & Sun) began by traveling to the convention site at 7:45 am and adjourning near 4 pm.

The 1st session was on Friday at 2 pm – Charitable Foundation meeting. Some hi-lites:

- Approximately \$1.8 M in fund balances
- Interest revenues on the principal along with donations made are allocated in the form of grants (17 recipients this year) & donations
- Foundation has committed \$500,000 (over several years) toward the completion of a

Hospital for Sick Children – anticipated construction will begin in 2009-2010 near the RUH

- This was the 1st time that the Foundation meeting was held outside of the convention proper – a fairly low attendance of 50. There was agreement that the State Board should take this into consideration for next year's convention
- Two director terms had expired – current Chair Gene Thera was re-elected and the 2nd director term is the current GK of Council # 2031

Convention opening Mass at 7 pm followed by the official opening of the convention at 8:15.

The balance of the evening was a number of awards presentations and reception/lunch.

The convention “kicked off” in earnest on Saturday. Many director and board reports, resolutions & election results consumed the majority of the balance of the business sessions. Arden Andreas (currently State Secretary) elected to the office of State Deputy. All current board members remain with the addition of Brian Schatz to the board.

Congratulations to Brother Orest and his crew who participated in the annual Bowl for Kid's Sake – the Big Brothers & Sisters fundraiser. I understand they did very well.

Watch for this week's bulletin (Apr 27), included will be information on the March for Life heading for the Legislative Building on Friday, May 2nd. This coincides with the National March in Ottawa.

K of C Home Lottery – our Council will be a “purchase point” for tickets this year.

Have a great month!

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*Over dinner one evening, a suburban housewife told her husband, "A wonderful thing happened this morning. A man knocked on the door, and, when I asked who he was, he replied, 'A bill collector.' So, I gave him the stack that was on your desk."*

## PROGRAMMING REPORT



If you were at the last General Meeting, you would have seen our Worthy District Deputy present to our worthy Grand Knight a few awards that were presented to our council at

this year's Annual State Convention. We had an award for our newsletter "**The Word**" which we all would like to congratulate brothers Orest and Johannes and their crew for the time and effort that they put in making our newsletter one of the best. Another award was given to our council, coming by surprise, was for **Family Activities** and for our monthly Sunday Brunches and the donation of \$10,000.00 to the Parish Complex Building Fund . This particular award is now sent to Supreme for their Convention and Awards. So again my brother knights, congratulations on a tremendous year that we have had so far.

We are coming up to the Month of May, which is also time to pray the rosary to Mary, Our Mother of Perpetual Help. I encourage all brother knights to find some time to say the rosary this month.

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

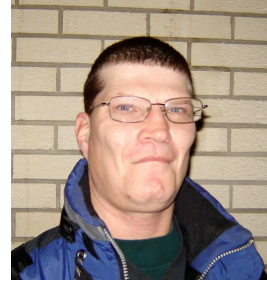
- 7 - Executive and Director's Meeting
- 11 - Mother's Day and Sunday brunches after 9am and 11am Masses
- 14 - General Meeting and Election of Officers
- 18 - Confirmation Brunch after the 11am Mass ONLY
- 21 - Evening Bingo at P.K. Bingo Palace

Fraternally,  
Jeff Krasowski P.G.K.

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A couple walking in the park noticed a young man and woman sitting on a bench, passionately kissing.

*"Why don't you do that?" asked the wife.
"Honey," replied her husband, "I don't even know that woman!"*

MEMBERSHIP REPORT



We had the unfortunate cancellation of a Major Degree in our area. Esterhazy Council was to host one in April but had to postpone it until further notice.

We should take a good look at our council members as a whole and see that we are not getting any younger, in fact I can venture a guess that we are in the average of around the 65 to 80 years of age bracket. We need new blood. We need your help to find this younger blood from the parishioners who are male, practical Catholics aged 18 years and older. They can be your brother, son-in-law, friend or even someone that you think would want to join **OUR GREAT FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION**. This is not a club as some people may think; it is **A CATHOLIC MEN'S FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION** and if we want our values and teachings that we believe in to continue then we all need to do something about it---not one individual but all of us. It would be nice to have a **First Degree** before the end of the year. With all of us helping out, this can be realized. So the **CHALLENGE IS UP TO YOU MY BROTHER KNIGHTS. Do we accept this? It's up to you and me.**

Fraternally,
Jeff Krasowski P.G.K.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Several awards were presented to our council at our regular meeting April 9th by our District Deputy, Tony Mazur.

