



Knight Herald

Ascension Council 7991

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Grand Knight's Report

Brothers:

I was very disappointed with the turnout at our last General meeting, we only had 24 Brothers present. As our District Deputy Richard Graebner from Cambell River will be at our next General Meeting at 7.30 on March 1st 2007. I would like to see a good many Brothers in attendance at the Meeting.

Now I would like to thank Brother David Nenzel and Brother Ray Misanchuk for the extra time and work they do for the Council . Many thanks to the Brothers who cooked our Breakfast , Br. Brenden O,Keefe, Br.Al. Walsh , and Br. Ed . Peacock also any one I forgot.

Now Brothers some things to put in your day timer March 17 is our Annual St. Patricks Day Party the tickets should be on sale soon they go very quickly so please watch for the sale. Next is our Appreciation Pot Luck Dinner to which we would like everyone to bring a dish representative of their cultural background. Please keep in mind our upcoming Garage Sale, would you please check your attic and garage for suitable items that you no longer have a use for. The sale will be held on May 5 in the Parish Hall from 9 till 1.

Well Brothers hope to see you on March 1st at 7.30pm or at 7 if you wish to say the Rosary.

Jim Wall
Grand Knight

Calendar of Events

Mar. 1 st	7:30 pm General Meeting
Mar. 11 th	Pancake Breakfast after both Masses Team 1 Brendan O'Keefe
Mar. 15 th	9:00 am Mass followed by 9:30 am Executive Meeting
Mar. 17 th	6:30 pm Irish Night
Apr. 5 th	7:30 pm General Meeting
Apr. 8 th	Pancake Breakfast after both Masses Team 2 Norbert Soares
Apr. 19 th	9:00 am Mass followed by 9:30 am Executive Meeting
Apr. 21 st	6:30 pm Annual Appreciation Night
May 3 rd	7:30 pm General Meeting
May 5 th	Annual Garage Sale
May 13 th	Pancake Breakfast after both Masses Team 2 Norbert Soares
May 17 th	9:00 am Mass followed by 9:30 am Executive Meeting
May 27 th	Annual Golf Tournament

NOTICE TO ALL KNIGHTS; Spouses and friends.

The ANNUAL GARAGE SALE is being planned for early May, 2007 and all items offered for this sale will be welcomed. Please set aside any items you wish to donate in support of this event and arrangements will be made for pick-up.

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Birthdays in February

Edward Augustyn	February 25
Frederick Demmon	February 24
Gerald Fournier	February 13
Michael Gariepy	February 15
Arthur Hoffman	February 05
Michael Murphy	February 14
Ronald Nicholas	February 02
Mervin Passula	February 17
James Wall	February 06
Ludwig Weilmier	February 01

Birthdays in March

Lucien Biggemann	March 18
Silvere Brochez	March 24
Anthony Dunn	March 25
Fred Gorman	March 18
Stewart Mason	March 11
Terence Receveur	March 12

Happy Birthday



Prayers are requested for:

Brothers Eugene Sauve, Tony Dixon, Marcel Beaulac, Fred Demmon, Tony Platen, John MacLean, Greg Kelly, Art Hoffman, Stewart Mason, Don Korman, Stu Mason, Jack Goldburn & Doreen Goldburn, Tony & Marita Dixon, Lynne Ash, Janet Dunn and Lonny Audette.

Gladys Dunn recently moved to a retirement community in a small town. One beautiful Sunday morning she walked to the church not far from her apartment. She was in awe of the lovely structure, as well as music from the choir. She wasn't too impressed, however, with the sermon. She thought it was rather uninspiring, and as she looked around the church, she noticed many of the parishioners nodding off.

When the reverend finished he encouraged the congregation to greet those sitting next to them.

Gladys turned toward the man on her left, who had fallen asleep and was stretching trying to wake up. He smiled at her, and Gladys returned the smile.

She politely offered her hand and said, "I'm Gladys Dunn."

"You and me both!" the man replied.



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"

Pro-Life



Near Jesus' Birthplace A Haven for Expectant Mothers

A mere 500 yards away from the traditional site of Jesus' birth, a Bethlehem maternity hospital is committed to seeing that no expectant mother is ever told there is "no room." Holy Family Hospital is an obstetrical/gynecological facility - the only one in the region that can handle the complicated medical conditions of women living in extreme poverty and under the shadow of political strife which stalks the birthplace of the "Prince of Peace."

According to the familiar Christmas story, the Virgin Mary traveled with Joseph to the city of Bethlehem, arriving just as her labour began. Desperate for lodging that could both shelter them and provide a safe place to give birth, they found "no room at the inn" and were forced to make do with a stable instead. This may all make for charming nativity scenes with oxen and donkeys and hay-filled mangers, but there is not an expectant mother in the world who would not want better accommodations for her own new born.

