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Financial Report

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Worthy Brothers,

A recent poll conducted by the Knights during the US and Canadian elections resulted in 59% of Catholics reporting the economy as being their #1 issue. Although we could debate whether this should be our highest priority, I will avoid going down that path. Reporting on the economy does come under my authority, I will limit my comments to that. Lets accept it is reasonable to assume someones focus and priorities change if they have lost their job, may loose their home or, are watching their hard earned savings disappear. Should you be retired or on fixed income, the erosion of principal funds could result in dramatic decline in living standard during your old age. As early as the summer of 07' Supreme Knight Carl Andersen in the 'Columbia' as well as myself have been encouraging members to become more active in understanding their investments. I suggested everyone to question whether it's working for them.

A recent article in Mcleans presents a more honest analysis of the current situation. As markets continue their decline, we see a growing number of admissions this is not a 'blip' or stumble that can be easily repaired, even with \$850 Billion! The following comments are taken from internal financial market reports. `as the movement of money across borders comes to a grinding halt, governments can only manage the decline. Don't be surprised to see markets roll back to 95` levels or lower.

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Calendar of Events

Jan 8 th	7:00 pm Rosary 7:30 pm General Meeting
Jan 11 th	Pancake Breakfast after both Masses
Jan 15 th	9:00 am Mass 9:30 am Executive Meeting
Feb 5 th	7:00 pm Rosary 7:30 pm General Meeting
Feb 8 th	Pancake Breakfast after both Masses
Feb 19 th	9:00 am Mass 9:30 am Executive Meeting
Mar 5 th	7:00 pm Rosary 7:30 pm General Meeting
Mar 8 th	Pancake Breakfast after both Masses
Mar 19 th	9:00 am Mass 9:30 am Executive Meeting

Mele Kalikimaka
Feliz Navidad

Glaedelig Jul!
Joyeux Noel



Birthdays in November

Michael Hanlon	November 18
Gordon Johnston	November 11
Edward Nicholson	November 10
Norbert Soares	November 01
Gerald Taylor	November 04
AL Walsh	November 15

Birthdays in December

Bernard Bradbury	Dec. 28
Vincent Carroll	Dec. 02
Scot B Doran	Dec. 25

**Happy Birthday
& Many Many More**

**Prayers are requested for:**

Brothers Marcel Beaulac, Fred Demmon, Fred Gorman, Richard Quittenton, Emmett Urquhart

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New data from world money centers suggest the movement of money around the globe has simply ground to a halt, as institutions in the USA, Europe and Asia that are receiving taxpayer dollars from governments are socking it away to shore up their balance sheets, reserve against liabilities expected in the near future and sustain their unprofitable operations, `Jon Markham Governments are not really trying to save the system anymore,` said Satyajit Das, a banking expert in Sydney, Australia. `They now realize that`s impossible. They are just trying to manage the decline. `How low will it go?` As a result, once the current rally interlude is over, it`s not hard to see the Dow Jones Industrial Average (\$US-INDU) sinking to around 4,000, a level it last hit in 95`, before debt started to play such a large role in corporate and personal finance. That would entail a decline of 70% from its 07` peak, or about the same amount the Japanese stock market has fallen since 90` in the wake of its own debt unwinding. Or, the amount the Nasdaq Composite Index (\$US-COMPX) dropped from 2000 to 02`. Or, the amount the Russian market has plunged since June`. Jon Markham Employment declines exceeding 200,000/month; credit renewals at rates 4.68 points above treasury buy stalwarts such as Coca-Cola demonstrate the depth of this issue. Even though most of the evidence is US based it should be understood the Canadian economy is inexorably linked to that in the US. The burden of this slowdown will be born more by Canadians into 09`.

Please, take the time to understand. Call me at Tel; #877-532-5632 or 778-549-6570 if you want to discuss this or other issues.

Fraternally Yours in Christ,
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**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"

AN OBITUARY PRINTED IN THE LONDON TIMES.

'Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, '*Common Sense*', who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

Knowing when to come in out of the rain; why the early bird gets the worm; Life isn't always fair; and maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouth wash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children.

It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an Aspirin to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realise that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement ...

Common Sense was preceded in death, by his parents, Truth and Trust. His wife, Discretion, his daughter, Responsibility, his son, Reason.

