



Knights Herald

Ascension Council 7991

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Grand Knights Report

Worthy Brothers,

I would first like to thank all those Brother Knights who have contributed in many ways to make this past year the success that it has been. Often, our members contribute many hours of their time to activities which receive very little applaud or recognition but which all add to the councils success.

Last year, our activities included Christmas in July, Octoberfest, Pasta Night, Christmas Dinner, Valentine's Dinner and Dance, the Garage Sale, the Stations of the Cross, the Family Hour of Prayer, Adoration, and Pro-Life activities. And mixed in with all these special events, we had a very successful Charity Appeal Campaign, Lifestyle and Fiesta Book Sales, Basketball Free Throw contest, Pancake Breakfasts, visits to the sick shut-ins and those unable to attend Mass, organized two shipments of goods to our troops in Afghanistan, and oversaw the design, fabrication, erection, landscaping and lighting of the new church cross. Many of these activities contributed to raising approximately \$35,000. for donations to the Church, to Seminarians, bursaries, victims of disasters and parish and community activities.

Brother Fred Demmon started the year as our Grand Knight, but had to step down due to health reasons. I moved from Program Director to Grand Knight. This has been a learning experience for me, and I would like to thank the Executive Committee and all Brother Knights for their patience and perseverance during this transition period.

Our council sets a high standard of service and leadership to our parish and community, and I wish to thank all Brother Knights for their efforts over the last year to help make this council the success that it has been.

Fraternally

Br. Dennis Belliveau

Grand Knight / Council 7991

Calendar of Events

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| July 24 th | Christmas in July |
| Sept 3 rd | 7:30 pm General Meeting |
| Sept 13 th | Pancake Breakfast after both Masses |
| Sept 17 th | 9:00 am Mass
9:30 am Executive Meeting |
| Oct 1 st | 7:30 pm General Meeting |
| Oct 11 th | Pancake Breakfast after both Masses |
| Oct 15 th | 9:00 am Mass
9:30 am Executive Meeting |

Local News;

Brother Gerry Taylor Tel.#(250)752-8179 is still seeking more Brother Knights to form a Council 7991 Choir. Br. Gerry says `don't be shy and no need to be a Pavaroti to join`

Birthdays in June

Drazen Filko	June 11
Kees Hendricks	June 04
Hans Kratz	June 20
Terrance Kroetsch	June 27
Peter Kucey	June 10
Francis Lacouvee	June 21
Siegfried Mueller	June 18
James Proctor	June 09
John Smart	June 02

**Happy Birthday &
Many Many More**

Birthdays in July

Jeff Audette	July 09
Dennis Belliveau	July 13
Henk Bonthuis	July 26
Raymond Desjardins	July 14
Anthony Dixon	July 12
Peter Fedorak	July 23
Robert Garies	July 01
Medric L'Heureux	July 08
Harold McColm	July 26
Ron Morrisroe	July 04
Tony Platen	July 30
Richard Quittenton	July 12
Ghislain Sarrazin	July 27
John Toohey	July 29
Charles Whelton	July 09

**Prayers are requested for:**

Brothers Marcel Beaulac, Fred Demmon, Fred Gorman, Richard Quittenton, Emmett Urquhart and John Poirier.

Council 7991

Installation of Officers for 09'-10' took place at 1830 Hrs on Saturday, June 13th followed by a brief social at the Church Hall. The following will guide Council 7991 through the coming year which promises to be a most exciting period for the Parish.

Grand Knight	Br. Dennis Belliveau
Deputy Grand Knight	Br. Peter Horsfield
Warden	Br. Mervin Pasula
Recorder	Br. Dale Niwa
Chancellor	Br. Tony Dunn
Financial Secretary	Br. David Nenzel
Treasurer	Br. Ray Misanchuk
Advocate	Br. John Poirier
Trustees	Brs'. Tony Antoniuk, Randall Schmidt and Jim Wall
Inside Guard	Br. Mike Hanlon
Outside Guard	Br. Jim Enright

Br. G. Taylor advises that plans for the Council 7991 Choir are proceeding well and he could still use several interested members to join the group.

**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"

Ascension Church Renovations have been approved by the Bishop and a Fundraising Campaign has been organized by several Parish members. Ms. Sandi Digras, is Chair of the Fundraising Committee. The project has been under consideration for several years and the eyes of the Diocese will no doubt be upon this Parish for a successful renovation and expansion of the building.

