



Knight Herald

Ascension Council 7991

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Grand Knight's Report

Brothers:

We Knights have been very busy clearing a few issues of concern over the past few weeks. Even though we have been able to continue with our community functions. For this I thank you all and the whole community thanks you. Remember this weekend on Saturday evening the pot luck appreciation dinner is being held in the hall after mass. It will hopefully prove to be a great evening and I look forward to seeing everyone there.

I travelled to Courtenay last month for the exemplification into the 4th degree. I was accompanied by Fred and Brenda Gorman and it was a very enjoyable day and evening. An interesting concept indeed to belong to the 4th degree the PATRIOTIC order of the knights.

Our basketball free throw event got underway on April 11 and to continue April 18. Thanks Brothers John Porier and Joe Giglioto for your leadership. If you are asked to help please do your best to do so. It is a great feeling to be a part of the program.

At the end of this Month April 27 28 29 Brother Randy Schmidt and myself will be attending the annual Convention of the B.C./Yukon Knights in Surrey. This will be reported on next month.

In closing I would like to express my appreciation to all of my Brothers for all the things you do in assisting each and everyone in what we do. Council 7991 is a great council and we find it a pleasure to serve all in our community and beyond.

Yours in Caring and Sharing
Fred Demmon GK
And GOD BLESS

Calendar of Events

Apr. 19 th	9:00 am Mass followed by 9:30 am Executive Meeting
Apr. 21 st	6:30 pm Annual Appreciation Night
May 3 rd	7:30 pm General Meeting
May 5 th	Annual Garage Sale
May 13 th	Pancake Breakfast after both Masses Team 3 Herb Rokosh
May 17 th	9:00 am Mass followed by 9:30 am Executive Meeting
May 27 th	Annual Golf Tournament
June 7 th	7:30 pm General Meeting Election of Officers
June 10 th	Pancake Breakfast after both Masses Team 1 Brendan O'Keeffe
June 13 th	6:30 Installation of Officers
June 21 st	9:00 am Mass followed by 9:30 am Executive Meeting

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - DONATE:

The ANNUAL GARAGE SALE is planned for May 5, 2007 and any working & usable items offered for this sale will be welcomed. Please set aside any items you wish to donate in support of this event and arrangements will be made for pick-up.

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Birthdays in April

Jose Deborba	April 18
Keith Mueller	April 08
Brian Mulholland	April 11
Brendan O'Keeffe	April 02
Ronald Stothers	April 06
Beniot Thibodeau	April 16

**Happy Birthday & Many
Many More**

Birthdays in May

Peter Ash	May 09
Patrick Clarke	May 28
Emile Cyr	May 04
Michael Favero	May 03
Joseph Gigliotti	May 31
Jack Goldburn	May 23
Bjorn Haagensen	May 24
Karunakaran Jainshaw	May 30
John Kelly	May 13
Raymond Lajeunesse	May 26
Gerbase Malaquies DeAmorim	May 01
Edgar Peacock	May 07
Henri Poirier	May 28
John Poirier	May 27
Emmett Urquhart	May 30



Prayers are requested for:

Brothers Eugene Sauve, Marcel Beaulac, Fred Demmon, Tony Platen, John MacLean, Greg Kelly, Art Hoffman, Stewart Mason, Gregory Canil, Jack Goldburn & Doreen Goldburn, Tony & Marita Dixon, Lynne Ash, Janet Dunn, Lonny Audette, Helen Steele, Florida Gendron & Maria Fedorak.

LET'S SUPPORT OUR TROOPS!

Participation in a Care Package Project to send items to our Troops in Afghanistan is being initiated. With the assistance of the Military Family Resource Centre at CFB COMOX we hope, with your consideration to prepare a shipment of goodies which may include such items as; Tim Horton's Gift Cards, Chewing Gum, hard candy, magazines (Golf, Hockey, Fishing, etc.) small paperback books, hand wipes, skin care products, shampoo, after shave, razors, sun bloc, CD's, disposable cameras, a letter/note 'from home' to a soldier, kids drawings, news articles, etc. Further items preferred and restrictions may be found on the following web sites. http://www.forces.gc.ca/site/Community/Messageboard/index_e.asp and <http://www.cfpsa.com/en/psp/Donations/index.asp> or, contact the Knights of Columbus, Ascension Council for more information. Let's all put our collective minds to work and see if we can make this a worthwhile venture. Items for distribution will be shipped to the Canadian Forces Roman Catholic Padre (Capt.) Y. TABAKA at Kandahar who has agreed to assist. Your donations will be gratefully accepted at the 5.30 PM Mass on May 5th, 07' and at both Masses on May 6th, 07' for shipment to our Troops.



