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Grand Knights Report

Worthy Brothers,

The Knights of Columbus has been a very busy organization over the past several months. I would like to thank all Brothers for their participation in our many activities.

We have had a number of successful fund-raising activities including the Pancake breakfasts, the Charity Appeal, the Lifestyle Book sales and the St. Valentine's Dinner and Dance. The Knights have also participated in a wide variety of Church activities including the Family Hour of Prayer, the New Years Ringing of the Bells, helping with Christmas Dinner, acting as candle-bearers, cross-bearers, pall-bearers, readers and Eucharistic Ministers. We have Knights in the different church choirs, and we have Knights who produce the Herald. The Knights are involved in our church and our community and are to be congratulated.

At the next General meeting, we will be discussing the proposed changes our by-laws. Read them ahead of time and be prepared to discuss them. On Friday March 20th, following the Stations of the Cross and 7:00pm Mass with Bishop Gary Gordon, the CWL will be serving coffee etc in the Parish Hall. Sandy Fraser will be away, and the CWL are asking if the Knights will do the hall set-up. On March 20th, the Knights of Columbus will be hosting the Stations of the Cross. If you wish to participate in either of these activities, please contact me at 951-2010 for details.

Again, thanks to all those Knights who give of their time, and make this council the success that it is.

Fraternally
Acting Grand Knight
Dennis Belliveau

Calendar of Events

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
Mar 27 th	7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
Apr 2 nd	7:00 pm Rosary 7:30 pm General Meeting
Apr 12 th	Pancake Breakfast after both Masses
Apr 16 th	9:00 am Mass 9:30 am Executive Meeting
Apr 24 th	Annual Convention
May 7 th	7:00 pm Rosary 7:30 pm General Meeting
May 9 th	Garage Sale
May 10 th	Pancake Breakfast after both Masses
May 21 st	9:00 am Mass 9:30 am Executive Meeting

Birthdays in February

Frederick Demmon	Feb 24
Gerald Fournier	Feb 13
Michael Gariepy	Feb 15
Michael Murphy	Feb 14
Ronald Nicholas	Feb 02
Mervin Passula	Feb 17
James Wall	Feb 06
Ludwig Weilmier	Feb 01

Birthdays in March

Lucien Biggemann	Mar 18
Silvere Brochez	Mar 24
Anthony Dunn	Mar 25
Fred Gorman	Mar 18
Stewart Mason	Mar 11
Terence Receveur	Mar 12
Joseph Zilkowsky	Mar 17

**Happy Birthday
& Many Many More**

**Prayers are requested for:**

Brothers Marcel Beaulac, Fred Demmon, Fred Gorman, Richard Quittenton, Emmett Urquhart
Br. Demmons' recent medical treatment appears to have been successful.

Charity Appeal 2008/09; Good News & Bad News!

Council 7991 sold all of their tickets save for one book which may be missing? Over 400 hours voluntary work was committed by Brother Knights! The nearest winner was at Blind Bay, B.C.

Bingo Programme; A Tip of the Hat to those Brother Knights who volunteered their services. It may be noted that our Council 7991 is one of many organizations involved in Charity works to the Community who are permitted to participate in this Programme.

Support to Our Troops; Another shipment of gifts was delivered to CFB Comox for distribution to our Canadian Troops overseas.

Building Renovations; The long delayed project is still proceeding through channels and a decision from the Diocesan Financial Committee is expected in the near future. Considerable fund raising will be required by the Parish should the building proposal be accepted.

Financial News;

In view of the continuing dismal global economic downturn the need for Charity and Support to people in the Parish and the Community will no doubt increase at a steady pace.

The Feb 5 2009, presentation by Field Agent Br. S. Fetter gave an encouraging overview of the current KofC holdings but sadly could not predict a rosy picture for the financial world.

**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"

World Scene;

All news channels have focused on the controversial Bishop Richard Williamson from The Society of Saint Pius X, head of the La Reja seminary near Buenos Aires, Argentina who stated on Swedish Public Television that the Nazis had not systematically murdered 6 million Jews during World War II. The Vatican has ordered the Bishop to "distance himself" from his views "in an absolutely unequivocal and public manner". German authorities are investigating whether the remarks by Bishop Williamson can be considered "inciting racial hatred". Denying the Holocaust is a crime in Germany, punishable by up to five years in prison. (CNN NEWS) The most pointed statement came from Cardinal Francis E George of Chicago, President of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, who sharply criticised the Holocaust denial statements by Bishop Richard Williamson. Cardinal George said;