Holy Family Hospital's modern state-of-the-art birthing facilities and neonatal intensive care units for preemies could not be a greater contrast to the primitive stable that served the original 'Holy Family', But in many ways the contrast remains. Says Holy Family Hospital Foundation's Executive Director Colleen Marotta, "Outside Holy Family Hospital's doors, the primitive conditions, in which Our Lord was born still exist and women often find themselves delivering their babies in the most unsanitary and unsafe of condition:. 25% of the women Holy Family Hospital serves live in refugee camps and 13% of the babies born must be admitted into the neonatal intensive care unit. Holy Family Hospital is the ONLY neonatal intensive case facility in the whole region.

In 1989, at the request of Pope John Paul II, the Order of Malta, an international charitable organization, took over the hospital facilities - a former general hospital, and determined to provide medical services to women and infants. In the year 2000, the late Holy Father named Holy Family Hospital one of his top 100 priorities for the new millennium. Countless lives have been saved since the Hospital opened its doors and over 30,000 babies have been born without a single maternal death - a stunning statistic for the region. Some 200 women a month are overcoming imposed curfews and road closures to reach the hospital for delivery. The doors of the hospital have also never closed due to the political unrest that have made many a not-so-silent night.

Marotta sees the hospital as a refuge of hope for the expectant mothers and fathers, "The women who give birth may have different traditions but they are united in that primal need of all laboring women for safety and care as they bring their children into the world. Like Mary and Joseph, those families are on a journey to find a place of refuge, a place of promise, a place where their babies can be delivered safely. In all of the Bethlehem region, only one place is their destination - Holy Family Hospital".

Knights of Columbus Council 7991 General Meeting, February 1, 2007

The meeting was preceded by mass at 9:00 am and breakfast. Before the meeting was called to order, Bro. John Smart announced the annual retreat that is to be held on the weekend of Palm Sunday in Mission and invited others to join him. The cost is about \$130. The Grand Knight Bro. Jim Wall called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. The warden reported that all 24 present were in possession of a valid membership card. An opening prayer was said.

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, A
Grand Knight, Bro. Jim Wall, P	One Year Trustee, Bro. Emmett Urquhart, P
Deputy Grand Knight, Bro. Fred Demmon, A	Two Year Trustee, Bro. John Smart, P
Chancellor, Bro. Bjorn Haajensen, P	Three Year Trustee, Bro. Silvere Brochez, 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, P	Outside, Guard, Bro. Al Kennedy, P
Treasurer, Bro. Ray Misanchuk, E	Past Grand Knight, Bro. Randy Schmidt, P

The *Opening Ode* was sung.

Acting **Program Director**, Bro. Tony Antoniuk called upon the following directors to report.

- **Council Director/PR Director/Parish Council Liaison**, Bro. Dennis Belliveau reported that
 - The **necrology plaque** has room for seven more deceased Knights. Once it is full a second plaque will have to be purchased. He will coordinate the plaque update with the help of the Financial Secretary.
 - Several artists have been contacted regarding the proposed **stained glass windows** for the church. A more formal proposal with alternatives and costs is upcoming.
 - Parish Council is on board with the CWL asking the Knights directly for financial help to purchase new **kitchen utensils**, and the executive has approved of the proposal. Bro. Belliveau moved and Bro. David Nenzel seconded that the \$401.92 be paid to the CWL. Carried.
 - The proposed money-raising **dance has been cancelled** due to the fact that it would be too near the Irish Night party. The Old Time Fiddlers will not be available to play for the Irish Night; alternative entertainment will be found.
 - The idea of a **welcome kit** for newcomers was presented to Parish Council. The parish has a lady in charge of welcoming newcomers, so the idea will be discussed with her.
- **Youth Directors**, Bros. Joe Gigliotti and John Poirier reported that now that the first school term is over, the **Free-Throw Competition** is about to begin.
- **Charity Appeal Coordinator**, Bro. Norbert Soares reported that **all books have been sent in**. Nineteen books were unsold.
- **Pancake Chairman**, Bro. Brendan O’Keeffe announced that **Bro. Jim Wall’s team** will be preparing the March breakfast. He will be away but all arrangements have been made.
- **Golf Chairman**, Bro. Mike Murphy reported that a bulletin for the annual tournament would be coming out shortly; that it will be held at **Memorial Golf and Country Club on May 27**, will cost \$40 per entrant, and that the meal will be catered by Bro. Norbert Soares in the Parish Hall. Bros. Tony Antoniuk, Jim Wall, and Brendan O’Keeffe will canvass local businesses for prizes.
- **Bulletin Editor**, Bro. Brendan O’Keeffe reported that he had **purchased paper and stamps** for the monthly bulletin.
- **Bulletin Publisher**, Bro. David Nenzel would love to have some **input for the *Knights Herald***.

The **Grand Knight’s report** is printed in the *Knights Herald*.

Treasurer, Bro. David Nenzel for Bro. Ray Misanchuk reported the following account balances as of January 31, 2007. (The full report is on file.)

- Available Cash Balance \$5,818.77
- Coastal Credit Union Bond \$19,000.00
- Gaming Account \$12,034.55

Bro. Nenzel moved and Bro. Silvere Brochez seconded that the report be accepted as presented. Carried.

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

- Total Income \$12,621.34
- Total Expenses \$12,112.94

Bro. Nenzel moved and Bro. Mike Murphy seconded that the report be accepted as presented. Carried.

