



# Knight Herald

## Ascension Council 7991

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### Grand Knight's Report

Briefly, this is an important time of the year and time to ask ourselves, if we can do a better job. Several Brother Knights are very involved compared to others, the latter need not be named. It has always puzzled me why some join a group and are then conspicuous by their total absence. There is much to be gained from active membership and it is most disappointing to me and others to see the goings on. I thank and appreciate those who attend 1 or 2 meeting per month and readily help at various functions. The recent Valentine's Night saw an excellent dinner prepared and served by our Brother Knights and along with good music it was a great evening.

This is the period of LENT and on Friday, Feb 29th at 7.00 PM the Knights will lead the Stations of the Cross. Hopefully we will see a good turn-out, please try to attend.

On Sat. March 15th the Knights will once again sponsor the celebration of St. Patrick and the Irish. In April we will have our Appreciation Dinner when we name our Knight and our family of the Year. Please make an effort to attend these events.

Council 7991 elections are scheduled for June 5, 08'. There are additional upcoming events which will be announced in the near future.

We make every effort to keep Brothers informed and hopefully everyone will consider the message.

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

### Calendar of Events

Feb 28 <sup>th</sup>	Free Throw Competition - Ballenas
Feb 29 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm Stations of the Cross
Mar 1 <sup>st</sup>	Basketball Free Throw Competition
Mar 6 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm Rosary 7:30 pm General Meeting
Mar 9 <sup>th</sup>	Pancake Breakfast after both Masses Team 1 Brendan O'Keeffe
Mar 9 <sup>th</sup>	12:30 pm Seminar on life insurance and investments
Mar 15 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm Irish Night
Mar 20 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 pm Executive Meeting
Mar 25 <sup>th</sup>	Day of the Unborn
Apr 19 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm Appreciation Night
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	K of C Garage Sale
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Golf Tournament
Jun 12 <sup>th</sup>	Installation of Officers followed by Wine & Cheese
Jul 20 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas in July
Oct 18 <sup>th</sup>	Oktoberfest

#### Memorial Mass Schedule:

##### Eugene Sauve

Sat. Mar. 1<sup>st</sup> - 5:00pm      Sat. Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup> - 5:00pm  
Sun. Mar. 9<sup>th</sup> - 8:30am

##### Lonny Audette

Tue, Mar. 4<sup>th</sup> - 7:00pm      Wed. Apr. 16<sup>th</sup> - 9:00am  
Thur. Mar 27<sup>th</sup> - 9:00am      Sat. Apr. 26<sup>th</sup> - 5:00pm

**Birthdays in February**

Fred Demmon	February 24
Gerald Fournier	February 13
Michael Gariepy	February 15
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
Joseph Zilkowsky	March 17

**Happy Birthday & Many Many More**

**Prayers are requested for:**

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

**2007 Charity Appeal !**

The vehicle winners were in Vernon, Campbell River, Surrey, Victoria and Vernon, B.C. Ticket sales began on Oct 02, 07' and continued until mid Jan 08', Brother Knights worked an average of 6 hrs per day totalling almost 807 man hrs over 90 days in often cold and less than pleasant circumstances. An enormous effort and 'Chapeau' to all those who participated.

**Support Our Troops -Kandahar Project**

We are informed that a new Troop rotation has taken place and any shipment of gifts may be directed to;

**LCdr(Rev)J. BROWN,  
Roman Catholic Chaplain  
NSE/ROTO 5 JTF AFG  
PO BOX 5058 Station Forces  
Belleville, ON K8N 5W6**

**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"

## **FYI (For Your Information)**

Council 7991 currently lists 108 members with an average of 28 members attending Monthly General Meetings since early 2007. All Brothers are encouraged to attend meetings and to participate in the various programmes of the Council. As noted in the 'New Columbia Encyclopedia' "The KofC is a society of men, whose objectives are to encourage fraternity and benevolence among its members, to promote tolerance, to encourage civic loyalty and to protect the interests of the Roman Catholic Church".

As we all know, life is not always smooth sailing nor do we always have the winds at our backs and, we often seem to come across some bumpy roads and we need the active support of all Brother Knights. According to An Old Farmer's Advice; "Sometime You Get, and Sometimes You Get Got".

