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Grand Knight's Report

Fellow Knights;

It is that time again to put pen to paper and thank everyone for your efforts over the past six months. Also, and very important, let us all remember this is time of year to celebrate the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. A time to remember all those near and dear, those in distant places and absent family and friends. Let's sing with Joy the carols and messages in cards. Praise the Lord.

Due to pressure elsewhere, the Knights Christmas Dinner will now be held sometime in mid-January and will be our first festive gathering for 08'.

It has been a pleasure to see so many Knights work so hard during the last few months. We have been busy and look forward to accomplishing more in the next six months. We still need to fill some committee vacancies and we look forward to improve attendance at our meetings. We would welcome any suggestions and new ideas and encourage anyone to come forward. The Executive seeks direction from the membership.

Thank You to those who helped Bro. Sandy with the church decorations and lights. We aim to keep Christ in Christmas.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

**May God Bless and Keep You
Yours in Caring and Sharing
Bro. Fred Demmon GK**

Calendar of Events

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| Jan 3 rd | 7:00 pm Rosary 7:30 pm General Meeting |
| Jan 13 th | Pancake Breakfast after both Masses Team 2 Norbert Soares |
| Jan 17 th | 7:30 pm Executive Meeting |
| Feb 7 th | 7:00 pm Rosary 7:30 pm General Meeting |
| Feb 10 th | Pancake Breakfast after both Masses Team 3 Herb Rokosh |
| Feb 21 st | 7:30 pm Executive Meeting |
| Mar 15 th | 6:30 pm Irish Night |
| Mar 25 th | Day of the Unborn |
| Apr 19 th | 6:30 pm Appreciation Night |
| May 10 th | K of C Garage Sale |
| May 25 th | Annual Golf Tournament |
| Jun 12 th | Installation of Officers followed by Wine & Cheese |
| Jul 20 th | Christmas in July |
| Oct 18 th | Oktoberfest |

Memorial Mass Schedule:

Joesph Gigliotti

Sun. Dec. 16th - 8:30am
Sun. Dec. 23rd - 10:30am
Thur. Jan. 17th - 9:00am
Sat. Feb. 23rd - 5:00pm

Eugene Sauve

Sun. Feb. 3rd - 10:30am
Sun. Feb. 17th - 10:30am
Sat. Mar. 1st - 5:00pm
Sun. Mar. 9th - 8:30am
Sat. Mar. 22nd - 5:00pm

Lonny Audette

Fri. Feb. 22nd - 9:00am
Tue, Mar. 4th - 7:00pm
Thur. Mar 27th - 9:00am

Wed. Apr. 16th - 9:00am
Sat. Apr. 26th - 5:00pm

Birthdays in December

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| Bernard Bradbury | December 28 |
| Vincent Carroll | December 02 |
| James McGiven | December 25 |

Birthdays in January

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| Gerorge Despins | January 01 |
| Phil Gendron | January 27 |
| Rod Morrison | January 10 |
| Dale Niwa | January 06 |
| Robert Primeau | January 16 |



**Happy Birthday & Many
Many More**

**Prayers are requested for:**

Brothers Marcel Beaulac, Tony Platen, John MacLean, Greg Kelly, Gregory Canil, Jack Goldburn & Doreen Goldburn, Tony & Marita Dixon, Janet Dunn, Bill Scott, Elvina Haagensen, Helen Steele, Florida Gendron & Maria Fedorak.

2007 Charity Appeal !

Sales continue at various points and as one of our higher profile projects and everyone's assistance to attain success is needed. Anyone wishing to help may call Bro. JIM ENRIGHT at Tel. #947-9280.

2008 Kof C Membership Cards. Annual Dues \$30.00 payable by 01/01/08
Membership cards are ready for pick-up. Contact Br. Dave Nenzel and/or attend the next General Meeting on Jan. 3 at 7.30 pm.

2008 Lifestyle Books !!

What a great gift for Christmas to that Special Person! Books are still available

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"

SUPPORT FOR OUR TROOPS

Nine boxes weighing approx. 135 lbs of gifts, Tim Horton's coupons, maple syrup, fudge, tuques etc. were mailed on Nov 20th to Major GORNIAK, RC Chaplain at Kandahar. After some minor concerns we have been assured the shipment arrived at Belleville, On. from where it will be transported by DND to Afghanistan. A Big Thank You to everyone who contributed. For interest check out this website; www.boomerslegacy.ca

PASTA NIGHT NOV 24, 07'

Bro. Tony Antoniuk expresses his gratitude to everyone who made this event special and a great success. Tip of the hat to the wives who spent the evening by themselves while their husbands assisted with preparations, cooking, cleaning, set-up, etc.

TRAVELLING KNIGHTS - Dec 07'

Brothers B. O'Keeffe and D. Niwa took their wives to New Orleans to attend the christening of one Keiran Robert O'Keeffe at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi which was celebrated by Father CROTTY who hails from that Emerald Isle. Fr. CROTTY's dismissal prayer came from a youth group founded in Argentina and reads; "The Mass never ends, It must be lived, Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord and one another. Amen..Alleluia..God Loves You!

