



Knights Herald

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Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights

Our last meeting was well attended and enjoyed by all, your participation was much appreciated.

April is important because it gives me a chance to present awards and issue certificates to those Brothers whose extra efforts will be recognized by all. A huge Thank You for all the work which is really appreciated by myself and others. Please attend our Appreciation Dinner a Pot Luck affair on April 19th. The Knight of the year and Family of the Year Awards will be presented at this most prestigious function.

Our Council supported the purchase of 25 bibles for our youth. Twenty-two(22) community organizations currently receive funds from our Council. As usual, other funds were sought at the meeting and further consideration for a request was turned over to the Executive for more study. This will also be discussed at the May 1st Regular meeting. Brother Randy Schmidt and myself will be attending the State Convention at Surrey on April 25/27th and we will have a report on this function for the May 1st meeting.

Please remember the Garage Sale on May 17th, the Golf Tournament on May 25th and the selection of officers and the meeting on June 5th. This will be followed by the installation of officers for our Council 7991 on June 14th, 2008' . .

**MAY GOD BLESS AND KEEP YOU
YOURS IN CARING AND SHARING
Bro. Fred Demmon GK**

Calendar of Events

May 1 st	7:00 pm Rosary 7:30 pm General Meeting
May 11 th	Pancake Breakfast after both Masses Team 3 Jim Wall
May 15 th	7:30 pm Executive Meeting
May 17 th	Garage Sale
May 25 th	Annual Golf Tournament
Jun 5 th	Election of Officers KofC
Jun 14 th	Installation of Officers followed by Wine & Cheese
Jun 19 th	7:30 pm Executive Meeting
Jun 22 nd	CWL Social / KofC assisting
Jul 20 th	Christmas in July
Oct 18 th	Oktoberfest

**1st Degree Exemplification will be held at
Campbell River on Tuesday May 6th**

**March for Life scheduled for May 8th at
Victoria, B.C.**

Memorial Mass Schedule:

Lonny Audette
Sat. Apr. 26th - 5:00pm

News Bulletin:

The Vatican reports that Pope Benedict XVI set Rv. Michael J McGivney, a Parish Priest and Founder of the Knights of Columbus on the path to possible beatification and sainthood.

Birthdays in April

Brian Brilling	April 29
Jose Deborba	April 18
Andrew DeGroot	April 21
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
Bjorn Haagensen	May 24
Peter L Horsfield	May 02
Karunakaran Jainshaw	May 30
John Kelly	May 13
Raymond Lajeunesse	May 26
Gerbase Malaquies De Amorim	May 01
Edgar Peacock	May 07
Henri Poirier	May 28
John Poirier	May 27
Emmett Urquhart	May 30

**Prayers are requested for:**

Brothers Marcel Beulac, Tony Platen, John MacLean, Greg Kelly, Gregory Canil, Tony & Marita Dixon, Janet Dunn, Helen Steele, Florida Gendron, Doreen Goldburn, & Maria Fedorak.

Pro Life B.C. and Comox Valley Pro Life Society will co-sponsor a provincial Conference from April 24 - 26th at the Best Western Hotel, Courtenay, B.C. Bishop R. Gagnon is among the speakers along with Father T.J Euteneuer, Pres. Human Life International and Stephen Mosher, Pres. of Population Research Institute.

The March 31, 08 issue of 'The BC Catholic' carried an article by Paul Schratz concerning the Kevin Annett story and questions raised in the Nanaimo Daily News by Paul Walton. Annett is a former BC United Church minister who has been accusing the Catholic, Anglican and United Churches of a massive cover-up with some unfortunate rethoric, applying terms of genocide and holocaust to the residential school experience. The article states that Annett and his group disrupted Palm Sunday Mass at Holy Rosary Cathedral and promised to occupy other churches on Easter Sunday. The archbishop prepared a letter to parishioners advising them what to do should their Masses be disrupted. Check www.rcav.org for further information.

A cloudy day is no match for a sunny disposition

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"



Mary had a little lamb,
 His fleece was white as snow.
 And everywhere that Mary went,
 The Lamb was sure to go.
 He followed her to school each day,
 Twasn't even in the rule.
 He made the children laugh and play.
 To have a Lamb at school.
 And then the rules all changed one day,
 Illegal it became;
 To bring the Lamb of God to school.
 Or even speak his Name.
 Everyday got worse and worse,
 And days turned into years.
 Instead of hearing children laugh,
 We heard gun shots and tears.
 What must we do to stop the crime,
 That's in our schools today?
 Let's let the Lamb come back to school,
 And teach our kids to pray!

WHO ARE THESE KNIGHTS -

Brother Michael Hanlon, born in Vancouver and raised in the Lower Mainland. When Michael was five yrs old his father died in a work related incident. Along with brothers John and Brian, Michael was raised by his mother and an Aunt and some guidance from three Evangelical Christian neighbours.

Br. Mike joined the Canadian Navy serving for five years on various ships on duty in the Pacific region. He then worked at Ocean Falls before joining MacMillan Bloedel at Powell River where he met his first wife to be. While engaged to Kitty he took instructions and became a Catholic in 65', joining the Knights in 66'. Kitty and Mike had four children and were busy raising their family and being active in the community.