The Council seeks your assistance in the preparation of a 100 year anniversary book in 2011, similar to the 'History in The Making' produced by the BC/Yukon State covering the years 1906 to 1986. The GK and Br. Al Walsh are preparing a brief history of Council 7991 and seek the following informatin'

- Names of the Grand Knights (7991) since 1984
- Names of the District Deputies since 1986 who belonged to Council 7991
- Names of Parish Priests since 1984.
- Any significant events which took place at Council 7991 since 1984.

There is some Urgency involved in obtaining this information by June 30, 09'.

Word to the Wise.

'Watch Your Thoughts,	They Become Words.
Watch Your Words,	They become Actions.
Watch Your Actions,	They become Habits.
Watch Your Habits,	They become Character.
Watch Your Character,	It becomes Your Destiny'

The World Around Us;

Washington; 2009 Official Catholic Directory shows 68.1 Million Catholics in the USA, (a 1% increase,) totalling 22% of the US population.

41,489 Diocesan and religious order Priests. 60,715 religious sisters, 4,905 religious Brothers and 16,936 permanent deacons 2008 - 887,145 infants and 42,629 adults were baptised.

There are 18,674 Parishes, 91 new parishes, 182 seminarians, 4,973 students, 722,000 students in High School religious education programmes & 3 million in elementary school religious education.

There are 6,133 Catholic elementary schools with 1.6 million students.

1,341 Catholic High Schools educate over 674,000 students.

234 Catholic Colleges and Universities serve over 795,000.

562 US Catholic hospitals serve 85.3 million patients

3009 Catholic Social Service Centres assist 27.2 million people annually.

According to the US Bishops Conference, Catholic organizations in the US provide an estimated \$28.2 Billion in services. Institutions represented by the Catholic Health Assoc. \$5.7 Billion

Catholic Charities(USA) provide \$3.5 Billion

National Catholic Education Assoc. \$19.8 Billion.

These figures do not include assistance provided through Parishes and other organizations, i.e. the Knights of Columbus.

June 16 CNA; The Bishops Conference in Mexico strongly condemns the killing of Father Habacue Hernandez, and two seminarians, Eduardo Oregon Benitez and Silvestre Gonzalez in the City of Arcelia, State of Guerrero, Mexico.

K of C News; St. Francis Xavier Council 10500 - Vancouver, B.C. raised about \$25,000 during Lent to repair flood damage to a school and convent in Vinh-Luong, Vietnam where several religious sisters work at an Elementary School. (BCC News)

Canberra, June 16 (Zenit.org.) On the occasion of the Year of the Priests which begins on June 12, Archbishop Coleridge of Canberra and Goulburn affirms that the priesthood is more than a job, it is a special call to holiness through sacrificial love and service to others.

Pope Benedict XVI ' invites the whole Church to celebrate a Year of the Priesthood as a time to focus upon the mystery of the ministerial priesthood and the great gift it is at the heart of the Church. The Archbishop explained that "when Jesus calls a man into this mystery of self-sacrificing love as a priest, he is calling him above all to live the mystery of the Cross" 'At the altar, which is the epicenter of the priesthood, the priest speaks words which are not his own" "This is my body given for you; this is my blood poured out for you'. "The call of Jesus is total, as was his death on the Cross and his resurrection from the dead". "His call claims the mind, the heart, the soul and the body of a man - which is why the ministerial priesthood is much more than a job, The priesthood is hard work, but it is not just a job". He encouraged Catholics to "celebrate and ponder the gift of the ministerial priesthood, to pray for priests and 'give thanks for their tireless service of which only God can take the full measure'

Religion, Ethics and the Market

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson commented on the Moral Responsibility..Key to Economic Recovery. He recalls a speech by Czech President Vaclav Havel after the fall of Communism in Europe on the importance of individual responsibility within an economic system. Pres. Havel said; "We live in a morally contaminated environment. We fell morally ill because we became used to saying something different from what we thought. We learned not to believe in anything, to ignore each other, to care only about ourselves..."Today, with the world economy in the midst of a deep recession, and with pundits and politicians debating a variety of proposed legal or technical corrections, we would do well to keep Havel's words of individual moral responsibility in mind... (June 15/Zenit.org.)

Hitler's Plot Against Pius.