EXCERPTS FROM 'THE SPECTATOR'

Dec. 1, 07' by Peter PHILLIPS

"CAN POPE BENEDICT RESTORE CHURCH MUSIC?"

"The singers wanted to overshout each other, they were frequently out of tune, the sound uneven, the conducting without any artistic power..How far we are from the true spirit of sacred music. "

Mg.Valentine Miserachs Grau allegedly said this at the behest of Pope Benedict, a few weeks ago.

Through countless reigns it has been assumed that music is something which can be ordered to size and then cut to fit an agenda, like a vestment or a smell or even an architectural interior, and yet still be attractive music. That this is not true is something which is coming home to roost. Benedict has spoken of the need to maintain a 'continuity with tradition' in Catholic sacred music, by which he says he means Gregorian chant, polyphony and 'baroque masterpieces'. He has recently replaced the director of pontifical liturgical celebrations and may soon replace the head of the Sistine Chapel choir. Strong stuff, and very much of the moment. Benedict is aware that his younger priests are more conservative in many ways .. But 'true art', as well as the return to tradition, is the goal here. As a talented pianist,(Pope Benedict) knows what it is to practise his scales and improve the performance. He clearly believes that the disciplined singing of good music would benefit Catholic ritual, and entice people back to worship."

Note; There were reports of some difficulties moving Pope Benedicts' grand piano into his Vatican quarters.

BC's new Lt.Gov. Stephen POUND - was a member of a Chilliwack Council - K of C.

"HISTORY DOES NOT ENTRUST THE CARE OF FREEDOM TO THE WEAK OR TIMID"

D.D. Eisenhower.

DISPATCHES:

Brother I. Raviglione seeks the assistance of one or two Council members for the Pro-Life Programme and is anxious for any help in coordinating activities for the Day of the Unborn to be held on March 25th, 2008.

The Financial Secretary prepared and presented an excellent Budget for 2008 which was well received, discussed and accepted at the Dec. 6, 07 General Meeting. Job Well Done Bro. DAVE NENZEL!

Again, Tip of Hat to all those Brother Knights who regularly attend Meetings, assist at various functions, support the many Council programmes, sell tickets and assist our Council in so many untold ways. We would be delighted to see some of our wayward brothers participate at meetings, voice their thoughts, contribute ideas for the success of our Council and provide an article or two to the Herald.

ON A LIGHTER NOTE;

-A wife went to the police station with her next-door neighbour to report her husband missing. The policeman asked for a description'

She said, "He's 35 yrs old, 6'4", dark eyes, dark wavy hair, an athletic build, weighs 185 lbs, is soft-spoken and is good with the children"

The next-door neighbor protested, "Your husband is 5'4", chubby, bald, has a big mouth and is mean to your children!"

The wife replied, "Yes, but who wants HIM back?"

SPEEDING TICKET? - Two British traffic patrol officers from N.Berwick were checking for speeding motorists on the A1 Great N. Road. One of the officers used a hand-held radar device to check the speed of a vehicle approaching over the crest of a hill was surprised when the speed was recorded at over 300 mph. Their radar suddenly stopped working and the officers were not able to reset it. Just then, a deafening roar over the treetops revealed that the radar had, in fact, latched onto a NATO Tornado fighter jet which was engaged in low-flying exercises over the Border district, approaching from the North Sea. The Chief Cst. fired off a stiff complaint to the RAF Liaison Office. Back came the reply in true laconic RAF style.

"Thank You for your message which allows us to complete the file on this incident. You may be interested to know that the tactical computer in a Tornado had detected the presence of, and subsequently locked onto your hostile radar equipment and automatically send a jamming signal back to it. Furthermore, the air-to-ground missile aboard the fully armed aircraft had also automatically locked onto your equipment. Fortunately the pilot flying the Tornado recognized the situation for what it was, quickly responded to the missile systems alert status and was able to override the automatic defence system before the missile was launched and your hostile radar installation was destroyed."

PROVERBS CHAPTER 4 VERSE 7

"The beginning of wisdom is; get wisdom; at the cost of all you have, get understanding. Forsake her not, and she will preserve you; love her, and she will safeguard you;

Brothers are reminded to maintain standard Protocol during meetings. i.e. **'The space between the Grand Knight and the Salutation Table is regarded as 'sacred territory'. It is NOT to be crossed, ever, during a meeting.**

Knights of Columbus Council 7991 General Meeting, December 6, 2007

Grand Knight Bro. Fred Demmon **called the meeting to order** at 7:35 pm. In the absence of the Outside Guard and the Chancellor, Brothers John Smart and Al Walsh were appointed to act in these positions. The Warden reported that all present were in possession of a valid membership card. An *opening prayer* was said, the *Pledge of Allegiance* was recited, and the *Opening Ode* was sung. Twenty-seven members were present.

