

# Knights Herald

## Ascension Council 7991



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## Grand Knights Report

### Brother Knights

On Sunday, Dec 13, the parish held a short sod turning ceremony for the addition to the parish hall. This long awaited construction project will begin very shortly, and on behalf of the parish, and of the entire K of C Council 7991, I would like to thank Brother Gord Johnston and members of his Building Committee for all the hard work they have put into this project to date . This is a significant event in the development of our parish hall facilities and we wish them well as they begin the actual construction activities.

I would, as well, like to thank all the members of our council for their support, hard work and participation in all the activities that we have been involved in over the last year. It has been a pleasure serving you.

And at this time of year, let us all remember that this is the time of year to celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. It is also a time of year to remember our families, both those close, and those distant, and to remember all our friends and relations, near and far. May they all have a Blessed Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

And finally, Bev and I wish to wish all council members, their wives and families, a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Fraternally

*Br. Dennis Belliveau*

Grand Knight / Council 7991

## Calendar of Events

Jan 7 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm General Meeting
Jan 21 <sup>st</sup>	9:00 am Mass
	9:30 am Executive Meeting
Feb 4 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm General Meeting
Feb 18 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am Mass
	9:30 am Executive Meeting

### KNIGHTS CHOIR

*Submitted by Jerry Taylor*



THIS CHOIR IS GOING PLACES! We are recruiting new members and possible future Knights. So let's see new faces and hear new VOICES. We sing praise to God and our Blessed Lady with voices God gave us and in doing so we make music and have FUN. We are becoming a band of musical singing Brother Knights. When we perform, we help Father Josef, and most of all keep G. K. Dennis happy. It's a Win Win Win. Come on down, we'll sign you up.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Birthdays in December

Bernard Bradbury	December 28
Vincent Carroll	December 02
Wilfred L Cody	December 05
Scot B Doran	December 25

### Birthdays in January

George Despins	January 01
Rod Morrison	January 10
Dale Niwa	January 06
Robert Primeau	January 16

### Prayers are requested for:

Brothers Marcel Beaulac, Fred Demmon, Fred Gorman, Tony Platen, Richard Quittenton, Emmett Urquhart, and Patricia Horsfield.

Brother Emmitt Urquhart has been moved to Stanford Place. His telephone number is 250-947-2488

### PRO LIFE

*Submitted by Jerry Taylor*

Brother Knights:

The community tries to keep up with information on Pro Life matters, that are happening – locally – and internationally and at times it is overwhelming. We also are a starting point for you and your family to a vast network of information should you need help. We the (committee) need your HELP. We only have 3 members and we can't do it all.

### YEAR OF THE PRIEST

"If I saw an angel and a priest, I would bend my knee; first to the priest, and then to the angel".  
*Saint Frances of Assisi.*

In this year of the priests, as laity we're called this year -and always- to lift up our priests in prayer, asking God to strengthen them in their love for Christ and the Church. Sometimes, though, it takes a new fresh look at these extraordinary men for us to remember that they need our support.

Our Priest, Father Kobos belongs to the Salvatorian Fathers, S.D.S. As members of the Salvatorian Fathers they are called to follow Jesus Christ, their Divine Savior, by living as community within the universal Church for apostolic service. Their mission compels them to share their call to be apostles with people from all walks of life.

They are ready to serve all people everywhere, by all ways and means which the love of Christ inspires. "We Salvatorians seek to fulfill our Mission by being one with those we serve, manifesting to the world the goodness and kindness of God our Savior".

To honour the priesthood is to honour the great High Priest Jesus Christ. To see Christ in a Priest is a sure way of finding God. As Knights let us give thanks for our Priest, keeping him in our prayers as he continues to lead us on our journey through this life.

R e m e m b e r i n g   F u l t o n   S h e e n .

And.....who could forget Bishop Sheen as he began his weekly television series with "Thank you for allowing me into your home". December 9th was the thirtieth anniversary of the death of Archbishop Fulton Sheen, who was revered by millions of Americans because of his great gifts in preaching and writing about the truths of the Catholic faith – and about the great heresies of the twentieth century. Billy Graham said Bishop Sheen was the greatest communicator of the 20th century.

Fulton John Sheen was born over his father's hardware store in El Paso, Illinois, on May 8, 1895. An outstanding student, Sheen attended St. Victor's College in Bourbonnais, Illinois, and later, realizing he had a religious vocation, entered Saint Paul Seminary in Minnesota. Ordained a priest on September 25, 1919, he was not assigned a parish, but was sent to The Catholic University of America for graduate studies. Upon earning his Master of Arts degree, he traveled to Europe for additional education. After earning a doctorate of philosophy from the University of Louvain and a doctorate in sacred theology from the Angelic in Rome, Sheen was offered teaching positions at Oxford and at Columbia University. Sheen sent a letter to his bishop asking, "Which offer should I accept?". The answer was, "Come home."

