



# Knights Herald

## Ascension Council 7991

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## Grand Knights Report

Worthy Brothers,

It has been a pleasure to see the participation of the Knights over the last month. Our Brother Knights have been involved in a wide range of activities during the period of Lent. It is truly gratifying.

I wish to thank Br. B. O'Keeffe, Coordinator of the Pancake Breakfast teams and all the work that entails. I wish to thank Br. R. Schmidt for taking on the role of Coordinator of the Funeral teams. He is in the process of re-organizing the various teams involved. The Knights will now become the source of pall bearers for the parish, for members of the KofC and also, where requested by families in the Parish. Br. Randy will be seeking more volunteers and I would urge your participation.

Our Annual Garage Sale will be held on May 9th. Br. L. Bodi is co-ordinating this event, and please call him if you wish to help, and if you wish to donate items to be picked up. Please call Br. J. Enright who is assisting Br. Les with this event.

Congratulations to Br. G. Taylor for his appointment as Chairperson of the Ascension Pro-Life Committee. One of Gerald's responsibilities is to help organize the March for Life in Victoria on May 14. Please call Br. Gerald if you wish to take part in this march.

The Nominating Committee made up of Brothers F. Demmon, T. Antoniuk and S. Brochez, is soliciting members for positions within our Council. There is a need to involve new officers in the Council and I would urge you to consider putting your name forward for election.

Br. G. Taylor is seeking members for a KofC Choir. I don't think we have had one to date in this Parish, but I think it is something we should try.

I belonged to a Choir in Regina, and I couldn't carry a tune in a basket, so don't worry about whether you can sing or not, just come out for the fun of it. So again, thanks for everyone's involvement.

It is a pleasure being part of the team when we have the participation that I am seeing in the Council.

Fraternally

*Br. Dennis Belliveau*

Grand Knight / Council 7991

## Calendar of Events

Apr 24 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Convention
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm Rosary 7:30 pm General Meeting
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Garage Sale
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Pancake Breakfast after both Masses
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	March for Life
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	9:00 am Mass 9:30 am Executive Meeting
June 4 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm General Meeting ~ Elections
June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Installation of Officers
June 14 <sup>th</sup>	Pancake Breakfast after both Masses
June 18 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am Mass 9:30 am Executive Meeting

### Special Events:

May 1st, Charity Golf Tourney at Duncan, in support of vocations. Cost \$100.00 pp includes a round of golf, power cart and Dinner. call Br. M. Thorpe (250)746-4378 for nfo. Participants will receive a \$50.00 tax receipt.

March for Life scheduled for May 14th at Victoria, Br. G. Taylor may be contacted at (250)752-8179 for further information.

**Birthdays in April**

Brian Brillling	Apr 29
Jose Deborba	Apr 18
Andrew DeGroot	Apr 21
Keith Mueller	Apr 08
Brian Mulholland	Apr 11
Brendan O'Keeffe	Apr 02
Ronald Stothers	Apr 06
Beniot Thibodeau	Apr 16

**Happy Birthday &  
Many Many More**

**Birthdays in May**

Peter Ash	May 09
Patrick Clarke	May 28
Richard Cloutier	May 21
Emile Cyr	May 04
Bjorn Haagensen	May 24
Peter L Horsfield	May 02
Karunakaran Jainshaw	May 30
John Kelly	May 13
Raymond Lajeunesse	May 26
Gerbase 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 Beaulac, Fred Demmon, Fred Gorman, Richard Quittenton, Emmett Urquhart

**Council 7991**

We would encourage all Brothers to peruse the weekly Church Bulletin and minutes of the General Meeting for upcoming events involving the Council.

Brother G. Taylor wishes to advise of the National March for Life scheduled to take place in Ottawa. on 13 to 15 May, 09. Candles for this event are available at \$2.00 per and Br. Taylor has the necessary forms to be completed.

Building Renovations; The long delayed project is still proceeding.

Brother G. Taylor has so far, received a good response to his plan to form a KofC Council 7991 choir. Anyone interested is encouraged to contact Br. Gerry directly at Tel. (250) 752-8179 or via e.mail at bosun09@telus.net

**KofC Bulletin**

Bravo! to the Comox/Courtenay Parish where plans to renovate their Church inspired a most generous Fund collection through donations and pledges surpassing \$1.2 million in the last 6 months. They are now prepared to proceed to the architectural planning stage.