He is survived by his 4 stepbrothers; I Know My Rights; I Want It Now; Someone Else Is To Blame; I'm A Victim.

'On every Christmas morning, Hope, Faith, and Wonder are born again'. (Hallmark)

Other News;

A coalition of pro-life and pro-marriage groups was to present a petition of 350,000 signatures to the United Nations asking that member states interpret the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as protecting unborn children from abortion and protecting the traditional family. {CNA Dec.9}

HeadlineBistro quotes the Wall Street Journal; Dec 17, 08' 'Bush Era Abortion Rules Face Possible Reversal'. Obama Team looks at Regulations set to be finalized this week lifting Medical Staff refusal to take part in practices they oppose'

Reuter - Dec 17 from HB; 'The Herald' a Catholic weekly in Malaysia may close for its use of the word 'Allah' which could influence that country's Muslim majority. Other religious groups in Malaysia have also complained of persecution.

Local News;

Charity Appeal ticket sales are continuing in earnest and all Brothers are encouraged to assist in the sale of remaining tickets. GK F. Demmon, Dep.GK D Belliveau and Br. Enright were featured presenting donations to the SOS, Salvation Army and Distric Assoc. of Cummunity Living in the Dec 15, 08' Oceanside Star.

Reports indicate that Br. Johnston and his Committee continue efforts on the Church Hall Renovations Project.

Then the fight started....

My wife sat down on the couch next to me as I was flipping the channels.

She asked, 'What's on TV?'

I said, 'Dust.'

And then the fight started...

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My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary.

She said, 'I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 200 in about 3 seconds.'

I bought her a scale.

And then the fight started...

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When I got home last night, my wife demanded that I take her someplace expensive....

so, I took her to a gas station...

And then the fight started....

`It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you..every time you smile at your brother and offer him you hand` {Mother Teresa}

Let us all remember our Canadian troops serving in dangerous places overseas and Pray for those who are no longer with us, and for their families at this special time of the year.

When the roads clear we will be taking another collection of goods to the Armed Forces Base at Comox for distribution to the troops overseas. Our Thanks! to those who gave so generously.

The Church Mouse Says!

More heavy snow falling outside the window, more bad news on the financial front and even more bad tidings rumored in the next few weeks!

It seems like a good moment to forget all the terrible news of political adversity, greed and dishonesty headlined in the daily news. Time to retire to the kitchen and prepare a traditional Canadian Christmas meal which is part of "Le Reveillon".

'TOURTIERE'

<i>1 LB Minced Port (or veal if desired)</i>	<i>1/2 t.spoon cloves</i>
<i>1 Sm Onion - diced</i>	<i>1/4 t.spoon cinnamon</i>
<i>1 Clove Garlic - diced</i>	<i>1/2 Cup of Water</i>
<i>1 teaspoon Salt</i>	<i>1/4 - 1/2 cup mashed potatoes (or bread crumbs)</i>
<i>1/2 t. spoon Savory</i>	<i>Pie crust for 9" pie plate</i>

Place 1st eight ingredients in a saucepan - Bring to Boil - (stir frequently) - Continue to cook at Medium heat, uncovered for 20 minutes - Add mashed potatoes - Cool

Season with more salt if desired - Line 9" pie plate - Fill and cover with top pastry

Bake for 30 minutes at 400°F

Madame BENOIT says you can freeze and reheat this typical Quebec dinner and can be served with Nuns Chicken Pie, Black Olives and celery sticks, starting with Oyster Stew and followed by Maple Sugar Tarte. Bon Appetit!

Your Smile for Today;

Two landscapers were working diligently alongside the streets of a huge office complex. One would dig a hole and the other would follow behind and fill the hole in.

They worked up on side of a street then down the other, then moved on to the next street working furiously all day without rest, one guy digging a hole, the other guy filling it in again.

An onlooker was amazed at their hard work but couldn't understand what they were doing, so, he asked the Hole Digger, "I'm impressed by the effort you two are putting into your work but I don't get it - why do you dig a hole, only to have your partner follow behind and fill it up Again?"

The hole digger wiped his brow and sighed;

"Well, I suppose it probably looks odd because we're normally a three-man team but today the guy who plants the trees called in sick!"

