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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



First off, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

I would also like to remind everyone to keep an eye out for those in need this holiday season. Just last night a pair of young ladies showed up at my door with some story about "raising money so they could travel and do charity work." It was clear that they were running some kind of scam, but it was also clear that: 1) they had no money 2) they had no place to stay, and 3) whether it was by their own poor decisions, or by some other unfortunate circumstance of life, they felt they had no other options but to beg from strangers.

Thinking about it today, I have to admit that the whole encounter has left me a bit disturbed. When I walk into any grocery store and see all the bright decorations and shelves overflowing with food, it never occurs to me that there are families who cannot afford a simple meal. Similarly, while it seems every 3rd person I see walking down the street is "texting" from their cell phone, it is hard for me to imagine that, walking on that very same street, there are also people who are very much alone. And what is most astonishing to me, when the temperature dips to -20 or lower outside, there are STILL people living among us, in Yorkton, who have no home.

Charity is the first principle of the Knight of Columbus, and as usual, we have a full slate of events that you might consider participating in. From the singing at the care home, to volunteering for the Salvation Army Christmas Kettles, there is bound to be something you can do. Even if you cannot participate in any of the Knights events, I would like to encourage you to consider doing whatever you can to help the less fortunate.

Moving on to a happier topic, I am pleased to report that the membership blitz was a success! Not only did we welcome two new members into our fraternity, but we also have also identified a number of other gentlemen who are interested in joining with us. The blitz was a lot of work, and I

would be remiss if I didn't publicly thank Wayne, Merv, Gene and Sheldon for all their hard work on the membership committee, as well as all the members of the 1st Degree team who all did an excellent job.

Also, Fraternity is another principle of the Order, and therefore I would like to remind everyone that the Christmas Social is on the 8th of December, and everyone is encouraged to come and have a good time.

Once again, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Fratyernally,
Roger Blain

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## **CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE**



Dear Brother Knights,

There is a song in the secular world that has the words, "It's that time of year when..." The song itself says. "...when the world falls in love. Every song I hear seems to say, 'Merry Christmas'." We realize that we are also very affected by the secular world at this time of year and so we may have our own ending to that first line:

- we spend a lot of money on gifts
- we are very busy trying to get to all the functions going on
- we try to get everything done before Christmas
- we have a difficult time celebrating Advent
- we really don't like to wait
- we start to feel a lot of stress
- people get on our nerves.

You can add more as you see fit. However, as Knights of Columbus you have a rich tradition of offering an alternative to this time of year.

**Keep Christ in Christmas** has been a call from the Knights for many years. **Light for Christ** helps people to focus on what we are preparing for. You take part in the Salvation Army Red Kettle drive to help bring something to those most in need. Your Christmas party can be a time to share the promises of Advent in song and scripture and to sing of Christmas joy in the carols and hymns of the season. People all over the world love this time of year, but not necessarily for the same reason that Christians do. The Knights of Columbus can take a strong leadership role in helping their families and parish celebrate Advent season well so that a rich celebration of the Christmas season will flow from it. It is easy for us to almost miss advent altogether except for the advent wreath and purple vestments in church. Yet Advent is truly a season that has its own character and blessings. It calls us to wait in joyful anticipation, to keep watch for the coming of Christ, to be alert and ready for the fulfillment of God's promises.

The Jews waited for centuries for the Messiah to come, and did not recognize him when he came. We are called to actively wait for the four weeks of Advent, so that we will surely recognize Christ when he comes again in glory.

Have a pray-filled Advent and may your Christmas season be filled with abundant blessings from God.

Fraternally,  
Fr. Francis Hengen

## *District Deputy Report*



It is that time of the year when we must start to prepare for the birth of our Saviour. In a few weeks Christmas will be here.

Have you stopped to think how well off we are in this country we live in. We all have a custom of buying many gifts

for our friends and family. Please take time out to read your Christmas list, was Jesus on that list? If not , why not?

As Jesus said “ Whatever you do to the least of my brethren , you do it unto me”.

My thanks for your hard work and co-operation goes out to the officers and members of District #11, working together, we show our communities that we are a fraternal organization.

Christmas is preceded by Advent, a very special time of year. It is a time for personal reflections. Not only is this a good opportunity to reflect upon our many blessings, but indeed a time for us Knights to consider our commitment to The Knights of Columbus. Ask ourselves what have I done as a Knight. Christ, whose birthday we are about to celebrate, gave total commitment to all he did for us. Let us use Advent to prepare for the upcoming Christmas season by taking time to assess our commitment to The Knights of Columbus.

On behalf of my wife, Faye, our family, I wish you and your families a joyous and blessed Christmas. May Christ whose birthday we celebrate, be the center of our celebrations this season.. Keep Christ in Christmas.

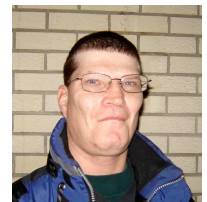
*Happy Birthday, Jesus*

Vivat Jesus!

*Dave Spelay D.D. #11*

## **PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

As the season of Advent prepares us for the birth of Jesus Christ, we as members of the Knights of Columbus, are preparing for the second half of our Columbian Year. I would



like as well to welcome our two newest members to our Knights of Columbus Family, Vivian Menezes and Peter Couture. I am sure that you will find that we are one big family who are there for you in all types of situations.