KofC Volunteerism - Figures for the past decade reveal the Knights have donated \$1.28 Billion to charity and provided 612 million hours of volunteer services in support of charitable causes.

**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"

World Scene;

Catholic Relief Services; as part of the Caritas network, the CRS has received donations from Caritas in the USA for earthquake victims in Italy where, as of April 4th 09' approx. 250 people had died, 1000 injured and approx. 17,000 left homeless.

Vatican City, (CNS)

Barbara Frale, a researcher at the Vatican Secret Archives said documents reveal the Shroud of Turin may have been secretly kept by the Knights Templar during the 13th-14th centuries. Writing in the L'Osservatore Romano, Frale refers to documents at a 14th Cent. trial of the Templars recounting a leader guiding a young initiate into a hidden room showing "them the cloth and ordering him to worship at kissing the feet 3 times".

Wash. (CNS)

It is estimated in the USA, that as many as 150,000 new or returning Catholics are expected to join the Catholic Church. Figures show growth in the church in places like Georgia.

BBC NEWS

'Revival of Religion' - an interesting interview by Matt Frei with John Micklethwait, author of "God is Back". The author states the world is witnessing a surge in religious belief not a decline and more of a polarization. Belief has been stronger since the 70's with the USA still claiming to be 75% Christian.

\*A recent 'Newsweek' article claimed Christianity is in decline.

\*China will become the largest Christian country.

\*The current economic crisis will affect revival of belief.

-Breakaway Anglican church backed' - (BBC.News) A breakaway faction of the Anglican Church in the US and Canada has been recognized by primates from a new coalition of traditionalist clergy. The Global Anglican Future Conference (Gafcon) council gave the Anglican Church in N. America (Anca) its backing at a meeting in London. Traditionalists set up the new church last year in protest of the American Church's liberal view on homosexuality. Lambeth Palace and the Anglican Communion declined to comment.

Headline Bistro.news;

April 16/09', Toronto(RNS); More teenagers in Canada identify themselves as Muslim than with the Anglican, Baptist and United Churches combined, according to a recent survey. Project Kids Canada, has tracked thousands of youth in an ongoing survey since 1984, will publish its findings in a book to be released in April. The survey polled more than 5,500 teenagers, notes Project Kids director and sociologist Reginald Bibby of the Univ. of Lethbridge. Bibby claims the upswing in Islam, plus three other major non-Western religions is largely due to immigration. The research showed the number of teens who identified themselves as members of 'other faiths' ( includ. Islam, Buddhism, Judaism, Hinduism, Sikhism and aboriginal spirituality) grew to 15% last year, compared with 3% in 84'. Muslims accounted for 5% of that group. While exactly half of teens in 84' identified themselves as Roman Catholic, that number fell to 32 % in 08'. During that same period, young people who reported being members of the United Church of Canada dropped to just 1% in 08' compared to 10% in 84'. The Anglican Church of Cdn. saw a 2% in 08' compared with 8% in 84'.

KofC.org Fathers For Good, April 15th

The Commander of the US Navy ship that rescued Capt. Richard Phillips from the Somali pirates has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for more than 20 years.

Wash. (CNS) April 17th;

US Capt Richard Phillips who was held by Somali pirates recently was to be welcomed home by his parishioners at the St. Thomas Church in Underhill Centre, Vermont where he and his wife, Andrea regularly attend Mass. The Pastor, Fr. Charles R. Danielson, had asked everyone to pray for Capt. Phillips' safe return.

CNS April 17th;

Canadian Aboriginal leaders were scheduled to meet with Pope Benedict XVI at the Vatican on April 29th.

**"We Make War That We May Live in Peace" Aristotle.**

LONDON, (CNS);

Father Basil Clark, Dean of West Lothian was not surprised at the reaction of judges at "Britain's Got Talent" show. Fr. Clark has heard Susan BOYLE, the latest singing discovery, on the Annual Legion of Mary pilgrimage to the Marian Shrine in Knock, Ireland. Note; Ms. BOYLE, has apparently seen much personal difficulty in her life but became an instant success when she began to sing on the talent show.