Quote; Pope Benedict XVI has lifted the personal penalty of excommunication incurred by four schismatic bishops belonging to the Priestly Society of Saint Pius X, founded by the late Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre. This gesture on the part of the Holy Father was an act of mercy and personal concern for the ordained and lay members of the Society and was meant to coincide with the fiftieth commemoration of the convening of the Second Vatican Council. The Holy Father's lifting of the excommunication is but a first step toward receiving these four bishops, and the priests who serve under them, back into full communion with the Catholic Church. If these bishops are to exercise their ministry as true teachers and pastors of the Catholic Church, they, like all Catholic bishops, will have to give their assent to all that the Church professes, including the teachings of the Second Vatican Council. As is now widely known, one of the four bishops, Richard Williamson, has recently made some deeply offensive and utterly false statements about the Holocaust of the Second World War. Bishop Williamson has denied historical facts about the Shoah, in which six million Jews were cruelly annihilated, innocent victims of blind racial and religious hatred. etc. Unquote (boston.com/news)

The CNS of Feb 6.09' reports;

Vatican City- ..Acknowledging and remembering the Holocaust is not only a matter of historical honesty, it is a religious obligation, especially for bishops, several Vatican Officials said. When Pope Benedict XVI publicly distanced himself from the Holocaust denying views of traditionalist Bishop Richard Williamson and the Vatican Secretariat of State called on the bishop Feb 4 to publicly disavow his views, they were not simply responding to a public uproar. ..Anti-Semitism has been condemned by the Second Vatican Council in the clearest terms" he said. Bishop Williamson and three other bishops who had been ordained against papal orders by the late Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre had been excommunicated in 1988. Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, the papal spokesman, said that to deny the Holocaust is to deny "the most obvious manifestation" of the presence of evil in the world. Father Lombardi add that "Denying the Holocaust is a sign of not understanding the reality of evil and therefore of not living the faith...for this reason, it seems right to me that a bishop who denies the Shoah is better off growing potatoes or doing anything else, but not being a bishop." Bishop Farrell told CNS "the testimony of the survivors of the Nazi death camps, the remains of the camps themselves and the meticulous documentation kept by the Nazis prove that the Holocaust and the death of 6 million Jews is a historical fact that can be denied 'only through ignorance or prejudice'.

On a different note we have learned of a book written by a Priest, Patrick DESBOIS {The Holocaust by Bullets; A Priest's Journey to Uncover the Truth Behind The Murder of 1.5 Million Jews}The author is reported to have originally set out to visit the Nazi concentration camps where his father had been detained during WWII which took him to several regions in the former Soviet states. In the process of his search DESBOIS began to encounter people who had not revealed information in the past were persuaded to discuss eyewitness reports of mass killings by the Nazis prior to the introduction of extermination camps. According to amazon.com Father DESBOIS documents the daunting task of identifying and examining all the sites where Jews were exterminated by Nazi mobile units in the Ukraine in WWII. Using innovative methodology, interviews and ballistic evidence, he has determined the location of many mass gravesites with the goal of providing proper burials for the victims of the forgotten Ukraine Holocaust. Compiling new archival material and many eyewitness accounts. DESBOIS has put together the first definitive account of one of history's bloodiest chapters.

Jan 22;

Headline News Reports a telephone conversation between President B. Obama and Pope Benedict XVI where both decided to "agree to disagree" on the issue of abortion but to agree on same sex marriage and share the idea it "should be between man and woman."

Jan 23;

The Associated Press reported that President Obama plans to sign an executive order ending the ban on federal funds for international groups that promote abortions. This policy bans US taxpayer money from going to international family planning groups that either offer abortions or provide information, counselling or referrals about abortion. According to the catholic news agency of Jan 25, this reversal of what was known as the Mexico City policy would mark the first clash between the Vatican and Pres. Obama. to international family planning groups that either offer abortions or provide information, counselling or referrals about abortion. According to the catholic news agency of Jan 25, this reversal of what was known as the Mexico City policy would mark the first clash between the Vatican and Pres. Obama.

Jan 20, 2009

Peshawar - The Taliban blew up five schools on January 19 in the town of Mingora, NW Pakistan. Schools were closed for the winter break and none was injured but this action adds to the more than 150 school buildings destroyed by this fundamentalist militia group. The Taliban remain a threat to tens of thousands of girls who want to continue their education. About 400 private schools in the Swat Valley, an area in the NW region near the border with Afghanistan are being forced to stay closed. catholic.org

Year of the Ox. How it got its name. Chinese folklore tells us there was a race to decide the order of animals after which the various years would be named. The Ox was in the lead, when the Rat - who was riding on the back of the Ox - leapt off and therefore crossed the finish line first. But, for this, the Ox would have won the race, as it is - he follows Rat.