There have long been rumors that Hitler wanted to kidnap or kill Pope Pius XII. In 1972, former SS Gen. Karl Wolf referred to such a plan in a meeting he said he had with the wartime Pope on May 10, 1944. However, Wolf's story could never be verified. The Italian Bishops' newspaper 'Avvenire' and later l'Osservatore Romano reported on June 16, 09', about 'more concrete rumors' of a plan hatched by the Reichssicherheitsamt in Berlin on July 25, 43'. The reports cite a viable source, the son of one of the key people involved, Niko Freytag von Loringhoven. According to the son, now 72 yoa, on July 29-30, 43', a secret meeting took place in Venice. At the meeting, the head of Italian counterintelligence, General Cesare Ame, was informed of Hitler's wish to punish Italians for the arrest of Mussolini by kidnapping or killin Pius XII and the King of Italy. The plan arrived by plane directly from Berlin, from Admiral Wilhelm Canaris, Head of German Counterintelli- gence and two colonels of Section II (sabotage) Erwin van Lahousen and Wessel Freytag van Loringhoven. The report (Avvenire)stated the plan was shelved when Ame arrived back in Rome and news of the plot got out.

For What it's worth;

A friend in Toronto passed this along; "(Recently) his car was being repaired when the mechanic commented that someone had stolen the sticker from the license plate. Someone had removed the newly applied vehicle validation sticker.

Most of us simply clean off the surface of the previous sticker and put the new one on top of it. This allows a thief to pry off the layered stack, clean up the back and glue your sticker onto their license plate, or, sell it to someone else to apply to theirs. This allows them to avoid paying the renewal fee and/or pay for the Emissions test or the new private vehicle tax in Toronto and by extension, probably drive uninsured. The next year they will simply repeat the process with another stolen sticker. The Min of Transport has indicated this is a common problem.

It is suggested the old sticker be completely removed, wash the area with lighter fluid before applying the new sticker, once this is applied and well rubbed down, take a sharp Exacto knife or something similar and score lines vertically and horizontally across the sticker. This guarantees it can only be removed in small, useless pieces. If the license plate is aluminium there is apparently no risk of rusting due to the scoring.

Believe It or Not ? Apparently a true story...?

Outside Bristol Zoo, there is a car park for 150 cars and 8 coaches. It was manned by a very pleasant attendant with a ticket machine charging 1Pd for cars and 5 Pd for coaches. This parking attendant worked there solid for all of 25 years. Then one day, he just didn't turn up for work. "Oh well.." said Bristol Zoo Management "We'd better phone up the City Council and get them to send a new parking attendant.."

"Err No" said the Council, "That car park is your responsibility"..

"Err. No" said Bristol Zoo Management, "The attendant was employed by the City Council..wasn't he?"

"Err..No!"

Sitting in his villa in Spain is a bloke who had been taking the car park fees, estimated at 400 Pd per day at Bristol Zoo, for the last 25 years! Assuming 7 days a week, this amounts to just over 3.6 million Pd

On the Lighter Side:



Life After Death;

"Do you believe in Life after Death?" the Boss asked one of his employees

"Yes, Sir!" the new employee replied.

"Well, Then, that makes everything just fine." The Boss said, "After you left early yesterday to go to your Grandmother's funeral, she stopped in to see You!"

Climb the Walls;

"Oh, I sure am happy to see you," the little boy said to his grandmother on his mother's side. "Now maybe Daddy will do the trick he has been promising us" The grandmother was curious. "What trick is That?" she asked. "I heard him tell Mommy that he would climb the walls if you came to visit," the little boy answered.

**Knights of Columbus ~ Council 7991
General Meeting, June 4, 2009**

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

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

The *Opening Ode* was sung.

Brother David Nenzel moved and Brother Jim Wall seconded that the **minutes** of the meeting of May 7 be adopted as presented. Carried.

Guest Brother Gerry Isaiu from High River was introduced.

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

Cash Available	\$6,827.89
Credit Union Bonds	\$25,175.07
Gaming Account	\$24,601.70

Brother Misanchuk moved and Brother Gordon Johnston seconded that the report be accepted as presented. Carried.

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

Total Income	\$3197.14
Total Expenses	\$1071.32

Brother Nenzel moved and Brother Sandy Fraser seconded that the report be accepted as presented. Carried.