Flag Watch:

If any member knows of anyone flying the Canadian flag, please inform Fred Gorman at 248-9664 or any 4th degree member, and they could have them presented with a "Patriotic Certificate"

The Following is an excerpt from a letter from a soldier serving in Afghanistan.

We arrived a few days ago at this huge base of almost 10,000 NATO Troops, it's hot and dusty, a strong wind leaves dust everywhere like a talcum powder coating.

NATO has turned Kandahar Airfield (KAF) into a mini garrison. It is expected to rise to around 15,000. it's home to soldiers from Can, US, UK, Norway, AUS, Netherlands, Romanian, Poland, and a few other countries with smaller contingents. Infantry and armoured soldiers at various Forward Operating Bases (FOBs) about 15 to 30 kms from here in various parts of Kandahar Province have their hands full and are constantly having to dodge bullets and bad guys. At the main base it is the occasional rocket attack launched from about 6-9 km away and pointed in our general direction. Since arriving I have experienced 3 attacks which seems to be the monthly average.

Canadian soldiers are housed in what are known as Weather Havens, semi-permanent structures housing 8 soldiers each with their own cubicle of space. However, not all of us are that lucky. Others, like myself, live in what are known as the BATs (Big A.. Tents). Three of these tents each housing about 100 troops. We make partitions using fire blankets draped over bunks, and actually have more room than in the Weather Havens but no privacy and people are always coming and going. The original use for the BATs was just transient quarters when rotations were coming and going but real estate is at a premium so they have become more permanent.

Most of us work 12-16 hours days, there is not much else to do here and there's no such thing as taking a taxi to town for dinner and a show. Recreation facilities are limited but countries have exercise rooms. We have also started up a ball hockey league and as you know, when you put a stick in the hand of a Canadian he morphs into an unstoppable machine.

Canada.

We have 'The Boardwalk', a wooden boardwalk best described as a mini shopping mall. Several companies have set up shop there, including Tim Hortons, Pizza Hut, Burger King, and some Korean restaurant that doles up servings of Kim chee, etc...Most Canadians enjoy a daily dose of Tims. Saturdays they have a local market where locals come in and try to sell some goods, mainly pirated DVDs and software and some old Russian helmets with holes in them.

The weather is now starting to get warm. Highs in the 30C and at night it cools off to 8-15C but by 6am it is in the 20C's again.

K of C ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



...The K of C Annual Golf Tournament for 2007 will be held at the Qualicum Beach Memorial Golf and Country Club on **May 27th**. This 18 Hole, Shotgun Start, Best Ball event will start at **1:00pm** sharp. **Supper** will be served at **6:00pm** at Ascension Church parish hall. The cost of **golf and supper** is **\$40**. and the cost of **supper** only is **\$15**. **Everyone** is **welcome** to participate in this fun event. Please call Mike Murphy at 752 - 6941 for further information.

What are RED FRIDAYS ?

Last week, while traveling in Canada on business, I noticed a soldier traveling with a folded flag, but did not put two-and-two together. After we boarded our flight, I turned to the soldier, who'd been invited to sit in First Class (across from me), and inquired if he was heading home.

No, he responded.

Heading out, I asked?

No. I'm escorting a soldier home.

Going to pick him up?

No. He is with me right now. He was killed in Iraq. I'm taking him home to his family.

The realization of what he had been asked to do, hit me like a punch to the gut. It was an honor for him. He told me that, although he didn't know the soldier, he had delivered the news of his passing to the soldier's family and felt as if he knew them after many conversations in so few days. I turned back to him, extended my hand, and said, Thank you. Thank you for doing what you do so my family and I can do what we do.

Upon landing in Canada the pilot stopped short of the gate and made the following announcement over the intercom.

"Ladies and gentlemen, I would like to note that we have had the honor of having Sergeant Steeley of the Canadian Armed Forces join us on this flight. He is escorting a fallen comrade back home to his family. I ask that you please remain in your seats when we open the forward door to allow Sergeant Steeley to deplane and receive his fellow soldier. We will then turn off the seat belt sign."

Without a sound, all went as requested. I noticed the Sergeant saluting the casket as it was brought off the plane, and his action made me realize that I am proud to be a Canadian. So here's a public Thank You to Our Military Men and Women for what you do so we can live the way we do.