ON FRIENDSHIPS

I would never trade my amazing friends, my wonderful life, my loving family for less gray hair or a flatter belly. As I've aged, I've become kinder to myself and less critical of myself. I've become my own friend. I don't chide myself for eating that extra cookie, or for not making my bed, or for buying that silly cement gecko that I didn't need but looks so avante garde on my patio. I am entitled to a treat, to be messy, to be extravagant. I have seen too many dear friends leave this world too soon; before they understood the great freedom that comes with aging.

Whose business is it if I choose to read or play on the computer till 4 AM and sleep till Noon? I will dance with myself to those wonderful tunes of the 60's & 70's, and if I, at the same time, wish to weep over a lost love. I will! I will walk the beach in a swim suit that is stretched over a bulging body, and will dive into the waves with abandon if I chose to, despite the pitying glances from the jet set.

They, too, will get old. I know I am sometimes forgetful. But there again, some of life is just as well forgotten. And I eventually remember the important things. Sure, over the years my heart has been broken. How can your heart not break when you lose a loved one, or when a child suffers, or even when somebody's beloved pet gets hit by a car? But broken hearts are what gives us strength and understanding and compassion. A heart never broken is pristine and sterile and will never know the joy of being imperfect.

I am so blessed to have lived long enough to have my hair turning gray and to have my youthful laughs be forever etched into deep grooves on my face. So many have never laughed and so many have died before their hair could turn silver. As you get older, it is easier to be positive. You care less about what other people think. I don't question myself anymore. I've even earned the right to be wrong.

So, to answer your question. I like being old. It has set me free. I like the person I have become. I am not going to live forever, but while I am still here, I will not waste time lamenting what could have been, or worrying about what will be. And I shall eat dessert every single day if I feel like it!

May Our Friendship Never Come Apart Especially When It's Straight From The Heart!
 May You Always Have a Rainbow of Smiles On Your Face and In Your Heart
 Forever and Ever! Friends Forever!

THE TRUE HEART OF CHRISTMAS

"When the last carol has been sung,
 When the final gift has been unwrapped,
 When the relatives have returned home,
 When the lights and decorations have been put away..
 Then the Real Work of Christmas begins'
 To Find the Lost,
 To Heal the Brokenhearted,
 To Feed the Hungry,
 To Bring Peace among Enemies,
 To Rebuild What Has been Torn Down
 To See The Beauty All Around,
 To Keep the Holiday Magic Alive All Year..

(Hallmark - At The Heart of Christmas)

**Knights of Columbus Council 7991
General Meeting, December 4, 2008**

Acting Grand Knight Brother Dennis Belliveau **called the meeting to order** at 7:30 pm. The **Warden** reported that all present were in possession of a current membership card. An *opening prayer* was said. The *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag* was recited.

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, P
Acting Grand Knight, Bro. Dennis Belliveau, P	Trustee for One Year, Bro. Silvere Brochez, P
Acting Deputy Grand Knight, Bro. Jim Wall, P	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, P
Recorder, Bro. Dale Niwa, P	Inside Guard, Bro. Mike Hanlon, P
Warden, Bro. Peter Horsfield, P	Outside Guard, Bro. Jim Enright, P
Treasurer, Bro. Ray Misanchuk, P	Past Grand Knight, Bro. Jim Wall, P

The **Opening Ode** was sung.

Brother Tony Antoniuk moved and Brother John Poirier seconded that the **minutes** of the meeting of November 6 be adopted as presented. Carried.

Membership Chairman, Brother Al Walsh reported that

- Scott Doran has been proposed for membership. Brother Jim Wall moved and Brother Gerry Taylor seconded that Mr. Doran be accepted as a candidate for membership. Carried.
- Brother John Gurak has applied to be transferred into our council. Brother Al Walsh moved and Brother Mike Murphy seconded that Brother Gurak be admitted. Carried.
- Brother Richard Cloutier has applied to be transferred into our council. Brother Al Walsh moved and Brother Les Bodi seconded that Brother Cloutier be admitted. Carried.
- Brother Les Bodi is to be exemplified into the Fourth Degree.