The Grand Knight presented a **bill for \$6.78** for four coffees consumed at a meeting of himself and the trustees at Schooner Cove.

Trustee, Bro. Emmett Urquhart reported that there is no provision in council by-laws or charter for the **signing of warrants and cheques in the absence of the Financial Secretary**. Other councils use the pre-signing procedure that we have been using. The matter of the three \$100 cheques given at Christmas time is now closed.

A letter from Shannon Clarke requesting the Knights to **purchase and present bibles** to those receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation has been received. Bro. Tony Antoniuk moved and Bro. Gordon Johnston seconded that the bibles be purchased and presented. Carried.

Bro. Mike Murphy moved and Bro. Brendan O'Keeffe seconded a notice of motion that the expenses of two couples be covered for the **annual convention** at a cost of \$400 to \$500 per couple.

Father Kobos joined the meeting.

The Financial Secretary announced that pictures of the new Pope and Supreme Knight have been received.

Insurance Field Agent, Bro. Shawn Fetter reported that he is anxious to get involved with members of our Council. He has a number of attractive programs to present to members.

Fr. Kobos had a letter from the Bishop read. It reported the **Diocese's successful victory in its appeal** of the award to Mr. Finley.

It was reported that Bros. Silvere Brochez, Siegfried Mueller, and Norbert Soares would coordinate the **garage sale**. The proposed date is May 5.

It was reported that **Fr. Mike Favero** would be meeting with the Bishop.

A **nametag** was presented to Bro. Robert Primeau.

Under the **Good of the Order**, prayers were requested for Bros. Don Korman, Stuart Mason, and Bro. John Smart's brother, Michael. A prayer was said.

Bro. Tony Antoniuk drew and won the **50/50 draw!**

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

Counting on Water

Look at the “Counting on Water” map—communities all over the world are struggling for access to clean water, resisting privatization, and protecting natural sources of water.

People from all walks of life are recognizing a deep truth: water, the basic element of life, is under threat. They are looking at their own water use, striving to take steps to conserve, pressing their governments to guard water as a public trust and questioning the depletion or pollution of water by corporations.

*People count on water for life;
corporations count on it for profit.*

Corporations make a lot of money off water. Mining, energy production, bottled water and many other industries rely on cheap water for their operations, which in many cases also contribute to the deterioration of water quality. What are the costs of their activities? How do we weigh the benefits against the costs of the consumer choices we make? If we were to create a balance sheet for the billions of litres of water used around the world to extract minerals, oil, and natural gas from the earth, we would see real costs in pollution, health problems, unequal access to clean water, and human rights abuses.

Why should Canadians care? Because Canadian companies are at the forefront of global resource extraction, and some are known to violate Canadian and international standards. They may follow voluntary “codes of conduct” to show that they are meeting human rights and environmental standards, but these codes are often ineffective.



The cost to water and all who depend on it is too high. It's time to pay the corporate water bill—a balance sheet which cannot be calculated merely in dollars and cents. Every

time environmental and human rights standards are ignored, someone pays the price. Every time a watershed is contaminated or destroyed, the Earth, and animal and human communities pay the price. Every time our government cannot or does not hold corporations accountable for meeting those standards, we all pay the price.

What can YOU do?

Educate others! We have workshops, plays, liturgies, stories, and other helpful resources in our two education guides—*Water is a Sacred Gift*, and *Water Works*. All resources can be ordered at www.kairoscanada.org or 1-877-403-8933, extension 221.

Join the wave of world-wide water activists! We can support you as you lobby your MP on Canada's stance on water as a human right, urge your municipal council to declare its support for public access to water, or work with your school, faith community, union local or town to make it a bottled water free zone.

Sign up! Our growing list of ecumenical water activists receives supportive materials, updates and training opportunities. Contact our network and campaign coordinator at sstratton@kairoscanada.org or call (toll-free) 1-877-403-8933, extension 241 to get on board.



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Global Water Commons Statement of Account

Customer: GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Mailing Address: C/O MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
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Balance Owing: ACCESS TO WATER FOR ALL
RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE ENVIRONMENT
LEGISLATION HOLDING CORPORATIONS ACCOUNTABLE

Account Status: OVERDUE



Explanation of Charges

To the Minister of Foreign Affairs:

I believe that water is a basic human right, as do the UN Committee on Economic Social and Cultural Rights, hundreds of thousands of Canadians, and more than 180 Canadian municipalities.

I also believe that water is a sacred gift connecting all life and a trust that must be safeguarded for future generations. I have taken steps of my own to try to protect and preserve this crucial element of life.

No one should be able to deny others access to clean water. Yet today, some Canadian corporations, especially in the mining and energy industries, are doing exactly this by diverting, polluting and overusing natural sources of water.

It is time for Canada to make corporations accountable for the damage they do to water ... and to all who rely on it for sustenance, health, and livelihood.

Therefore, I call on the Government of Canada to:

- develop legislation that will ensure that Canadian corporations are held accountable for their actions in Canada and overseas; and
- refuse to support any Canadian venture that violates international human rights and environmental standards.

Signature:

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