In 1986, tragedy struck when their eldest daughter returning from a visit to Scotland passed away while travelling from Vancouver to Powell River. This was a severe blow to the family and Br. Mike became involved with Employee Family Assistance Program EFAP as an organizer and Board member until moving to Parksville in 2004.

In 1987, Kitty suffered a massive stroke which left her confined to a wheelchair. In 1988, their son Sean, travelled to Sri Lanka with the Canadian World Youth to help the underprivileged. It is believed Sean may have picked up a virus in Sri Lanka and upon his return home and while working with the Sisters of the Atonement in Vancouver he fell ill and died in 1989. This loss severely affected Kitty who suffering another stroke and deceased in 1991 at age 48.

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Br. Mike strongly feels that prayers by family, friends, the Church, Brother Knights and EFAP helped him survive and to see that God has a plan and wanted him to keep living and providing for his two young adult children. With encouragement from his son and daughter, Br. Mike and Tina a widow, who had been a lifetime friend of Kitty become closer and married in 1994. As Mike's children said, he and Tina happened to attend the same Sunday Mass so it was only natural they would go for coffee or breakfast afterward. Mike and Tina combined their families into one great unit with four daughters, one son and seven grandchildren.

Br. Mike and Tina have obviously enjoyed life on this Island in the Pacific and have contributed a great deal to the Knights and the CWL which has provided them with a fullfilling life. Br. Mike feels very strongly the Holy Spirit is guiding them and that they are where God wants them to be at this time.

Subject: Massachusetts Gay Marriage Law Forces Closure of Adoption Agency at Catholic Charities of Boston

For 103 years, Catholic Charities of Boston ran one of the most widely-respected and leading private adoption agencies in the state. That all changed after MA became the first state in the country to recognize same-sex marriage officially.

Archbishop Sean O'Malley and leaders of Catholic Charities of Boston announced that the agency would end its adoption work, deciding to abandon its founding mission rather than comply with state law requiring that gays be allowed to adopt children.

The diocesan-run adoption agency is required to have a state license in order to provide adoption services, but they could not keep the license if they practiced any kind of discrimination. Now the Catholic Charities' moral view against gay marriage, which meant they would not place children with gay couples, has legally become a form of marriage discrimination.

Rather than abandon their moral compass, the diocese decided to get out of the adoption business altogether. In the end, nobody won - not the diocese or Catholic Charities, not the gay supporters who wanted to force the agency to place children with gay couples - and certainly not the many children who would have been placed in homes had the agency not been forced to shut down.

This quote from Niger Innis, Spokesman for the Congress of Racial Equality (one of the oldest and largest civil rights organizations in the U.S.) says it all:

"The anti-marriage movement has shrewdly disguised its campaign with civil rights rhetoric, but it's time to take off the mask. Destroying marriage is indeed a civil rights issue: it robs the rights of the majority of Americans who know marriage is between a man and a woman. Orphans have rights, children have rights and parents have rights. Gays and lesbians are free to live as they choose, but they don't have a right to re-define marriage for our entire society!"

God Himself does not propose to judge a man until he is dead. So, why should You?

Don't put a question mark where God put a period.

Don't wait for 6 strong men to take you to church.

God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.

**Knights of Columbus Council 7991
General Meeting, April 3, 2008**

Grand Knight Bro. Fred Demmon **called the meeting to order** at 7:40 pm, following 7:00 mass. An *opening prayer* was said, the *Pledge of Allegiance* was recited, and the *Opening Ode* was sung. Thirty-two members were present.

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

Chaplain, Fr. Jozef Kobos, P	Lecturer, Bro. Sandy Fraser, E
Grand Knight, Bro. Fred Demmon, P	One Year Trustee, Bro. Emmett Urquhart, P
Deputy Grand Knight, Bro. Mike Murphy, P	Two Year Trustee, Bro. Silvere Brochez, P
Chancellor, Bro. Jim Wall, P	Three Year Trustee, Bro. Tony Antoniuk, P
Financial Secretary, Bro. David Nenzel, P	Advocate, Bro. John Poirier, P
Recorder, Bro. Dale Niwa, P	Inside Guard, Bro. Mike Hanlon, P
Warden, Bro. Tony Dunn, E	Outside Guard, Bro. Al Kennedy, P
Treasurer, Bro. Ray Misanchuk, E	Past Grand Knight, Bro. Jim Wall, P

Brother Mike Murphy moved and Brother Dennis Poirier seconded that the **minutes** of the meeting of March 6 be accepted as presented. Carried.

Financial Secretary, Brother David Nenzel reported the following income and expenditures for the month of March 2008. (The full report is on file.)

- Total Income \$4,121.22
- Total Expenses \$2,321.39

Brother Nenzel moved and Brother Jim Wall seconded that the report be accepted as presented. Carried.

The Grand Knight welcomed District Deputy Brother Rick Graebner.

