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Grand Knights Report

Brother Knights

In the absence of our Worthy Grand Knight Dennis Belliveau the editor will attempt to inform the Council of a few newsworthy items. GK Dennis is away on business and is experiencing a heavier workload than expected.

Our deepest sympathy to our DGK Brother Peter Horsfield and his family for the loss of their beloved one, Patte. Let us keep them in our prayers during their difficult time.

Congratulations to Brothers Randy Schmidt and Mike Hanlon for receiving their Honorary Lifetime Membership cards at our January monthly meeting.

And to Brother Ed Peacock for recovering from his recent surgery. It is evident what the Power of Prayer can do! It's good to see you up and around again Ed. Keep up the good work.

Thanks to Brother Randy Schmidt for coordinating the Family Hour of Prayer Traveling Icon and to the Brothers that attended and participated in the 9 AM Mass on Thursday, January 14. We had a good showing of the Brothers and a good number of parishioners in attendance.

Fraternally

Br. Jerry Loughead for Dennis Belliveau
Grand Knight / Council 7991

Calendar of Events

Jan 27 th	9:00 am Mass 9:30 am Executive Meeting
Feb 4 th Feb 18 th	7:30 pm General Meeting 9:00 am Mass 9:30 am Executive Meeting
Mar 4 th Mar 18 th	7:30 pm General Meeting 9:00 am Mass 9:30 am Executive Meeting
Apr 1 st Apr 15 th	7:30 pm General Meeting 9:00 am Mass 9:30 am Executive Meeting

KNIGHTS CHOIR

Submitted by Gerry Taylor

K of C. Choir. We are starting a New season with some new songs & new chalenges. WE have 3 new members, SO now is the Time if you have been thinking of joining us for a evening of Fun & song NOW is the Time Call 250 752 8179 for info .This is a none audition choir If you can make a noise YOUR IN.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays in January

Michael Briones	January 16
George Despina	January 1
Rod Morrison	January 10
Dale Niwa	January 06
Robert Primeau	January 16

Birthdays in February

Frederick Demmon	February 24
Gerald Fournier	February 13
Michael Garipey	February 15
Michael Murphy	February 14
Ronald Nicholas	February 2
Mervin Passula	February 17
James Wall	February 06
Ludwig Weilmier	February 01

Prayers are requested for:

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

PRO LIFE

Submitted by Gerry Taylor

Brother Knights:

The late pro-life hero and artist, William Kurelek wrote about Christmas on the prairies and depicted it in many of his paintings. Despite the hardships of a rural Christmas, the people were faith-filled and were determined. They, who have gone before us, would have been proud of the faithful determination, firm resolve and hard work that the Pro-Life Movement continues to accomplish as it struggles to create Culture of Life in Canada and abroad, despite overwhelming obstacles.

I'm sure they wouldn't believe the timid response in the face of evil, from most Church leaders. Nor would they believe the numbers of cowardly politicians, activist judges and a negligent, uninformed public who would allow great evil to permeate society at all levels.

The slaughter of the innocents, carried out by Herod and depicted in a modern setting by Kurelek continues unabated today as over 50 million children in the womb are killed annually by abortion. Let us give thanks today, for having had the veils lifted from our eyes and let us pray fervently in thanksgiving to God for having called us to this work and to pray for those who still don't see or believe.

YEAR OF THE PRIEST

Without the priest, the passion of the Lord would be of no avail. It is the priest who continues the work of redemption on earth. (Cure of Ars)

The Cure of Ars was quite humble, yet as a priest he was conscious of being an immense gift to his people: "A good shepherd, a pastor after God's heart, is the greatest treasure which the good Lord can grant to a parish and one of the most precious gifts of divine mercy". He spoke of the priesthood as if incapable of fathoming the grandeur of the gift and task entrusted to a human creature: "O, how great is the priest! If he realized what he is, he would die. God obeys him: he utters a few words and the Lord descends from heaven at his voice, to be contained within a small host". Explaining to his parishioners the importance of the Sacraments, he would say:

Without the Sacrament of Holy Orders, we would not have the Lord. Who put Him there in that tabernacle? The priest. Who welcomed your soul at the beginning of your life? The priest. Who feeds your soul and gives it strength for its journey? The priest. Who will prepare it to appear before God, bathing it one last time in the blood of Jesus Christ? The priest, always the priest. And if this soul should happen to die (as a result of sin), who will raise it up, who will restore its calm and peace? Again, the priest...After God, the priest is everything! Only in heaven will he fully realize what he is.

These words, welling up from the priestly heart of the holy pastor, might sound excessive. Yet they reveal the high esteem in which he held the Sacrament of the Priesthood.

