



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



ANNUAL SURVEY of FRATERNITY ACTIVITIES: Due on January 31st. Submit your completed form to Brothers Henry Kweens, Roger Blain, or Eugene Kuemper

RECRUITMENT: Let's each one of us try to talk to at least one man from the Parish and tell them about the Order and our Council. If you need any information or application forms contact our Membership Chairman, Brother Merve Krasowski.

We are planning a First Degree in February or early March. Our Council is hosting a Major Degree on March 14th

February 14, K of C BRUNCH: I would like to congratulate the knights who have been such dedicated workers. I also encourage more members to give a helping hand. "Many hands make work light."

SHROVE TUESDAY: February 16. This is our pre-Lenten Parish supper served by the Knights. We need help for this too.

STATE CURLING: February 19-21 in Prince Albert. The deadline for registrations is Feb.8th. Contact Brother Tom Pasloski or myself for information. Tom and Rose have returned from their long holiday. Let's take him back to our real world to think about curling ice instead of the warm sun, or tanning on the beaches, and surfing in waters of Hawaii.. Denis and Mary Ann Dierker are home too from the big state of Texas and are now suffering withdrawal from their grandkids. Henry and Lorraine Kweens are also home. They tell us they sure did enjoy their trip to Cuba and the many things they experienced about this country.

If there is anyone else back from a winter holiday or are planning one, let us know because we would like to hear about your adventures. Those of us wintering in Saskatchewan will just dream about these 'fun in the sun places.'

MEETINGS:

Executive Meeting: -- Feb 3rd at 7:30 pm

Regular Meeting: -- Feb 10 at 7:30 pm

ASH WEDNESDAY: This begins the great season of Lent. With ashes on our foreheads let us walk to the promise of Easter. We are encouraged to use the spiritual tools of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. The Sunday bulletin will give us the

times of weekday Masses and Stations of the Cross.

Fraternally,
Eugene Kuemper

PROGRAMMING REPORT



The bitter cold and the deep snow usually conspire to make February a slow month, but just as Lent invites us to reflect on our spiritual relationship with Jesus, perhaps we can also use the "spare time" to renew our commitment to our parish.

We would encourage every member to consider his strengths, and how he might use them to promote the Knights, the parish, and the Lord. In addition to the numerous ways the parish can use your skills, some Knights events you might consider attending are:

- 3 - Executive / Director Meeting
(General Meeting moved back to the 10th)
- 4 - Evening Bingo
- 7 - Regional Basketball Free Throw
- 10 - General Meeting
(Regional District Meeting Cancelled)
- 14 - Brunch
- 16 - Shrove Tuesday
- 22 - Evening Bingo

Please note the General Meeting has been moved back to the 10th. Also, the Regional Basketball Free Throw will be held at St.Michael's School on the 7th at 1:30. If you would like to help out, please be there a half hour beforehand. Keep safe and stay warm.

Fraternally,
Brothers Roger Blain
and Wayne Exner

The irony of life is that, by the time you're old enough to know your way around, you're not going anywhere.

STATE REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT



There will be a regional training session

CANCELLED

with our Supreme Membership and Program Coordinator Dan O'Hara

from British Columbia. He will be doing sessions on council officers and how to recruit new members. Every member of every council is both invited and urged to attend this most informative information session.

There is a reason to elect the twelve officers in your council. It is to promote growth and put forth valuable programs. Seeing the Grand Knight is the CEO of your council your next most important member is the chaplain. Remember that this is **the year of the Priest**.

Leadership MUST develop harmony. Remember that we are here to serve in the spirit of Christ.

The Deputy Grand Knight is to serve on the retention committee along with the trustees. The Chancellor oversees the admission committee. He is the welcomer of the new members. Here are some of the things the Grand Knight MUST do. The council chamber must be set up properly. The order of business must be adhered to as per the Grand Knights handouts – it does make a difference. The previous meetings' minutes must be read. And finally the financial reports must also be read.

The Lectures program can start after prayers as some guests may have time restraints. If the chaplain is busy and unable to attend then it is up to the lecture program to give the council some spiritual guidance.

The calendar of events is very important and should be considered with the family in mind.

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Every member that can from every council should attend.

There is also a major degree planned in Yorkton hosted by council 2031 on March 14th. Information will flow to you from the District Deputy for district 11. There is also a first degree planned for January also in council 2031. There are three approved degree teams in this area: one in Yorkton, one in Melville and one in Esterhazy. Information will be shared when these areas will be hosting a first degree. In most likelihood there will and can be more first degrees scheduled before the major degree in March.

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

Your humble servant,
Wayne Exner
State Regional Membership
Director

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Another month has gone by and we have not achieved our goal for membership. I am asking all Brother Knights to do their utmost to try and sign a new candidate for our council.

We were hoping for a First Degree Initiation by the end of January, but it seems like it might not happen unless things really turn around and we get a few new candidates to initiate. So Brother Knights, do your best to achieve our goal. It will make Our Council proud of the achievement and your membership chairman for the interest you have taken for your council.

