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THE WORD

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GRAND KNIIGHT'S MESSAGE



Hopefully you all had a good Christmas celebrating with family and friends. May the New Year be a time of health and peace in families and in the world.

“Start the New Year Off Right, Recruit a Knight.” This heading is from the Knightline. It encourages the executive to have a plan and begin in January to help Brother Merv and his Membership Committee. The article gives some good ways to promote membership. We need to keep in mind that every member should be encouraging men from our Parish to join our Worthy Order.

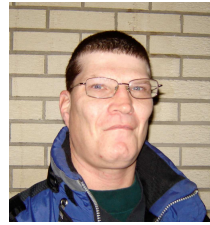
CHRISTMAS FAMILY SOCIAL: We ended the year with a good Christmas party with our Knights and families. We were again treated to a tasty meal prepared by Brothers Wayne Exner and his helper, Kenneth Schlechter who has recently become a Knight. Some lucky ones went home with one of the many door prizes.



Executive Meeting: --- January 6th --- 7:30 pm
Regular Meeting: --- January 13th --- 7:30 pm.
Consider making a New Year's resolution to attend some and more meetings in 2010
Sunday Brunch: --- January 10th
Take down the Keep Christ in Christmas sign, ---
Saturday, January 9th
Happy New Year!!!

Fraternally,
Eugene Kuemper GK

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE



As the new church calendar year is coming quickly upon us, we begin the festive season of Advent and Christmas by reflecting on the past calendar year and taking stock of what was accomplished and what was not accomplished. As I write this message, I am still trying to visit all councils at least once before the New Year. The councils that I have visited have shown that inspiring enthusiasm that makes our Order so Great.

Advent is a time to not only think about the birth of Jesus but it is also a time for us to reflect on the journey of his parents Mary and Joseph. This is also a time for us as members of the Knights of Columbus to reflect on our past year in our own local councils. Each of us remembers how we were called to become a member of this GREAT ORDER and we each, still I am sure, get “goose bumps” from the First Degree that we all sit in to welcome a new member as he joins our council. We remember how our First Degree was and how meaningful it was and how we were accepted by the members of our local councils.

We also begin to think of Christmas and the many activities that coincide with this holiday season from Xmas parties, Xmas trees to caroling and Xmas decorating parties. You notice that I used the word “Xmas” instead of “Christmas”. I did this on purpose. We often fall into the commercializing of the season instead of putting Christ back into Christmas. We are all too worried to say it without being looked at as though we are bible thumpers or not popular or as an outcast, even though many of our peers deep down inside, are hoping that we say something. We, as members of the Knights of Columbus, do so by having advertisements on television and on radio on the true meaning of Christmas. We also erect “KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS” signs and do other methods in our communities and parishes.

We as Knights of Columbus don't promote ourselves as much as the other service organizations----we are too modest of our

accomplishments. We need to promote our councils through our parishes, communities and neighboring councils on the accomplishments each one of our councils have done. We need to tell that we do Great Work and that we have accomplished Great Things when we work together, not against each other.

I believe that when Mary and Joseph were chosen to be the PROUD PARENTS of Jesus, they too were caught in awe and were worried what people might think. Let us be proud of our accomplishments and not be worried what we stand for, for we are a CATHOLIC MENS FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION that involves everyone in our families and parishes.

I hope that we as members of the Knights of Columbus can find the fire of the Holy Spirit, not only in our hearts but also in our councils, to make THIS ORDER A PART OF EVERY ELIGIBLE CATHOLIC GENTLEMAN 18 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

In closing, I would like to thank all councils for the GREAT WORK YOU DO for your parishes and communities. May each member and his family have a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND PROPEROUS NEW YEAR.

“KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS.”

Vivat Jesus,
 Jeff Krasowski,
 District Deputy #11

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**PROGRAM DIRECTORS REPORT**



Christmas is finally finished and we need to work off all the **good** things we inhaled at Christmas time. We have projects that need your attention and will help you also.

- 6 - Executive/directors meeting
- 9 - Take down “Keep Christ in Christmas” signs
- 10 – Brunch
- 12 – Special Needs Christmas Lunch at 11:30am

- 13 - General meeting
- 17 - White ribbon Sunday
  - Bingo at PK (Evening)



Also watch for the date of the basketball free throw to be hosted by council 5182 as they will need our support. Always check the Church Sunday bulletin for your friendly reminders.