HeadlineBistro News scans; Week of 13th to 18th April.

Much ado when President Obama delivered a speech at the Georgetown University where a monogram, a symbol for the name Jesus was covered up in order to accommodate a backdrop of American flags. The White House denies making any specific request to cover up the gold monogram 'IHS'.

Interesting book review by W. Grady, Toronto (G&M) on John Geiger's book (The Third Man Factor). It makes mention of T.S. Eliot's 1922 poem 'The Third Man' from 'The Waste Land'

'Who is the third who walks always beside you?  
When I count there are only you and I together.  
But when I look ahead up the white road  
There is always another one walking beside you  
Gliding wrapt in a brown mantle, hooded  
I do not know whether a man or a woman  
-But who is that on the other side of you'

The review speaks of Ernest Shackleton's book following his legendary trek across Antarctica, who said, 'there is much that can never be told'. In later writings, Shackleton referred to the uncanny sense he had experienced during his struggles that "during that long and racking march of thirty-six hours over the unnamed mountains and glaciers of S. Georgia, it seemed to me often that we were four, not three." The phenomenon quickly took on a name; 'the Third Man' factor. Although Geiger dismisses the religious explanation, that the visitant is some angelic figure that has swooped down to save a particularly careless or unlucky victim from certain death. He does, however, note that in a 1993 survey, 69 per cent of Americans 'accepted angels as fact' and quotes William James who in 'The Varieties of Religious Experience' placed such encounters "squarely in the realm of religious, if not specifically angelic, experience". No doubt arguments between psychologists and neurologists will continue on this issue.

NEWS FROM ELSEWHERE (KOFK)

What's happening at Council 7432, St. Bonaventure, SE Calgary. The Council was planning to hold a 'Ladies Appreciation' night during the week-end of 18/19th April, a yearly event. This is a catered banquet, musical entertainment and a Play (Usually of a comical nature) performed by the Knights. Each year the Council holds a large garage sale as a fund raiser. They also hold Pancake breakfasts on pre-arranged Sundays. The Okotoks Council buys boxes of Okanagan apples each year which are then sold after masses outside the various churches throughout the city to raise funds for their various projects.

*May God bless you today,  
And keep you all year through.  
May God give you all the faith it takes,  
To make your dreams come true.  
May His love and wisdom always help,  
To guide you on your way.  
May his light shine down upon you now,  
To bless you every day!*

Author U/K

## Knights of Columbus Council 7991 General Meeting, April 2, 2009

In the absence of the Grand Knight, Past Grand Knight Brother Fred Demmon **called the meeting to order** at 7:35 pm. He extended a welcome to District Deputy Brother Rick Graebner and to Brother Jose Deborba. An *opening prayer* was said, *the Pledge of Allegiance* was recited, and the *Opening Ode* was sung. Approximately 27 members were present.

Brother Tony Antoniuk moved and Brother Sil Brochez seconded that the **minutes** of the meeting of March 5 be adopted as presented. Carried.

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

Cash Available	\$3,641.33
Credit Union Bonds	\$25,175.07
Gaming Account	\$8,931.39

Brother Misanchuk moved and Brother Tony Antoniuk seconded that the report be accepted as presented. Carried.

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

Total Income	\$5,889.19
Total Expenses	\$5,777.73

Brother Nenzel moved and Brother Brendan O'Keeffe seconded that the report be accepted as presented. Carried.

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

Chaplain, Fr. Jozef Kobos, E	Lecturer, Bro. Sandy Fraser, E
Grand Knight, Bro. Dennis Belliveau, E	Trustee for One Year, Bro. Silvere Brochez, P
Deputy Grand Knight, Bro. Peter Horsfield, E	Trustee for Two Years, Bro. Tony Antoniuk, P
Chancellor, Bro. Tony Dunn, P	Trustee for Three Years, Bro. Randy Schmidt, P
Financial Secretary, Bro. David Nenzel, P	Advocate, Bro. John Poirier, E
Recorder, Bro. Dale Niwa, P	Inside Guard, Bro. Mike Hanlon, P
Warden, Bro. Jim Wall, P	Outside Guard, Bro. Jim Enright, E
Treasurer, Bro. Ray Misanchuk, P	Past Grand Knight, Bro. Fred Demmon, P

The **chairmanship** of the meeting was passed over to Brother Randy Schmidt. He had been asked by the Grand Knight to chair the meeting, but was late due to an operation required by his wife and it took longer than expected.