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

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| Chaplain, Fr. Jozef Kobos, A | 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, E | Three Year Trustee, Bro. Tony Antoniuk, P |
| Financial Secretary, Bro. David Nenzel, P | Advocate, Bro. John Poirier, A |
| Recorder, Bro. Dale Niwa, P | Inside Guard, Bro. Mike Hanlon, E |
| Warden, Bro. Tony Dunn, P | Outside Guard, Bro. Al Kennedy, P |
| Treasurer, Bro. Ray Misanchuk, P | Past Grand Knight, Bro. Jim Wall, E |

Brother Tony Antoniuk moved and Brother David Nenzel seconded that the **minutes** of the meeting of November 1 be accepted as presented. Carried.

Membership Chairman Brother Al Walsh reported that James Proctor and Leroy Edwards have applied for membership. Brother Jim Enright moved and Brother Sil Brochez seconded that Mr. Proctor and Mr. Edwards be accepted as candidates for membership. Carried.

Treasurer, Brother Ray Misanchuk reported the following account balances as of the end of November 2007. (The full report is on file.)

- Available Cash Balance \$6,969.94
- Coastal Credit Union Bond \$19,676.71
- Gaming Account \$10,699.31

Brother Misanchuk moved and Brother Al Walsh seconded that the report be accepted as presented. Carried.

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

- Total Income \$6,012.57
- Total Expenses \$11,196.02

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

The **proposed budget** for the calendar year 2008 had been presented as a notice of motion through the November *Knights Herald* and was opened for discussion. The major discussion centred on the amount proposed for Secondary School bursaries. Brother David Nenzel moved and Brother Ray Misanchuk seconded that the budget be adopted as submitted. Carried.

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

- **Parish Council Liaison**, Brother Dennis Belliveau reported that
 - The Knights may be asked to pay for one half of a new kitchen utility cart.
 - Parish Council has been asked by Rose Marie Hague to oppose the use of gaming money by parish groups.
 - A policy has been drawn up for fees to be charged for the use of the Parish Hall by outside groups.
- **Charity Appeal Chairman**, Brother Jim Enright reported that 160 of 500 books of tickets remain to be sold, and that he is optimistic that they will all be sold.
- **Newsletter Editor**, Brother Sil Brochez reported that the December issue of the *Knights Herald* will be published early this month.
- **Pancake Breakfast Chairman**, Brother Ray Misanchuk for Brother Brendan O'Keeffe reported that Brother O'Keeffe's crew will be doing this Sunday's breakfast and that several helpers may be needed.

Correspondence: Letters were read from District Deputy Brother Rick Grebner, Brother Dan O'Hara, and the Supreme Chaplain.

Other Business:

- Brother Norbert Soares moved and Brother Tony Antoniuk seconded that up to \$500 be spent to purchase **new cooking utensils** for the parish kitchen. Carried. It was proposed that the Parish Council and the CWL be asked to pay a part of the cost of the utensils.
- The **Christmas dinner** was discussed. It is to be for the Knights and their families, not the entire parish, and it will include a full meal, except for desserts that could be provided by those who come. Brother Tony Antoniuk will arrange to hire someone to do the clean up.
- Brother Ed Peacock and Doreen were congratulated on the occasion of their **fiftieth anniversary** that was celebrated on November 30.
- Brother John Poirier reported that all **Free Throw playoffs** would be held in the month of February with the District Shoot-off on March 1.
- Brother Norbert Soares reported that 150 meals were served at the **Youth Conference**.
- Brother Sil Brochez reported there was an excellent response from the Knights for the **Kandahar Project** – nine boxes, 135 pounds.
- A coordinator is needed for the **Family Hour of Prayer** on January 9, and for **Appreciation Night**.
- Volunteers were obtained to assist with setting up the **Christmas manger display** (Brothers Al Walsh and Tom Cunniffe) and for **Christmas Light-Up** (Brother Tony Antoniuk).
- A cheque for \$600 has been received from Supreme for **seminarian assistance**.
- The Grand Knight will look into the status of the **Phoning Committee**.
- A presentation by **Insurance Agent** Shawn Fedder is planned for the third Sunday in January.
- Brother Ed Peacock reminded those present of the **Christmas dinner** that he and Doreen will sponsor for those who are alone on Christmas day. Those who will attend should phone him by December 20.
- Brother Tony Antoniuk reported that the **Pasta Supper** netted \$1541 profit.
- Brother Ed Peacock moved and Brother Al Walsh seconded that **Christmas gifts** of \$100 each be given to Father Josef, Sr. Bettie, and Rosemary Blank. Carried.
- Brother David Nenzel moved and Brother Norbert Soares seconded that the Knights give Ed and Doreen Peacock **\$200 to assist in the cost of the Christmas Dinner**.
- Brother Stu Mason opened discussion regarding alternate plans for the **Charity Appeal**. Brother John Smart moved and Brother Mason seconded that State be informed that we will not participate in the Charity Appeal next year unless changes are made. Brother Tony Antoniuk moved and Brother John Smart seconded that the motion be tabled (deferred) pending an enquiry with State. Carried.

Under The **Good of the Order**, prayers were requested for Brother Jim Wall, Janet Dunn, and those listed in the Knights Herald.

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