Red Fridays

Very soon, you will see a great many people wearing RED every Friday.

The reason, Canadians who support our troops used to be called the "silent majority." We are no longer silent, and are voicing our love for God, country and home in record breaking numbers. We are not organized, boisterous or overbearing. Many Canadians, like you, me and all our friends, simply want to recognize that the vast majority of Canada supports our troops. Our idea of showing solidarity and support for our troops with dignity and respect starts this Friday -- and continues each and every Friday until the troops all come home, sending a deafening message that ... every Canadian who supports our men and women afar, will wear something RED. It could be just a small RED ribbon. By word of mouth, press, TV -- let's make Canada on every Friday a sea of RED, much like a homecoming football game in the bleachers. If every one of us who loves this country, will share this with acquaintances, co-workers, friends, and family, it will not be long before Canada is covered in RED and it will let our troops know the once "silent" majority is on their side more than ever, certainly more than the media lets on.

The first thing a soldier says when asked, "What can we do to make things better for you?" is ... "We need your support and your prayers."

Let's get the word out and lead with class and dignity, by example, and wear something RED every Friday.

**Knights of Columbus Council 7991
General Meeting, April 5, 2007**

Acting Grand Knight Bro. Fred Demmon called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. The warden reported that all 27 present were in possession of a valid membership card. An opening prayer was said.

The **roll of officers** was called and recorded as follows. (P – present, A – absent, E – excused)

Chaplain, Fr. Jozef Kobos, P	Lecturer, Bro. Sandy Fraser, P
Acting Grand Knight, Bro. Fred Demmon, P	Trustee, Bro. Emmett Urquhart, P
Acting Deputy Grand Knight, Bro. Mike Murphy, P	Trustee, Bro. John Smart, P
Acting Chancellor, Bro. Tony Antoniuk, P	Trustee, Bro. Silvere Brochez, P
Financial Secretary, Bro. David Nenzel, P	Advocate, Bro. John Poirier, P (late)
Recorder, Bro. Dale Niwa, P	Inside Guard, Bro. Mike Hanlon, P
Warden, Bro. Tony Dunn, P	Outside, Guard, Bro. Al Kennedy, P
Treasurer, Bro. Ray Misanchuk, P	Past Grand Knight, Bro. Randy Schmidt, P

The *Opening Ode* was sung, and the *Pledge of Allegiance* was recited.

Bro. Tony Antoniuk moved and Bro. Mike Murphy seconded that the **minutes** of the meeting of March 1 be adopted as presented.

Acting **Program Director** Bro. Mike Murphy called upon the following directors to report.

- **PR Director**, Bro. Dennis Belliveau reported that the Necrology Plaque is on display and will soon be updated, that the Photo Album is on display, and that he will be taking a course on reporting information to the media.
- **Charity Appeal Chairman**, Bro. Norbert Soares reported that Bro. Jim Enright has agreed to chair the Charity Appeal next year.
- **Pro-Life Chairman**, Bro. Italo Raviglione reported that he is still waiting for a reply from the Knights regarding his letter of January 28.
- **Golf Chairman**, Bro. Mike Murphy reported that the Golf Tournament is set to go for May 27. It will cost \$40 that includes a meal, or \$15 for the meal only. Invitations have been sent and there seems to be a lot of interest, however local players are needed.
- **Parish Council Liaison**, Bro. Dennis Belliveau reported that he is still working with Dorothy Engelbrecht on the possibility of a welcoming kit for newcomers; a report on the stained glass proposal will be given to the parish building committee; a part-time paid youth director may be hired next year; the parish has a surplus of \$36,184 this year; the idea of placing a defibrillator in the hall has been dropped; the expansion project is still on hold; the parish AGM will be held on April 22; that anyone interested in running for Parish Council should see him; and that he may run for a position on Parish Council.

Treasurer, Bro. Ray Misanchuk reported the following account balances as of March 31, 2007. (The full report is on file.)

- Available Cash Balance \$6919.33
- Coastal Credit Union Bond \$19,000.00
- Gaming Account \$13,767.44

Bro. Misanchuk moved and Bro. Tony Dunn seconded that the report be accepted as presented. Carried.

Financial Secretary, Bro. David Nenzel reported the following income and expenditures for the month of March 2007. (The full report is on file.)