**Program Director**, Brother Jim Wall called upon the following chairmen to report.

- **Pancake Breakfast Chairman**, Brother Brendan O'Keeffe reported that Brother Peter Horsfield's team, not Brother Jim Wall's, handled the March breakfast; Brother Wall's team will handle the April breakfast. It was agreed to postpone the April breakfast to the third Sunday, to avoid having the breakfast on Easter Sunday.
- **Pro-Life Liaison**, Brother Italo Raviglione reported that Brother Gerry Taylor was the new chairman of the Parish Pro-Life Committee, that a *Mass for Life* was held on March 25, that the *Stations of the Cross* will be organized by Pro-Life and RCIA on April 3 at 7:00 pm, and the *March for Life* will be held at the Provincial Legislature on March 14. A bus may be travelling from the north end of the Island to Victoria for the *March for Life*.
- Brother Gerry Taylor reported that the organization of the **K of C Choir** is progressing quite well but he still could use more members.
- **Funerals Director**, Brother Brendan O'Keeffe reported that there were two funerals in the last month requiring three men each. Brother Randy Schmidt has agreed to take over the funeral directorship.
- **Building Committee Chairman**, Brother Gordon Johnston reported that the Diocese has given the go ahead for updating the plans and get cost estimates. There is an excess of 60% of the total cost for phase one in the MIC fund and the Diocese will pick up the mortgage for the rest. There was a suggestion that an earlier plan should be reconsidered, and/or that both phases one and two should be undertaken at this time. The consensus seemed to be that the contention should be discussed and considered at the building committee level.
- **Membership Chairman**, Brother Al Walsh reported that one candidate is ready for initiation, and another may be interested. We need five more members, three of which must be insurance members, to qualify for a Star Council Award.
- **Garage Sale Chairman**, Brother Les Bodi reported that help would be needed for the garage sale on May 9. Those who have things to donate should contact himself or Brother Jim Enright.

Brother Rod Morrison has donated a **TV to Sr. Bettie**.

A **Nominating Committee** consisting of Past Grand Knight Brother Fred Demmon and two others of his choosing was formed.

**District Deputy**, Brother Rick Graebner expressed greetings, reported that he finds our council exciting, active and lively, that he has a new computer and should be able to now keep in better touch, that reports for State awards should be sent in, that Quarterly Reports are due on April 15, and that there will be a Major Degrees Initiation in Victoria this weekend. He encouraged attendance at the *March for Life* on March 14, is encouraged by the research into adult as opposed to embryo stem cell therapy, congratulated our council on the successful *Free-Throw Competition*, suggested that proposers should be responsible for contacting possible suspension candidates, and that new members should be encouraged to get involved in council activities.

Under the **Good of the Order** prayers were recommended for Brothers Fred Gorman and Jim Enright, and for Bernie Schmidt. A prayer was said.

A **closing prayer** was said, and the *Closing Ode* was sung, Brother Terry Receveur won the **50/50 draw**, and the meeting was **adjourned**.

The Lighter Side.

A man is recovering from surgery when the Surgical Nurse appears and ask him how he is feeling.

"I'm O.K., but I didn't like the four letter-words the doctor used in surgery" he answered.

"What did he say," asked the nurse.

"Oops!"

The graveside service just barely finished, when there was massive claps of thunder, followed by a tremendous bolt of lightning, accompanied by even more thunder rumbling in the distance.

The little old man looked at the pastor and calmly said.

"Well, she's There."

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk.

"Only the Ten Commandments." answered the lady.

A Minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump. "Reverend" said the young man, "I'm so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip." The minister chuckled,

"I know what you mean. It's the same in my business".

Give me a sense of humour, Lord. Give me the grace to see a joke, To get some humour out of life, And pass it on to other folk!