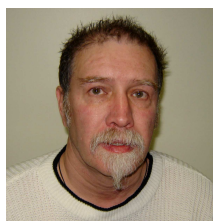
Here is the calendar of Events for the month of December:

- 1 – Combined Executive and General Meeting
- 5 – Singing at Nursing Home 2pm
- 8 – Council Christmas Social (see Wayne Exner's Report)
- 11 – Children's and Parish Christmas Party
  - Evening Bingo at PK Bingo Palace
- 24 – Christmas Eve
- 25 – Christmas Day

I would like to wish all Brother Knights and your families a Merry Christmas.

Another Humble Servant,  
Jeff Krasowski

### SOCIAL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



Christmas is fast approaching and once again it is time to share this holy time of the year with all our brother knights. We will be having our executive and general meeting on December 1st. Why you ask? Because we are having our Christmas social on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Welcome to all knights and their families and our valued widows to the social which will start hopefully with Mass at 7.00 pm.

Following will be games and cards. If someone has a musical talent also we may break into song. Make this one of your events that you choose to attend. **Please phone me if you are attending or email me also.**

Your humble servant  
Wayne Exner  
783-7380  
wex13@sasktel.net.

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Just before the funeral services, the undertaker came up to the very elderly widow and asked, 'How old was your husband?' '98,' she replied. 'Two years older than me' 'So you're 96,' the undertaker commented. She responded, 'Hardly worth going home, is it?'

NOTICE OF MOTION

There is one notice of motion on the books from the last general meeting and that is **that we make a donation to the Health Foundation of \$5,000.00.** Please attend.

FROM FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Membership:

Honorary:

Clarence Parisloff
Ed Smith
Lorne Wanner
Frank Woloschuk

Honorary Life members:

Walter Sotski
Ray Malinowski
Ted Wlock

Congratulations on your membership change.

Welcome to new members:

COUTURE, Peter-Laurie.....782-0421
#302 – 289 Fietz St..
Yorkton, SK S3N 3P6

MENEZES, Vivian.....818-0083
165 – 3rd Ave. N.
Yorkton, SK S3N 1C4

Address changes:

Tom Pasloski
158 Caldwell Dr. S3N 4A5

Gary Hryhor
815 Padget Cr. S7W 0H3

Vern Novak
P.O. Box 121
Sprinside, SK S0A 3V0
792-2034

Jeff Pflanzner
44 McFarlin Ave. S3N 2C6

Ed Slogotski
#229 – 94 Russell Dr. S3N 3W2

Supreme have indicated that they are going to automate the process of granting membership changes. This will mean that no form 100 will have to be submitted to receive a change in membership. As a result they have asked to have an accurate update of all degree dates and degrees attained by the membership.

I have asked each member to review the information I have on file and to make any corrections or confirm the information is correct, and send it back to me.

While you are returning the member profile, it would be nice if you would include your 2011 dues,

Fraternally,
Alan Flavel (Fin. Sec.)

BINGO



Our next scheduled bingo session is **Saturday, December 11th, 6-10pm.** Please try to make yourselves available when called to help.

Proceeds from one evening bingo in October are \$1,038.25 + 25% from the Government.

Fraternally,
Wilf Maier.

Twas the month before Christmas*

When all through our land,

Not a Christian was praying

Nor taking a stand.

See the PC Police had taken away,

The reason for Christmas - no one could say.

The children were told by their schools not to sing,

About Shepherds and Wise Men and Angels and things.

It might hurt people's feelings, the teachers would say

December 25th is just a 'Holiday'!

Yet the shoppers were ready with cash, checks and credit

Pushing folks down to the floor just to get it!

CDs from Madonna, an XBOX, an I-pod

*Something was changing, something quite odd! *

Retailers promoted Ramadan and Kwanzaa

In hopes to sell books by Franken & Fonda..

As Targets were hanging their trees upside down

At Lowe's the word Christmas - was no where to be found.

At K-Mart and Staples and Penny's and Sears

You won't hear the word Christmas; it won't touch your ears.

Inclusive, sensitive, Di-ver-is-ty

Are words that were used to intimidate me.

Now Daschle, Now Darden, Now Sharpton, Wolf Blitzen

On Boxer, on Rather, on Kerry, on Clinton !

At the top of the Senate, there arose such a clatter

To eliminate Jesus, in all public matter.

And we spoke not a word, as they took away our faith

Forbidden to speak of salvation and grace

The true Gift of Christmas was exchanged and discarded

The reason for the season, stopped before it started.

So as you celebrate 'Winter Break' under your 'Dream Tree'

Sipping your Starbucks, listen to me.

Choose your words carefully, choose what you say

Shout MERRY CHRISTMAS, Not Happy Holiday !

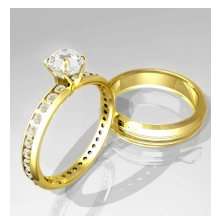
Please, all Christians join together and Wish everyone you meet during the Holidays a **BLESSED CHRISTMAS**

Christ is The Reason for the Christmas Season!



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 – Eva Schlechter	15 – Barry Fiendell
3 – Jennifer Merkl	15 – Edmund Lang
5 – Donna Copan	16 – Terry Exner
9 – Freda McCann	18 – Carol Smith
10 – Bryon Godin	24 – Gladys Blain
10 – Gladys Fiendell	24 – Evelyn Fiferowich
11 – Elizabeth Vossen	26 – Audrey Parisloff
12 – Alfred Labas	29 – Carol Deters
12 – Tom Pasloski	31 – Denis Dierker
13 – Rhonda Exner	



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

13 – Larry and Gabrielle Hamilton
21 – Wayne and Tracy Zelinsky