**Remember that membership is your responsibility – ask someone to join today.**

Your humble servants  
 Wayne Exner/Roger Blain

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MEMBERSHIP

As we are entering into the season of the Birth of Christ, let it be a reminder that we are all on earth to serve Him---be it through church activities of volunteering or belonging to an organization, our duties are the same. I would urge all Brother Knights to try and sign a new member to our organization. God will reward you for your accomplishment.

In closing, I would like to thank all brother knights for their hard work in signing new members. I wish each one of you Brother Knights and your families a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and healthy New Year. God Bless.

Fraternally,
 Mervin Krasowski,
 Membership Director

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**MEMBERSHIP CHANGES**

Please add these new members to your roster:

Ken Schlechter.....786-6480  
 82 Matheson Cres.  
 Yorkton, SK S3N 3M5

Ted Fiferowich – Evelyn..... .782-4091  
18 Henderson Dr.  
Yorkton, SK S3N 2Z2

Jeff Pflanze.....783-3431  
#5 – 341 Bradbrooke Dr.  
Yorkton, SK S3N 2K7

Transfer in:

Brian Exner-Elaine..... 730-7083  
Box 448  
Melville, SK S0A 2P0

Welcome to Yorkton Council

Billing notices were sent out to all billable members at the end of November by mail or with “The Word”. Current membership expires at the end of December and it would be great to have all memberships for 2010 paid by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Have a happy holiday season.

Fraternally,  
Alan Flavel (Fin. Sec.)

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KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

On Saturday, November 29th, nine brother knights joined forces together to put up the “Keep Christ in Christmas” signs on Broadway Street and at St. Gerard’s Church along with the Nativity Scene.



Thank you brother knights that took part: Larry Markham, Orest Machushek, Wayne Exner, Richard Sevigny, Merv Krasowski, Pat Skaluba, Keith Hayward, Ken Olszewski and myself.

Once again, a lot of Fraternalization was enjoyed by all of the knights. SEASONS GREETINGS to all!

Fraternally,
Joe Swejda,
Community Director

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**BINGO**



Our scheduled December 31<sup>st</sup> program has been picked-up by another Charity and we might pick it up at a later date. We do have a program scheduled for **Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup> 6:00-**

**10:00pm.** Hope you will be available to help when called.

Fraternally,  
Wilf Maier

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Yorkton Council #2031 donates a \$500.00 cheque to help the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Fund



L-R: Merv Krasowski, Salvation Army Captain Felipe Vega and Community Director Joe Swejda

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Annual Parish Children's Christmas Party was held on Saturday, December 5th 2-4pm in the parish hall. Under the direction of Brother Ted Osicki, several brothers arrived at 9am to help package the Christmas Bags. About 100 bags were prepared.



At 2pm, about 40 children, parents or grandparents came to enjoy treats, hot chocolate and drinks. Then, Jacqueline Guy and her guitar led the crowd in singing joyful Christmas Carols. A beautiful Christmas video was next enjoyed before Santa arrived to distribute the bags.



The children were anxious to present their wishes and Santa made a long list.

Concentration of wealth will never be a problem as long as we have those three great institutions for redistributing it: taxes, wives and offspring.

The Special Needs Students Luncheon originally scheduled for December 8th and cancelled, is now **re-scheduled for Tuesday, January 12th** at about 11:30 in the hall. Many helping hands are needed to prepare from about 10 o'clock



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 2 – Mary Caudle | 9 – Sandy Persick |
| 4 – Andre Charbonneau | 12 – Stephanie Dolney |
| 5 – Clarence Parisloff | 14 – Janet Gress |
| 5 – Fr. Marcel George | 15 – Delores Palchewich |
| 6 – Lennie Loster | 16 – Leonard 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

The psychologists say you can cure insomnia with autosuggestion. Just lie there telling yourself, "I'm a night watchman---I'm a night watchman," and the first thing you know, you'll be sound asleep.

2009 ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET

Last year, the Knights of Columbus donated more than \$130 million to charitable and benevolent causes and 61.1 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 Brother Henry Kweens at the next General Meeting on January 13th, 2010.** You may also use the church collection basket by **(NO LATER THAN)** January 17th, 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 2009.**

1. Number of visits you made during 2009 to:

Sick ---caring for the sick/nursing homes/hospitals..... _____

Bereaved ---visits of condolence..... _____

2. Number of times you served as a blood donor during 2009..... _____

3. Estimated hours of community volunteer service during 2009:

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 2009:

Sick/disabled members and their families – household chores,
transportation, tutoring, counselling, etc..... _____