Program Director, Brother Peter Horsfield called upon the following directors to report:

- **Parish Council Liaison**, Brother Dennis Belliveau reported that the Parish AGM was held last Sunday. He reported on the council activities for the year.
- **Pancake Breakfast Chairman**, Brother Brendan O'Keeffe reported that Brother Peter Horsfield's team would be handling this month's breakfast. This will be the last breakfast of the fraternal year. Brother O'Keeffe also announced that he would not be coordinating the pancake breakfasts next year.
- **Pro-Life Liaison**, Brother Gerry Taylor reported that there would be a meeting of the committee next Wednesday, and that the committee is preparing a calendar of events. Brothers Italo Raviglione, Gerry Taylor, Jerry Loughhead, and Peter Horsfield attended the *March for Life*. Brother Horsfield gave a report.
- **Community Director**, Brother Sandy Fraser reported that there would be a parish grounds clean up later this summer.
- **Building Committee Chairman**, Brother Gordon Johnston reported that the renovation project was presented at the AGM, and that fund-raising will begin this weekend. The kitchen, classrooms and washrooms will not be available once construction begins – probably this fall.

Unfinished Business:

- Brother Gordon Johnston's notice of motion of May 7 to affirm the **donation of \$20,000** from the Knights to be used for kitchen equipment was re-entered. Seconded by Brother Peter Horsfield. Carried.
- Katie Ann Gaetz will be informed that we cannot give her any **financial assistance** at this time.
- The Grand Knight has not yet contacted MP Lunney regarding a new **Canada flag**.

New Business:

- **Election of Officers for 2009-2010:** The Chair was passed over to Brother Randy Schmidt. The following officers were elected, all by acclamation:
 - Grand Knight; Brother Dennis Belliveau
 - Deputy Grand Knight; Brother Peter Horsfield
 - Warden; Brother Mervin Pasula
 - Recorder; Brother Dale Niwa
 - Chancellor; Brother Tony Dunn
 - Treasurer; Brother Ray Misanchuk
 - Trustee for Three Years; Brother Jim Wall
 - Advocate; Brother John Poirier
 - Inside Guard; Brother Mike Hanlon
 - Outside Guard; Brother Jim EnrightThe Chair was passed back to the Grand Knight.
- A **Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary** certificate from Supreme was presented to Brother Ray Misanchuk.
- A **name badge** was presented to Brother Jerry Loughead.
- The Grand Knight will talk to Brother Tony Antoniuk about the reestablishment of the **Phoning Committee**.
- An e-mail from **Brother John Poirier** was read. He has had a heart attack and is in a Calgary hospital.
- Brother Randy Schmidt asked that the duties of the **Funerals Director** be formalized.
- A location for this year's **Christmas in July** gathering is being sought. The Qualicum Beach Rotary Park and the Parish grounds were suggested. The Grand Knight will look into the possibilities.
- Brother Brendan O'Keeffe volunteered to organize the **Wine and Cheese** to follow the Installation of Officers on June 13. The Grand Knight will notify those Knights that have e-mail of the event.
- Brother Gerry Taylor reported that there are now 15 members for the **K of C Choir**. Musicians and a director are required. He will present a budget at the June executive meeting.
- It was reported that Past Grand Knight **Brother Fred Demmon** has chipped a bone in his hip, and has had a pin put into his knee.
- Brother Les Bodi through Brother Gordon Johnston thanked all who helped with the **Garage Sale**.
- Brother Dale Niwa moved that the recommendation of the Executive to donate \$250 to the **Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation** in lieu of giving flowers to the ladies at church on Mothers Day be affirmed. Seconded by Brother David Nenzel. Carried unanimously.
- Brother Ray Misanchuk reported that it is no longer necessary to assist at **Bingos** to qualify for gaming money.
- The Grand Knight read a **letter of appreciation** containing a gift cheque of \$150 from Peter and Theresa DeCruz.
- There will be a **First Degree Initiation** in Courtenay on June 10. Brother Al Walsh has been informed.
- Brother Mike Hanlon move and Brother Jim Enright seconded that the meeting scheduled for **September 3 be postponed until September 10**. Carried.

Under the **Good of the Order** prayers were recommended for the grandson of Brother Dale Niwa, and Brothers Bob Garies, Fred Demmon, John Poirier and Tom Cunniffe.

A closing prayer was said and the *Closing Ode* was sung, Brother Mervin Pasula won the 50/50 draw, and Brother Gordon Johnston moved that the meeting be **adjourned** at 8:40.

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