And now, Une petite histoire savoureuse.

Le jeune homme venait tout juste d'obtenir son permis de conduire. Il demande donc a son pere s'ils pouvaient discuter ensemble de l'utilisation de la voiture familial. Son pere l'amene dans son bureau et lui propose le marche suivant. Tu ameloires ton rendement scolaire, tu etudies la bible et tu te fais couper les cheveux. Ensuite, nous parlerons de la voiture. Un mois plus tard, le garcon revient a la charge et, encore, son pere l'amene dans son bureau. Le pere ne tarde pas a prendre la parole. Mon fils, je suis tres fier de toi. Ca va beaucoup mieux a l'ecole, tu t'es concentre sur la bible plus que je ne l'aurais cru, mais tu ne t'es pas fait couper les cheveux." Le jeune repond 'Tu sais, papa, j'ai reflechi a cela. Samson avait le cheveux longs; Moise avait le cheveux longs, Noe avait les cheveux long et Jesus avait les cheveux longs. Et du tac au tac, le pere repond; Et ils so deplaciaient a pied!

On the US Air Flight which landed in the Hudson River in New York. We have learned from a friend residing in SULLY, Wales that the Residents Association of that city has sent a note of Congratulations and an invitation to visit that city to the Captain, Chesley SULLY SULLENBERG.

The Wall Street Journal of Feb 2nd comments; Obama Should Acknowledge His Roots - Of the many parallels between Barrack Obama and John F. Kennedy - both attended Catholic schools as children. JFK may have spent less time at the Canterbury school in Connecticut than Obama was at St. Francis of Assisi in Indonesia. A New York Univ. study of the city's schools showed that Catholic school children do better on tests - and the longer they spend in Catholic schools, the more they out-achieve their public school counterparts. A more recent study in Los Angeles by Loyola Marymount's School of Education found that poor and marginalized students attending Catholic schools have remarkably higher retention and graduation rates than their peers in public schools. Unfortunately, America's Catholic Schools are in the midst of a crisis that has its roots in the loss of the nuns, priests and brothers who once supplied these schools with low-cost teachers.

February 23. Feast of Polycarp, Bishop of Smyra (Izmir) Turkey. The letters of the seven churches in Asia at the beginning of the book of Revelation include a letter to the church in Smyra, identifying it as a church undergoing persecution. Polycarp is said to have known the Apostle John, and to have been introduced to him in the Christian faith. Polycarp, in his turn, was known to Irenaeus, who later became Bishop of Lyons in what is now France. Polycarp was denounced to the government, arrested and tried of the charge of being a Christian. When the proconsul urged him to save his life by cursing Christ, he replied; Eighty-six years I have served him and he never did me any wrong. How can I blaspheme my King who saved me? Polycarp was sentenced to be burned.

Knights of Columbus Council 7991 General Meeting, February 5, 2009

Acting Grand Knight Brother Dennis Belliveau **called the meeting to order** at 7:35 pm. Acting **Warden**, Brother Tony Dunn reported that all present were in possession of a current membership card. An *opening prayer* was said. Approximately 30 members were present.

O Canada was sung and *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
Grand Knight, Bro. Fred Demmon, P	Trustee for One Year, Bro. Silvere Brochez, P
Acting Grand Knight, Bro. Dennis Belliveau, P	Trustee for Two Years, Bro. Tony Antoniuk, P
Acting Deputy Grand Knight, Bro. Jim Wall, P	Trustee for Three Years, Bro. Randy Schmidt, P
Chancellor, Bro. Tony Dunn, P	Advocate, Bro. John Poirier, P
Financial Secretary, Bro. David Nenzel, P	Inside Guard, Bro. Mike Hanlon, P
Recorder, Bro. Dale Niwa, P	Outside Guard, Bro. Jim Enright, P
Warden, Bro. Peter Horsfield, E	Past Grand Knight, Bro. Jim Wall, P
Treasurer, Bro. Ray Misanchuk, P	

The *Opening Ode* was sung.

Brother Randy Schmidt moved and Brother Mike Murphy seconded that the **minutes** of the meeting of January 8 be adopted as presented. Carried.

Membership Chairman, Brother Al Walsh reported that our council has 109 members, 48 of whom are insured. Scot Doran has signed up and is to be initiated, and Brother John Geurak is transferring in.

Chaplain, Father Jozef Kobos joined the meeting. He reported that all is well.

Treasurer, Brother Ray Misanchuk reported the following account balances as of January 31. (The full report is on file.)

Cash Available	\$2,811.15
Credit Union Bonds	\$25,000.00
Gaming Account	\$9,931.24

Brother Misanchuk 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 January. (The full report is on file.)