Brother David Nenzel for **Treasurer** Brother Ray Misanchuk reported the following balances as of March 31, 2008. (The full report is on file.)

- Available cash \$6,216.56
- Credit Union Bonds \$24,676.71
- Gaming Account \$15,584.76

Brother Nenzel moved and Brother Sil Brochez seconded that the report be accepted as presented. Carried.

Brother Tony Antoniuk moved that a three-year supply of ***Kid's Quest Study Bibles*** be purchased at a cost not to exceed \$750. Notice of motion had been given at the March 6 meeting. Seconded by Brother Ed Peacock. Carried.

Correspondence:

- An e-mail suggesting that another package be prepared for the troops in Kandahar, and a link to the newsletter ***Military Knights in Action***.
- From Supreme, a reminder to have **dues** paid before the State Council meeting.
- From Dr. Biggs Council, an invitation to celebrate their **fiftieth anniversary** on September 27.
- From the Faithful Navigator of the **Fourth Degree**, a letter expressing disappointment regarding the lack of action within the assembly.
- From **Wheels for Wellness**, a request for funding. A suggestion that we make a donation of \$500 was referred to the executive for further consideration.

Program Director, Brother Mike Murphy called upon the following committee chairmen to report:

- **Parish Council Liaison**, Brother Dennis Belliveau reported that;
 - a motion was passed at Parish Council to prevent further discussion of the cessation of the use of **gaming money** by the parish and parish groups until such time as the Bishop makes a statement regarding this matter.
 - nominations are open for **new members** are needed for Parish Council.

- **Membership Chairman**, Brother Al Walsh introduced new First Degree member Brother James Proctor.
- **Charity Appeal Chairman**, Brother Jim Enright accepted chairmanship for next year.
- **Pancake Breakfast Chairman**, Brother Brendan O'Keeffe reported that Brother Norbert Soares' team would be handling the breakfast this month.
- **Pro-Life Chairman**, Brother Italo Raviglione reported that there would be a Testimonial Dinner this fall, and reminded council of the *March for Life* in Victoria on May 8.
- **Golf Chairman**, Brother Mike Murphy announced that tickets for the Golf Tournament are now available and that invitations to other councils would be sent out next week. He needs volunteers to solicit for prizes.
- **Nominations Committee Chairman**, Brother Gordon Johnston reported that a full slate and possibly some run-off elections are expected.

Other Business

- Brother John Poirier requested some **clarification** regarding the benefits of the use of gaming money by the parish. The letter to Parish Council from treasurer Dave Walter was read.
- The Grand Knight and Brother Italo Raviglione reported on the excellent presentation regarding pro-life given by **Archbishop Exner**. Brother Jim Wall also attended the presentation in Victoria.
- Brother Tom Cunniffe reported that he would soon be meeting with the Grand Knight to arrange a viewing of the video on **human trafficking**.
- Some information regarding the **World Day for Vocations** on April 13 was passed on to Fr. Jozef.
- The Grand Knight thanked Fr. Jozef for the **mass** this evening, and Knights for attending.
- Brother Les Bodi would like some information on how the **Garage Sale** is run. Some former chairmen will assist him. Brother John Mentanko has a storage shed that can be used to store items. It will cost about \$200 to have it moved.

District Deputy, Brother Rick Graebner expressed greetings; announced that the movie *Bella* will be released this week; encouraged participation in the *March for Life* on May 8; reported that the latest edition of the *BC Knight* is hot off the press; reported that State scholarships are now available to all Catholic second year students; reminded council that quarterly reports are due on April 15; suggested opposition to Sam Sullivan's proposal that brothels be set up across the province (There is some doubt as to the authenticity of this proposal.); announced that there would be a Fourth Degree exemplification in Duncan on May 24, a Major Degrees initiation in Victoria on May 25 and one in Campbell River on November 8; encouraged proposers to keep in touch with new members and to keep them active; and that he would be available next week to help practice a First Degree team. He presented a *Certificate of Appreciation* to the Grand Knight in recognition of our council's Free-Throw competition.

Under the **Good of the Order**, prayers were requested for Janet Dunn and Brother Tony, Brother Sandy Fraser, Brother Eyman Lawson (deceased), and Brother Bjorn Haajensen.

Fr. Jozef Kobos gave a brief report. He will be meeting with the Bishop next week.

The District Deputy presented an **Honorary Life Membership** to Brother Gerald Taylor.

Announcements/Reminders:

- April 19 – Appreciation dinner and awards. Potluck. Brother Jim Wall.
- April 25 – 27 – Annual Convention. Brothers Jim Wall and Fred Demmon.
- May 17 – Garage Sale. Brother Les Bodi.
- May 25 – Golf Tournament. Brother Mike Murphy.
- June 5 – Election of Officers. Brother Gordon Johnston.
- June 14 – Installation of Officers, Wine and Cheese.
- June 22 – CWL 70th Anniversary Celebration.
- July 20 – Christmas in July.

The *Closing Ode* was sung, a closing prayer was said, and the meeting was adjourned.

Brother Al Kennedy won the 50/50 draw.