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In the summer of 1926, Father Sheen was summoned to the bishop's office, who informed him, "Three years ago I promised you to Bishop Shahan of The Catholic University as a member of the faculty". Sheen asked, "Why did you not let me go there when I returned from Europe?" "Because of the success you had on the other side, I just wanted to see if you would be obedient. So run along now, you have my blessing". Sheen was to teach for twenty-five years. During this period, his reputation as a preacher and Catholic apologist grew, and invitations to speak and preach throughout the nation poured in. In 1930 the American bishops invited him to represent the Church on NBC's nationally broadcast show "The Catholic Hour", and he appeared on that show until 1951, when he switched from radio to television.

Many believed Sheen had the ability to become the greatest Catholic philosopher of the twentieth century. His duties at The Catholic University, however, became minimal; he eventually taught only one graduate course a year. The chairman of the philosophy department, Father Ignatius Smith, explained, "I was often criticized for not giving him more work, but I felt he was doing more good on the outside". Sheen accomplished much on the outside. He produced at least one book a year, wrote two weekly newspaper columns, became national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, and edited two magazines. Also, he was instrumental in numerous conversions, including Clare Booth Luce, Henry Ford II, Communists Louis Budenz and Elizabeth Bentley, and violinist Fritz Kreisler.

Sheen had the rare ability to take complex philosophical and theological concepts and translate them into language the person on the street could understand. Witness this from 1933: Never before in the history of the world was there so much knowledge; and never before so little coming to the knowledge of the Truth. Never before so much straining for life; never before so many unhappy lives. Never before so much science; never before was it used so for the destruction of human life.

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His books went beyond strictly religious questions and educated Americans on the evils of Nazism, fascism, and communism. In 1951, now Bishop Sheen appeared at Manhattan's Adelphi Theatre and said to America, "Thank you for allowing me into your home." It was the beginning of his award-winning television show, "Life is Worth Living." He was the first (and possibly only) religious leader with a show sponsored by a major corporation. The show continued until 1957 and had an estimated audience of 30 million. The bishop, who covered various subjects from psychology to Irish humor to Stalin, received 8-10,000 letters a day. In 1964 Sheen appeared on a weekly show entitled "'Quo Vadis America," and in 1966, "The Bishop Sheen Show". On October 2, 1979, seven days after celebrating the sixtieth anniversary of his priesthood, in St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York, Pope John Paul II embraced Archbishop Sheen and told him, "You have written and spoken well of the Lord Jesus. You are a loyal son of the Church."

On December 9, 1979, Archbishop Fulton Sheen died in the Lord. He was buried beneath the main altar at St. Patrick's Cathedral, where he had preached for many years. In a nation that still harbored anti-Catholic sentiments, Sheen gave Catholicism a public face that made the Church and its teachings acceptable to millions of Americans.

And as additional note, since 2002 the effort to canonize Bishop Sheen has been led by Bishop Daniel R. Jenky of the Diocese of Peoria, Illinois. The Rev. Andrew Apostoli, a Franciscan friar who is gathering evidence of miracles attributed to Bishop Sheen's intercession since his death in 1979, said the bishop had been designated by the Vatican as a "Servant of God," the first step toward sainthood. Two months ago, Father Apostoli said, evidence of two miracles, including affidavits signed by doctors and witnesses to medical recoveries "unexplainable by science" were submitted to the Vatican for verification. If accepted, the bishop would be beatified, or made a "Blessed Person," and after verification of a third miracle, made a saint.

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**Knights of Columbus Council 7991  
General Meeting, December 3, 2009**

Grand Knight Brother Dennis Belliveau **called the meeting to order** at 7:38 pm. 24 members were present. The **Warden** reported that all present were in possession of a current membership card. An *opening prayer* was said, and the *Pledge of Allegiance* was recited.

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
Grand Knight, Bro. Dennis Belliveau, P	Trustee for One Year, Bro. Tony Antoniuk, E
Deputy Grand Knight, Bro. Peter Horsfield, E	Trustee for Two Years, Bro. Randy Schmidt, E
Chancellor, Bro. Tony Dunn, P	Trustee for Three Years, Bro. Jim Wall, 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. Mervin Pasula, P	Outside Guard, Bro. Jim Enright, P
Treasurer, Bro. Ray Misanchuk, E	Past Grand Knight, Bro. Fred Demmon, P

The *Opening Ode* was sung.