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He seemed overwhelmed by a boundless sense of responsibility: "Were we to fully realize what a priest is on earth, we would die: not of fright, but of love. Without a priest, the passion and death of our Lord would be of no avail. It is the priest who continues the work of redemption on earth. What use would be a house filled with gold, were there no one to open its door? The priest holds the key to the treasures of heaven. It is he opens the door; he is the steward of the good Lord, the administrator of His goods. The priest is not a priest for himself; he is a priest for you.

More about our Priest, Father Kobos

Father Kobos was ordained into Priesthood on April 13, 1977. Cardinal Archbishop of Krakow Karol Wojtya was elected Pope John Paul II on October 16, 1978. Last week Father recalled his memories of the Pope while serving as a deacon.

Poland was under communist rule. Cardinal Archbishop of Warsaw Stefan Wyszynski was an icon to the people of Poland. In 1950 he made a secret agreement with the communist authorities that settled the political dispute of the Church in Poland. It allowed the church to hold property, separated the church from politics, and among other things, allowed the authorities to select a bishop, namely Karol Wojtyla. "God works in a good way with communist people". Another wave of persecution swept Poland in 1953 and the newly elevated Cardinal Wyszynski was imprisoned in Rywald. He was released in 1956. In 1958 Wyszynski informed then Archbishop Wojtyla of his appointment as bishop. At age 38, Karol Wojtyla was the youngest bishop in Poland. Pope Paul VI announced Archbishop Wojtyla to the Sacred College of Cardinals. And on October 16, 1978, Wojtyla became the 264th Pope at the age of 58.

In 1976 the Salvatorian Order built a church in Krakow and then Cardinal Wojtyla (Pope Paul) consecrated the church. Father Kobos was in attendance for this consecration. He served Cardinal Karol Wojtyla as a deacon.

"Prior to the Pope's ordination in 1946, he worked very hard." "Hard, physical work.

His co-workers would tell him to study while they would fill in for him. He studied very hard during the German Occupation. The Pope looked very humble, holy man. He worked with young people, young students." Pope Paul John I died after serving only 33 days as Pope. There was talk that Karol Wojtyla, Archbishop of Krakow, would become Pope. The night before being elected Pope, Cardinal Karol Wojtyla lay prostrate before the Lord for the entire night asking for God's wisdom and guidance should he be elected."

"After he became Pope, the whole world loved him, and during his funeral in Rome, crowds chanted "Santo Subito!" which means "Saint Now!". Since then, Pope Benedict has declared Pope John venerable.

Insurance Agent Shawn Fetter

Brothers all,
Happy New Year to all of you and I wish you and your families a healthy and joyous 2010.

As of Jan.1, 2010 all members and their spouses(must be over the age of 18) are eligible to contribute another \$5,000 into their tax free savings accounts. If you opened an account with another financial institution in 2009 and would like to contribute to a Knights of Columbus TFSA in 2010 you are able to do so. If have not yet started a TFSA that means you now have \$10,000 of contribution space available

For all money received by our headoffice by Mar.31, 2010, regardless if that account is a TFSA, RRSP, RRIF, or a savings annuity, you are guaranteed to earn 3.25% for one year. If your account carries an account balance greater than \$10,000 you are guaranteed to earn 3.5%. All of our accounts guarantee that you will never lose any money and all guarantee that you will always earn at least 3% for the life of the account(3.25% if you carry a balance greater than \$10,000).

If any of you have any questions please contact myself at any time.

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**Knights of Columbus Council 7991
General Meeting, January 7, 2010**

Grand Knight Brother Dennis Belliveau **called the meeting to order** at 7:35 pm. 24 members were present. Brother Tony Dunn for the Warden reported that all present were in possession of a current membership card. An opening prayer was said and *O Canada* was sung.

The roll of officers was called and recorded as follows. (P - present, A - absent, E - excused)

Chaplain, Fr. Jozef Kobos, E	Lecturer, Brother Sandy Fraser, P
Grand Knight, Brother Dennis Belliveau, P	Trustee for One Year, Brother Tony Antoniuk, P
Deputy Grand Knight, Brother Peter Horsfield, E	Trustee for Two Years, Brother Randy Schmidt, P
Chancellor, Brother Tony Dunn, P	Trustee for Three Years, Brother Jim Wall, P
Financial Secretary, Brother David Nenzel, P	Advocate, Brother John Poirier, P
Recorder, Brother Dale Niwa, P	Inside Guard, Brother Mike Hanlon, P
Warden, Brother Mervin Pasula, A	Outside Guard, Brother Jim Enright, E
Treasurer, Brother Ray Misanchuk, P	Past Grand Knight, Brother Jim Wall, P

The *Opening Ode* was sung. All present introduced themselves. The Grand Knight gave a special welcome to Brothers Jim Proctor (new member), Alan Critchley (new member), Wayne Latremouille (visitor/transfer), and Matthew Morrison (youngest member).