Total Income	\$10,885.00
Total Expenses	\$11,811.08

Brother Nenzel moved and Brother Tony Dunn seconded that the report be accepted as presented. Carried.

Trustees/Auditors Report. Brother Tony Antoniuk reported that the semi-annual audit is complete, all is in order, and it has been sent in.

Grand Knight, Brother Fred Demmon thanked members for their prayers, encouragement and financial assistance. He reported that he would withdraw from the position of Grand Knight presently.

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

- **Public Relations Director**, Brother Dennis Belliveau reported that for the time being his public relations has been limited to his column in the Church Bulletin.
- **Council Director**, Brother Gerry Taylor reported that the required reports are in, and that he attended the 50th anniversary of Brother Al Walsh and his wife Maisy.
- **Acting Pro-Life Chair**, Brother Gerry Taylor reported the Nanaimo chapter of Birthright is in need of financial assistance, that \$1000 from the Pro-Life Dinner will be donated to that cause, and that there will be a Pro-Life March in Victoria on May 14.
- **Charity Appeal Chairman**, Brother Jim Enright reported that 499 of the 500 Charity Appeal ticket books had been sent in by January 10.
- **Free Throw Chairman**, Brother John Poirier reported that the play-off at Qualicum Elementary School went well today with Ruth Stefanic having taken care of most of the work. He will need a crew to help with the final playoff on February 28.
- **Community Director**, Brother Sandy Fraser thanked those who helped take down the Christmas decorations.

- **Building Co-chair**, Brother Sandy Fraser reported that the Diocesan Building Commission has approved of the project in principle, and that the Diocesan Financial Committee will be examining the proposal, probably on February 14.
- **Fund-raising Co-chair**, Brother Dennis Belliveau reported that approximately \$300,000 will have to be raised, and he is forming a committee to bring forth fund-raising ideas.
- **Bingo Chairman**, Brother Ray Misanchuk reported that the Bingo work is finished for the year.

Unfinished Business:

- It was reported that ticket sales for the **Valentine Dinner** are going well. Tickets will be sold at the masses this weekend. The selling of tables was discussed. It was agreed that it should proceed for this event and be evaluated at the next Executive Meeting. The legality of a 50/50 draw at such a function was questioned. The Advocate, Brother John Poirier, reported that a licence *should* be obtained. He will check on the cost.

New Business:

- There has been a proposal to purchase a **sandwich cooler** that is available for a cost of between \$50 and \$100. Brother Mike Hanlon moved and Brother John Poirier seconded that the purchase be made. Brother Ray Misanchuk moved and Brother David Nenzel seconded that the motion be deferred for an Executive recommendation. The motion to defer was carried.
- There has been a proposal to assist in the purchase of a **TV for Sr. Betti**. Brother John Poirier moved and Brother Al Walsh seconded that the Council contribute one half of the cost of a new TV for Sr. Betti, with the CWL paying the other half. Brother David Nenzel moved and Brother Jim Wall seconded that motion be deferred for an Executive recommendation. The motion to defer was carried.
- It has been suggested that the **Irish Night** be cancelled for this year. Brother Ed Peacock suggested that rather than cancel it, it be a fund-raising project for the new construction. Brother Dennis Belliveau will take the proposal to Brendan and Helen O'Keeffe.
- Brother Stu Mason questioned whether we should continue selling **Lifestyle books** when another is available for \$15. Brother Ray Misanchuk reported that 175 of the 200 Lifestyle books have been sold, and that options will be examined for next year.
- Brother Dale Niwa presented copies of Executive-recommended proposed changes to the **Council By-Laws**. Brother Niwa gave notice of motion for the proposed changes.

District Deputy, Brother Rick Graebner expressed greetings, congratulated Council on completing the semi-annual audit, and on work with Free-Throw, reminded Council of upcoming important dates (Feb. 21, resolutions deadline; March 15, early convention registration deadline; March 25, Day of the Unborn; March 29, Founders Day and Special Olympics Walkathon; April 1, convention registration deadline; May 14, Walk for Life; June 30, anniversary book submissions deadline), suggested that we should start considering elections for next term, that we should get our First Degree Team operating, and warned of a Revenue Canada mail scam and pressures against K of C ideals from the US government administration.

Insurance Field Agent, Brother Shawn Fetter expressed greetings, assured Council that the K of C Insurance and investments are financially sound, and outlined some investment plans currently being offered.

Under **the Good of the Order** prayers were recommended for Brother Fred Gorman. A prayer was said.

Chaplain, Fr. Jozef Kobos clarified the Church's position regarding the recent excommunication/ reinstatements of some members of the Church.

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