Brother Mike Hanlon moved and Brother Mervin Pasula seconded that the **minutes** of the meeting of November 5 be adopted as presented. Carried.

**Membership** Chairman Brother Al Walsh was absent, but the Grand Knight reported that our Past State Secretary is presenting seminars on membership recruitment and retention and one such seminar may be given on the Island.

The **Chaplain** reported that the number of people attending the reconciliation ceremony last evening was a bit disappointing, but opportunities for those who could not make it will be made available.

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

Cash Available	\$3,222.23
Credit Union Bonds	\$5,175.07
Gaming Account	\$11,222.64

Brother Nenzel moved and Brother Jim Wall 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	\$5,433.10
Total Expenses	\$27,258.05

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

**Correspondence:**

- An update letter regarding Brother Dick Quittenton from his son, Derek Quittenton. Father Jozef mentioned that Brother Dick's wife is somewhat confused at times.
- A letter of thanks from Brother Henk Bonthuis. He wishes to make a donation to our council.

Acting **Program Director**, Brother Ron Stothers called upon the following directors to report.

- **Parish Council Liaison**, Brother Dennis Belliveau stated that he routinely reports on our activities to Parish Council, and that the minutes of the Parish Council meetings are posted.
- **Public Relations**, Brother Dennis Belliveau – the weekly Parish Bulletin report. He thanked Brother Jerry Loughead for accepting the editorship of the *Knights Herald* and expressed his hope that Brother Loughead would also take on the task of reporting in the Parish Bulletin.
- **Council Director**, Brother Gerry Taylor – The choir is going well but more voices would be nice. The choir sang at the Pasta Dinner. He asked that the Knights support the CWL with their Baby Shower in February.
- **Pancake Breakfast Chairman**, Brother Ed Peacock stated that Brother Bob Primeau would need some more help with this Sunday's breakfast. Brothers Richard Cloutier, John Gurak, Tom Cunniffe, and Sandy Fraser volunteered.

- **Pro-Life Chairman**, Brother Gerry Taylor reported that Bill C-384 supporting euthanasia and assisted suicide is having a hard time, that Peru has banned the morning after pill, and that *Forty Days for Life* was successful.
- **Charity Appeal**: Brother Ed Peacock for Brother Peter Horsfield reported that more help could be used to sell tickets in the mall, especially on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. He has books available for those who would like to buy or sell any.
- **Building Committee Chairman**, Brother Gordon Johnston reported that five contractors should be submitting tenders by December 15. A ceremonial groundbreaking will be held following the 10:30 mass on December 13. He also reported that the Pasta Supper served 112 people and realized a profit of \$923.74.
- **Youth Director**, Brother John Poirier reported that Free-Throw competition dates are set for February 4, 10, 16, and 20. Help will be needed on those dates, and hall/catering will be needed for the finals.
- **Community Director**, Brother Sandy Fraser reported that outdoor Christmas decorations would be set up on December 12 with light up on the 14<sup>th</sup>. The interior of the church will be decorated on December 22 with the help of other parishioners. Help will be needed on both occasions. As **Lecturer** he reported that Brother David Nenzel will give another session on computers, and Brother Kees Hendricks will be asked to give a presentation on the CHIP mortgage program.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

- The Grand Knight indicated that he would get back to work on getting information for **Quarterly Reports**. The next one will be the **Annual Report**.
- The Grand Knight proposed that a **Fundraising Committee** be formed in the New Year.
- The Grand Knight will see if **extra insurance** should be purchased for Knights doing volunteer work.

#### **New Business:**

- The Grand Knight suggested that a **Nominating Committee** should be set up soon to get some new blood on the Executive.
- The **Knight and Family of the Year** were not announced at the Pasta Dinner as planned, so another occasion will have to be chosen. Father Jozef suggested that the presentations be made at a mass on Holy Family Sunday, December 27.
- Brother Gordon Johnston reported that a **storage container** would be made available during the renovation process. Help will be needed to remove the kitchen equipment and other items before the renovation begins.
- The Grand Knight suggested that the Executive make the selection of **Christmas gifts**.
- The Grand Knight reported that the **District Deputy** was to attend this meeting but was unable to do so. He will attend the meeting in either January or February.

Under **the Good of the Order**, prayers were requested for Brothers Fred Gorman, Emmett Urquhart, Peter Fedorak, Dick Quittenton, Fred Demmon and for Louis Receveur and Patte Horsfield. A prayer was said.

Brother Mike Murphy led a closing prayer (Hail Holy Queen), and the meeting was adjourned.

Brother Jim Wall won the 50/50 draw.