Also, our District is hosting a Major Degree Exemplification, that is for the Second and Third Degrees, on March 14th in Yorkton. I would like to hear from all 1st Degree Knights to call me regarding their position on obtaining these Degrees. You can call me at 783-5672 and I will give you the information regarding this event. God Bless.

Mervin Krasowski,
Membership Chairman

Woman at employment agency: "I'll take any job that gets me out of the house. My husband retired yesterday."

SPECIAL NEEDS LUNCHEON

The Special Needs Luncheon originally scheduled for December 8th was cancelled and re-scheduled and held on January 12th.



Art says to Eugene, "This is the way to make hot-dogs!"



We're ready for SERVICE as the students come.



With the help of 15 Brother Knights and 2 wives, we served roughly 80 Special Needs Students and their teachers to hot-dogs, drinks, chips, watermelon and ice-cream. The students were glad to see their friends and teachers from other schools.

Participating schools were: Yorkton Regional High School, Yorkdale School, Dr. Brass and Columbia Schools, St. Paul", St. Mary", St. Alphonsus and St. Michaels Schools.

I would like to thank all the Knights and the wives that came out to help at this worthy project.

The students really enjoyed themselves and look forward to this treat.

Fraternally,
Larry Markham,
FAMILY DIRECTOR

BINGO



We have two bingo programs scheduled for this month, they are **Thursday, February 4th 6-10pm** and **Monday, February 22nd 6-10pm**. Mark these dates on your calendar and be available to help when called. Thanks.

Fraternally,
Wilf Maier

The District Free Throw will be held on Saturday, February 6th at St. Michael's School at 1:30pm. If you can help it would be appreciated.

Jeff Krasowski D.D. #11

FROM FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Membership---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 would be great to have all memberships for 2010 paid by December 31.

Thank you to all members who have renewed their membership for 2010.

To those members in arrears, consider this as your 2nd billing notice.

Fraternally,
Alan Flavel

God made me beautiful so you would be attracted to me;
God made me stupid so I would be attracted to you!

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 2 – Gerard Sterk | 14 – Mary Diakuw |
| 2 – John den Brok | 16 – Rose Gress |
| 4 – Ignace Palchewich | 16 – Lyle Mroczko |
| 6 – Elliot Graf | 21 – Harold Naprawa |
| 6 – Judy Bolton | 22 – Alison Lyon |
| 7 – Katherine Bolton | 25 – Paul Farbacher |
| 7 – John Malinowski | 25 – Angela Ostapovich |
| 7 – Scott Hoffort | 27 – Dr. Daniel Wassill |
| 9 – Marge Farbacher | 27 – Donna Obrigewitsch |
| 13 – Ken Olshewski | 27 – Kay Kuemper |
| 13 – Elaine Exner | 27 – Sharon Chillog |



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 – John and Susan Malinowski
- 17 – Gary and Donna Copan
- 21 – Paul and Rosemarie Ponak

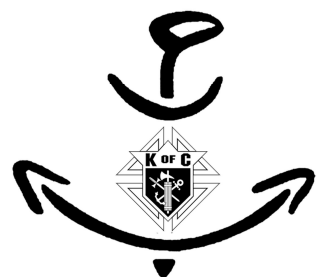
A man said to his wife one day, 'I don't know how you can be so stupid and so beautiful all at the same time.

'The wife responded, 'Allow me to explain.

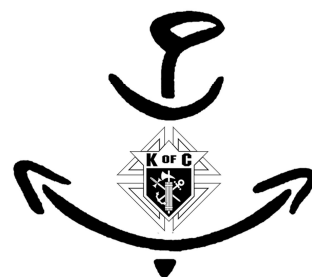
On the outskirts of a small town, there was a big, old pecan tree just inside the cemetery fence. One day, two boys filled up a bucketful of nuts and sat down by the tree, out of sight, and began dividing the nuts. "One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me," said one boy. Several dropped and rolled down toward the fence. Another boy came riding along the road on his bicycle. As he passed, he thought he heard voices from inside the cemetery. He slowed down to investigate. Sure enough, he heard, "One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me." He just knew what it was. He jumped back on his bike and rode off. Just around the bend he met an old man with a cane, hobbling along. "Come here quick," said the boy, "you won't believe what I heard! Satan and the Lord are down at the cemetery dividing up the souls." The man said, "Beat it kid, can't you see it's hard for me to walk." When the boy insisted though, the man hobbled slowly to the cemetery. Standing by the fence they heard, "One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me." The old man whispered, "Boy, you've been tellin' me the truth. Let's see if we can see the Lord."

Shaking with fear, they peered through the fence,

yet were still unable to see anything. The old man and the boy gripped the wrought iron bars of the fence tighter and tighter as they tried to get a glimpse of the Lord. At last they heard, "One for you, one for me. That's all. Now let's go get those nuts by the fence and we'll be done." They say the old man made it back to town a full 5 minutes ahead of the kid on the bike.



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