- Total Income \$4,074.45
- Total Expenses \$3,136.94

Bro. Nenzel moved and Bro. Randy Schmidt seconded that the report be accepted as presented. Carried.

Unfinished Business:

- Bro. Gordon Johnston moved and Bro. Randy Schmidt seconded that the notice of motion to send two delegates and their wives to the annual convention be deleted because the expense is covered in the revised budget. Carried.
- The letter from Cara Schaffrick requesting financial assistance to attend John Paul II Bible School was brought up for consideration. However, the matter had been dealt with last fall.

Correspondence:

- The Acting Grand Knight has received a number of letters concerning the health of Bro. Jim Wall and his resignation as Grand Knight, and his replacement as Acting Grand Knight.
- A letter dated January 30 from Bro. Italo Raviglione was read. Bro. Raviglione's position as the *Parish Pro-Life Committee Chair* had been (mistakenly) advertised in the Knights column of the Parish Bulletin, and he was not satisfied with the response he received when he phoned the Grand Knight. Bro. Tony Antoniuk moved and Bro. Richard Quittenton seconded that Bro. Raviglione be affirmed as Pro-Life Director for the Council. Bro. Raviglione accepted, but would like a retraction to the notice placed in the Parish Bulletin of January 28.

Free-throw Competition: Bro. John Poirier announced that all schools have been invited to participate in the competition. Assistance will be needed for the competitions on April 4, 11, 18, and 21. A list of volunteers was obtained. Bro. Norbert Soares asked that a team be organized to set up the hall for Appreciation Night following the Free-throw wrap-up on April 21.

New Business:

- Bro. Stu Mason
 - Advised all men to get annual PSA tests, and thanked the Knights for their prayers during his illness.
 - Enquired about the cause of the Grand Knight's resignation: health or defamation. Advocate, Bro. John Poirier explained that the official cause of his resignation is Bro. Wall's health: his blood pressure is dangerously high, and may have been aggravated by some individuals' criticism. Bro. Poirier asked that the problem be kept between the individuals if possible. Letters of correspondence regarding the matter were handed to the Recorder.
- A letter from Chancellor, Bro. Bjorn Haajensen was read. Bro. Haajensen wishes to remain active in the Council but feels that he is unable to carry on his Chancellor's duties. Bro. Randy Schmidt moved and Bro. Mike Murphy seconded that Bro. Haajensen's resignation be accepted. Carried.
- A map of the ancient world donated by Doreen Goldburn, and formerly held by Past Grand Knight Bro. Randy Schmidt, is now being held by Fr. Jozef until a suitable location can be found to display it.

Announcements:

- An Honorary Membership was presented to Bro. Dale Niwa, and one is also available for Bro. Ron Nicholas who was absent.
- Honorary Life Memberships were presented to Bros. Emmett Urquhart and Tony Antoniuk, and are also available for Bros. Bernard Bradbury, Carol Vincent, Jack Goldburn, Brian Mulholland, John Toohey, and Al Walsh who were absent.
- The Acting Grand Knight reported that he has been exemplified into the Fourth Degree.
- Bro. David Nenzel moved and Bro. John Smart seconded that since there has not been an opportunity to review the convention resolutions, convention delegates be asked to vote in conscience. Carried.
- Bro. Randy Schmidt suggested that the twenty-fifth anniversary of the granting of our Council's Charter be celebrated at the Appreciation Night on April 21.
- There was a call for donations for the Garage Sale on May 5.
- Bro. Silvere Brochez asked that members consider making donations of goods to our troops in Afghanistan. Items delivered to Comox will be transported to the troops. Anyone interested should contact Bro. Brochez. He provided a list of suggested items. Letters of encouragement are also suggested.
- Bro. Italo Raviglione asked that efforts be made to make the Knights visible in the church and in the community.
- Bro. Sandy Fraser announced that there would be a churchyard clean up this Saturday from 9:00 – 11:00 am.
- Bro. Ray Misanchuk reported that there are 46 Lifestyle books for sale at \$16 each – Council will get \$3.50 from each sale.
- Bro. Randy Schmidt announced that he, Bro. Dennis Belliveau and Bro. David Nenzel will make up the nominating committee for this year, and that they would like to have two candidates for each position, if possible. He also thanked Bro. Fred Demmon for taking over the duties of the Grand Knight.
- Fr. Jozef announced that the Holy Week services begin tonight.

The *Closing Ode* was sung, a closing prayer was said for those in need, and the meeting was adjourned. Bro. Bob Primeau won the 50/50 draw.

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