Brother Randy Schmidt moved and Brother Sandy Fraser seconded that the **minutes** of the meeting of December 3 be adopted as presented. Carried.

Brother Tony Antoniuk for Brother Al Walsh reported that there were two **applications** for membership and one for **re-admission**. Brother Antoniuk moved and Brother David Nenzel seconded that Bernard Slobbe and Michael Briones be admitted for membership. Carried. Brothers Antoniuk and Nenzel moved and seconded that Brother Rick Murrell be re-admitted. Carried. District Deputy Al Astles will be contacted to verify a suitable time for a First Degree initiation.

Presentations:

A **name badge** was presented to Brother John Gurak.

Honorary Life Memberships were presented to Brothers Randy Schmidt and Mike Hanlon.

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

Total Income	\$1,849.50
Total Expenses	\$4,054.81

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

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

Cash Available	\$6,884.93
Credit Union Bonds	\$5,175.07
Gaming Account	\$11,222.74

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

Correspondence:

\$ A thank-you card from Rosemary Blank.

\$ A thank-you from SOS.

\$ A check from Brother Henk Bonthuis for \$100 asking that it be spent on local and other charitable works.

\$ A letter of appreciation and a request for financial assistance for the Crisis Pregnancy Center from the CWL. The \$1000 budgeted for the Center will be presented at the shower.

\$ A request from the Deputy Grand Knight/Charity Appeal Chairman for a trailer and assistance with bookkeeping.

The **Trustees** reported that an audit would soon be conducted.

Brother Jim Wall for **Program Director** Brother Peter Horsfield called upon the following directors to report.

\$ **Parish Council Liaison/PR Director** Brother Dennis Belliveau reported that the January meeting is coming up. He has received a letter that seems to indicate that Parish Council does not want appointed members to remain for the business part of Parish Council meeting. He moved and Brother David Nenzel seconded that Brother Belliveau seek clarification from Parish Council. Carried.

\$ **Council Director/Choir Director** Brother Gerry Taylor reported that there are now 17 choir members, but he would like more.

\$ Brother Dennis Belliveau reported that **Pancake Breakfast Chairman** Brother Ed Peacock is recovering quite well.

\$ **Pro-Life Chairman** Brother Gerry Taylor reported that Bill C384 has been postponed but not indefinitely. He reported that eighteen million dollars is being donated to Planned Parenthood by the government, and recommended that objections be forwarded to our MP.

\$ **Funerals Director** Brother Randy Schmidt reported that the committee for getting candle and cross bearers has been rearranged, and that more members would be appreciated.

\$ **Free-Throw Coordinator** Brother John Poirier passed around a sign-up sheet for the competitions and banquet on February 4, 10, 16, and 20.

\$ **Community/Insurance Director/Lecturer** Brother Sandy Fraser

\$ Reported that Insurance Field Agent Brother Shawn Fetter will be in attendance at our February meeting, and that Brother Kees Hendricks will give a presentation on CHIP reverse mortgages at the General Meeting in March.

\$ Thanked those that helped set up the Christmas light up, and passed around a volunteer sheet to take down the decorations on January 11.

\$ For **Building Committee Chairman**, Brother Gordon Johnston he reported that four tenders have been received and the selected one has been forwarded to Victoria for approval; some items are still to be moved to storage for the duration of the construction; and the *old* old kitchen will still be available for serving coffee and snacks.

Other Reports:

\$ Brother Ray Misanchuk reported that 137 **Island Living Books** have been sold, and there are 58 left.

\$ The Grand Knight reported that

- o Ed and Doreen Peacock and family served 56 **meals on Christmas day**.
- o State has assured him that Knights rendering service to others are covered with **liability insurance**.
- o The **Quarterly Report** is again delayed. The next one will be in March.
- o The formation of a **Fund-Raising Committee** is still on hold.
- o The first call for **convention delegates** has been received.
- o Brother Randy Schmidt has accepted coordinating the **Family Hour of Prayer Traveling Icon**. Brother Schmidt reported that he will pick up the icon on January 12, and that the ceremony will be held on January 14. Brothers Fred Demmon and Sandy Fraser agreed to assist Brother Schmidt.

Under the **Good of the Order** prayers were requested for Brothers Ed Peacock, John Poirier (thanks), Fred Gorman, Emmett Urquhart, and Peter Fedorak. A prayer was said.

The *Closing Ode* was sung. Brother Jim Proctor won the 50/50 draw. The meeting was adjourned.