DD Tony Mazur Presents G.K. Paul Ponak(R) with a Certificate of Appreciation for hosting The State Curling in Yorkton.





Orest Machushek, (R) Editor of "The Word", on behalf of our council, receives an award from D.D. Tony Mazur, for publication of "The Word"

Lyle Mroczo (R) accepts a **Family Award** on behalf of our council from DD Tony Mazur. This is in recognition of the Family Breakfasts our council stages.



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**BOWL FOR KIDS SAKE**



L-R Dennis Yaremko, Orest Machushek, Tom Pasloski, Bill Yaremko and Claude Slogocki

Yorkton and District Big Brothers/Big Sisters Inc held their Annual Fundraiser known as Bowl For Kids Sake on the week-end of April 18-20<sup>th</sup>. Our council sponsored one team of five bowlers with the sum of \$200.00. The brothers who participated were: Orest Machushek, Dennis Yaremko, Bill Yaremko, Tom Pasloski and Claude Slogocki. Our team raised a total of \$1,288.00 in pledges(\$200 included) for Big Brothers/Big Sisters. This was

the second highest total raised. Three games of **Glow Bowling** were bowled on Sunday 1-3pm. The first was a regular game (our team came in at 737 raw score), which was the highest of the 8 teams. The second was a **Novelty Game** and the third was a **Bingo Game**. It was a fun afternoon. After bowling, we were treated to Beef-on-a-Bun, beverage and Awarded various prizes based on pledge amounts: Tom and Orest-digital camera & flashlight, Dennis-Emergency Flashlight & radio, Claude- DVD player, Bill-Automobile Power Supply. We also received hats, gift certificates, etc. We thank our council for their donation, plus a big thank you goes to all the people who pledged us.

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TRUSTEES REPORT

This is a notice of motion that on Wednesday June 11, 2008, that the Budgets for the General, Charity and Needy Support for the 2008-2009 Columbian Year will be voted on. If any brother knight wishes to make any changes to these budgets please feel free to make it known at this meeting. We have many copies at the Council Chambers if you did not get one at the meeting. Please come to the May Meeting and pick one up.

Another thing we would like to mention is that the Election of Officers for the 2008-2009 Columbian Year will be held on WEDNESDAY MAY 14, 2008. Please make your voice heard---this is your Council. We need new voices and new ideas to make our council achieve many more great works for not only our Church but also for our community that we live in.

Fraternally,
 Jeff Krasowski, 3 year trustee
 Henry Kweens, 2 year trustee
 Joe Paydli, 1 year trustee

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*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"*



## FIN. SECRETARY'S NOTE

Please make roster changes as follows:

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Harold comes to us from Onoway, AB.  
Welcome to Yorkton Council #2031

Fraternally,  
Alan Flavel, Fin. Sec.

## BINGO



Only one bingo program has been scheduled for the month of May, that is **Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> 6-10pm.** Again, I hope you will make yourselves available to help when called.

Fraternally,  
Wilf Maier

*A notice in a university campus cafeteria stated:  
"Shoes are required to eat in the cafeteria."*

*Someone wrote below: "Socks can eat wherever they want."*



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

|                        |                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2 – Claude Slogocki    | 11 – Melissa Fleury     |
| 2 – Eugene Bialobzyski | 12 – Ted Osicki         |
| 2 – Fr. Basil Chomos   | 12 – Treeske Holtkamp   |
| 2 – Frances Mroczo     | 18 – Elsie Adamiak      |
| 3 – Christine Digout   | 19 – Pamela Yaremko     |
| 5 – John Monka         | 21 – Sherrie Malinowski |
| 6 – Gary Copan         | 24 – Connie Watling     |
| 8 – Margaret Matisho   | 25 – Joan Monette       |
| 9 – Gabrielle Hamilton | 28 – Vonda Grywacheski  |
| 10 – DonnaLyn Graf     | 29 – Jean Hudy          |



## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

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| 2 – Mark and Janice Flaman     |
| 3 – Don and Valarie Reed       |
| 9 – Melvin and Gloria Maduke   |
| 11 – Gary and Madeleine Colbow |
| 13 – Bryon and Brenda Godin    |
| 16 – Ted and Marcy Osicki      |
| 17 – Francis and Carol Deters  |

*The Sunday-school teacher, trying to impress the students with the joyous exultation of shouting Hallelujah, said, "What word do church members shout with joy?"*

*"Bingo!" replied one youngster.*