Acting Grand Knight Brother Dennis Belliveau reported that he is preparing a summary of his recent trip to the Middle East and will present it at a future meeting. He thanked Brothers District Deputy Rick Graebner, Randy Schmidt, and Jim Wall for helping with the transition of duties due to the illness of our Grand Knight.

Treasurer, Brother Ray Misanchuk reported the following account balances as of November 30. (The full report is on file.)

Cash Available	\$6,337.18
Credit Union Bonds	\$25,513.37
Gaming Account	\$11,804.97

Brother Misanchuk moved and Brother John Poirier seconded that the report be accepted as presented. Carried.

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

Total Income	\$7,645.49
Total Expenses	\$12,735.33

Brother Nenzel moved and Brother Mike Gariepy seconded that the report be accepted as presented. Carried.

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

- **Parish Council Liaison**, Brother Peter Horsfield reported that Rose Marie Hague would be putting together a report on Vatican II. The next meeting will be on December 16.
- **Council Director**, Brother Gerald Taylor reported that he is still waiting for a complete job description, and asked for input.
- **Pancake Breakfast Chairman**, Brother Brendan O'Keeffe reported Brother Peter Horsfield is now the leader of Team 3.

- **Charity Appeal Chairman**, Brother Jim Enright asked that sold books be returned to him as soon as possible.
- **Building Committee Chairman**, Brother Gordon Johnston reported that plans for the kitchen/hall renovation are progressing well. The total cost of the 4800 square foot addition is \$689,000; approximately \$510,000 is available, so \$179,000 will have to be raised.
- **Pasta Night Chairman**, Brother Gordon Johnston reported that 120 people attended the Pasta Night, and a net profit of \$1854.72 was realized.
- **Free Throw Chairman**, Brother John Poirier reported that everything is set for February.
- **Community Director**, Brother Sandy Fraser thanked brother Tony Dunn for his assistance with the yard cleanup. He announced that the Christmas lights will be set up on December 12, the Crèche on December 13, and the church interior preparation on December 22, all at 10:00 am.
- **Lecturer**, Brother Sandy Fraser reported that a computer question and answer session will be held in January, that our Insurance Agent will be at our February meeting, and that he may also get Brother Kees Hendricks to give a talk on reverse mortgages.
- **Bingo Chairman**, Brother Ray Misanchuk gave the dates and times when manpower will be needed for the bingos.

Unfinished Business

- **Quarterly Reports** – The Grand Knight will get together with Brother Gerald Taylor to get the job done.
- **Ushers** – Some are still needed.
- **Golf Shirts** – Some are still available.
- **By-Laws** – A committee consisting of the Trustees, the Grand Knight, the Recorder and, perhaps, others will meet early in the new year to review the By-Laws.

New Business

- Brother Jim Wall moved and Brother Stu Mason seconded that Father Jozef Kobos, Rosemary Blank, and Sister Betti Wilms each be given **\$100 for Christmas**. Brother Al Walsh moved to amend the amounts to \$100 each for Father Jozef and Rosemary, and **\$200** for Sr. Betti. The amendment and the motion as amended were carried.
- Brother Ray Misanchuk reported that there are still about 60 **Lifestyle Books** for sale.
- The Knights' **Christmas Dinner** has been cancelled.
- Brother Italo Raviglione has resigned as chair of the **Pro-Life** Committee. It is uncertain if he will continue as the Knights' representative.
- Brother Dale Niwa will check on the policy regarding **masses for deceased relatives** of Knights.
- Brother Gordon Johnston suggested that it might be possible to use our excess **\$20,000 to equip the new kitchen** without it going through the MIC Fund.
- By consensus it was agreed that the **next meeting would be on January 8, 2009**. The membership will have to be notified.
- The Financial Secretary suggested that some major donations should be given some **publicity**.
- Brother Mike Hanlon asked that a list of the three **Pancake Breakfast teams** be posted.
- Brother Al Walsh asked that anyone interested in joining the **Fourth Degree** should see him.

District Deputy, Brother Rick Graebner gave his report. A copy of it is on file.

Under the **Good of the Order** prayers were requested for Brothers Emmett Urquhart, Fred Demmon, and Fred Gorman. A prayer was said.

A closing prayer was said and the *Closing Ode* was sung. Brother Gerry Taylor won the 50/50 draw. The meeting was adjourned.