'Live Simply, Love Generously, Care Deeply, Speak Kindly. Leave The Rest To God'

Financial statement to January 08' ; Expenses \$11,911.03                      Receipts'; \$13,042.52

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

On Sat. March 29 at 8.00 PM, KAIROS is seeking the support of communities, businesses etc. to join a global campaign to "Re-Energize' Time for a Carbon Sabbath" by turning off your lights in order to send a message of concern with global climate change. More information can be obtained by contact S. Stratton at 1-877-403-8933 Ext 241 or sstratton@kairoscanada.org.

It may be noted that BCHydro supports any effort to reduce electricity consumption and invites anyone to visit their website on 'Quick Facts' and examine their 'Turn-It-Off Challenge'.

MARCH 6, 08' 1100 AM; A funeral service will be held at the Church of the Ascension for Mr. Jack GOLDBURN a former member of the Knights. Brother Knights of Council 7991 will be assisting.

MARCH 8, 08' at 6.30 P.M.; 'RIGHT TO LIFE Society' Annual Banquet is scheduled to be held at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall, 4635 Elk Road, Victoria, B.C. Archbishop Adam EXNER will give a keynote address on "A Glimmer of Hope On the Pro-Life Horizon". Ticket cost \$25.00 pp.

For more info; contact (250) 383-1782

## **INSURANCE/INVESTMENT SEMINAR**

MARCH 9, 08' following the 10.30 AM Mass and Pancake Breakfast; The Council will sponsor an Insurance and Investment Seminar conducted by Mr. Joseph Ven de Buhs, the General Agent for the KofC BC/ Yukon. Mr. Buhs will discuss financial planning, estate planning and the new field of long term care and disability insurance. All Knights and their wives are encouraged to attend. Mr. Sean FETTER, the KofC insurance representative for the area will also be in attendance. There will be opportunities to raise questions and the Seminar is available to any members of the Parish. Investment planning, life insurance as well as retirement options are important issues to everyone and this will be a valuable occasion to examine your options.

For more information and to Reserve seating please contact Br. S. Fraser at 752-4755.

## **BASKETBALL FREE-THROW COMPETITIONS**

Br. J. POIRIER has been much involved in organizing the competitions which will culminate on Thursday Feb 28 at the Ballenas Secondary School and on Sat March 1st at the Kwalikum Secondary School with Awards being presented following a luncheon sponsored by Council 7991 KofC. Br. POIRIER may require some assistance at the competitions and for the luncheon.

## **General Meeting Feb 7, 08' a Synopsis**

25 Members attended the meeting .

### **Business:**

The Grand Knight suggested Council 5971 should forward a resolution to Supreme at the State Convention regarding Changes to the Charity Appeal. Support from other Councils is sought.

On Friday, February 29th at 7 PM, the Knights of Council 7991 will host the Stations of the Cross.

A motion was presented that the Grand Knight and Grand Knight Elect should attend the State Convention.

### **New Business:**

A nominating committee to elect the Slate of Officers for 2008/09 will be chaired by Br. G. Johnston assisted by Brs. A. Walsh and J. Wall.

A transfer in of Br. Jerry Herkel a long time KofC member who has held numerous positions in different organizations across the country.

A transfer in from Fort Myers, Florida, Mr. Gerry Lougheed was introduced.

Br. D. Belliveau reported an issue raised at a Parish Council Meeting by someone starting a campaign objecting to the KofC and the CWL obtaining funds from the Prov. Gaming Commission. There is serious concern that should this campaign proceed, this may effectively eliminate most if not all of the social programmes now receiving assistance from our Council.

The Charity Appeal Programme director, Br. J. Enright reported on the winners of the vehicles and his intention to send letters of appreciation to community outlets who supported the campaign.

It was reported that Sister Bettie's home rental cost has increased and a motion was presented to provide Sister Betty with some financial assistance.

Financial Seminar scheduled for Sunday March 16th (now changed to March 9th) following the 10.30 am

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## **Executive Meeting; Feb 22, 08' - a Synopsis**

13 Members of the Executive attended.

The GK spoke on the April 15-20, 08' visit to the USA by Pope Benedict XVI. Prayer cards were distributed. 1st Degree Certificates have a new artistic design.

Letter received from the CWL requesting assistance during celebration of the League's 70th Anniversary on June 22, 08'.

The Children's Classes are seeking 25 new NIV Kid's Quest study bibles. Costs are being examined.

Various upcoming events were discussed, other issues are noted elsewhere in this issue of the Herald.