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Grand Knights Report

Brother Knights

At our last General Meeting, our Council elected a new slate of officers for the year 2010/2011. We have a full set of officers going into the new fraternal year, and the Installation of Officers ceremony will take place on Sept 2. I wish to thank all those members who allowed their names to stand for officers and for the committee chairs. It is truly heartening to know that these positions have been filled and that we are well prepared for a busy new year.

I would like to thank all the out-going officers and committee chairs for all the work that they have done over the past year. We have had a very successful year in many respects although our activities associated with the kitchen and hall have been somewhat curtailed because of the hall renovations. Our council activities included pancake breakfasts, organizing for funerals, the Charity Appeal, gym nights, the Family Hour of Prayer, Pasta night, fund-raising for the hall renovation, preparing for the hall renovations, choir practices, singing in various choirs, Degree ceremonies, putting up the Nativity Scene, helping with church decorations, the Christmas Dinner, handling the bursaries, the Stations of the Cross, the March for Life, and participating in Parish Council activities, K of C General Meetings and Executive meetings. On May 28, 2010, Brother Jerry Loughead and wife Nancy, Brother Peter Horsfield, Father Jozef, Terry Evans and Brother Dennis Belliveau and wife Bev attended the Year For The Priest Diocesan celebration in Victoria.



A special thanks to the following Knights Brother Jim Enright who will take on the role of Fund Raising Chair for the task. This will be a significant challenge and Brother Jim has already started the task.

Brother Mike Hanlon for agreeing to take on the Chair of the Pancake Breakfast Committee.

Brother Randy Schmidt for his continuous efforts in organizing the Funeral teams.

Brother Dave Nenzel for building the very special container to house the Council Travelling Icon.

And thanks to all the Knights who have participated in our activities over the last year, which help our Council, our Church and our Community. As Knights, we strive to set a high standard of service and leadership, and I thank you all for your efforts over the last year in making this Council an example for all.

Fraternally

Grand Knight

Dennis Belliveau

KNIGHTS AWARENESS:

Prayers are requested for Brothers Marcel Beaulac, Emmett Urquhart, and Fred Gorman.

The Diocese Building Commission approved Phase 2 of our building expansion and written approval should be received by June 23 or 24, 2010.

The next general meeting will be on Thursday September 3rd. The garage sale is set for September 11th at the Parish hall.

The next issue of the Herald will be in September.

YEAR OF THE PRIEST CONCLUSION:

“Dear Priests, Christ is counting on you. In the footsteps of the Cure of Ars, let yourselves be enthralled by him. In this way you too will be, for the world in our time, heralds of hope, reconciliation and peace”.

At the conclusion of the Year of Priest Pope Benedict XVI celebrated mass with 15,000 priest- concelebrants. An image of the newly proclaimed patron of all priests, The Cure of Ars, St. John Vianney was center stage. The Pope in his homily reminds us a priest is not a mere office holder, like those which every society needs in order to carry out certain functions. Instead, he does something which no human being can do of his own power: in Christ’s name he speaks the words which absolve us of our sins and in this way he changes, starting with God, our entire life. Over the offerings of bread and wine he speaks Christ’s words of thanksgiving, which are words of transubstantiation – words which make Christ present, the Risen One, his Body and Blood- words which thus transform the

elements of the world, which open the world to God and unite it to him. At the conclusion of the homily, the Pope greeted all English-speaking priests present. “My dear brothers, as I thank you for your love of Christ and of his bride the Church, I ask you again solemnly to be faithful to your promises. Serve God and your people with holiness and courage, and always conform your lives to the mystery of the Lord’s cross. May God bless your apostolic labours abundantly.”

ABOUT OUR FOUNDER:

In 1996, the [Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Hartford](#) opened an investigation into Father McGivney's life, with a stated goal of his [beatification](#) and [canonization](#). Fr. Gabriel O'Donnell, OP is the postulator of McGivney's cause. The diocesan investigation was closed in 2000, and the case was passed to the [Congregation for the Causes of Saints](#) in City. On March 15, 2008, [Pope Benedict XVI](#) approved a decree recognizing the [heroic virtue](#) of Fr. McGivney. The pope's declaration significantly advanced the process toward sainthood. The declaration allows Catholics to refer to McGivney with the title "Venerable Servant of God".

June 2010 Cause update: The reported miracle presently under consideration by the Congregation of the Causes must go through a series of “tests” before the Congregation can make a judgment about its authenticity. Nonetheless, it is clear that thus far the reported miracle has not been rejected by the Holy See and there are indications that it continues to be seriously considered by medical and theological experts. As Knights of Columbus we must pray daily that the beatification of Venerable Michael Mc Givney will become a reality soon.

INSURANCE AGENT SHAWN FETTER.
Brothers All

The primary purpose of our order established by Fr. Michael McGivney is "rendering pecuniary aid to its members, their families and beneficiaries of members and their families" and "rendering mutual aid and assistance to its sick, disabled and needy families". In 1994, Supreme Council in its International Year of the Family established an Accidental Death Benefit as its new fraternal benefit. This accidental death benefit is available to all members and their spouses as long as you are a member in good standing with a council in good standing.

If any member or their spouse passes away as a result of an accident and death occurs within 90 days of that accident a benefit will be paid in following amounts.

Less than two years membership	\$1,000
2 years, less than 3 years	\$1,500
3 years, less than 4 years	\$2,000
4 years or more	\$2,500

This benefit will be paid to the member or spouse's closest next of kin as long as a claim is made within three years.

For full details regarding this fraternal benefit and all other benefits our organization has made available to our members please contact myself to receive your information package.

Fraternally,

Shawn Fetter, FIC, CFP

Fraternal Benefits Advisor, K of C

COUNCIL DIRECTOR GERRY TAYLOR:

The new traveling Icon will be on its way soon. Brother Dave Nenzel made a beautiful oak case lined with velvet. Jim Enright is putting the final touches on it, and then it's ready to go.

Knights Choir: September 4th our Knights Choir will be singing at the 5PM Mass and

afterward at the reception. Bishop Gagnon will be officiating the Mass.

Pro Life Dinner: A dinner is scheduled for October 16 at the parish hall. Guest speaker is Mr. John Hof and others. Tickets will be by donation. Please get them ASAP. Our Knights choir will be singing at this event.

TRAVELING KNIGHTS

If there are any Brothers that have been traveling and would like to share their trip experiences with other Knights, please get in touch with me via e-mail or telephone so that your article can be placed in the Herald. Editor. Jerry Loughead E-Mail: loughead@shaw.ca, telephone number 250-951-2146.

With that being said, Nancy and I just returned from Israel and Jordan. We flew out of Victoria on June 18th arriving in Tel Aviv the next morning where we met our tour guide and tour group consisting of 7. Highlights included touring the Holy Land of Jesus. We were in Nazareth, Tiberius, Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Massada. Because of the size of our group, our guide was able to get us into sights by-passing the lengthy lines. We stood on the banks of the Mediterranean Sea, Sea of Galilee, Red Sea, and soaked our feet in the River Jordan. We did manage a float in the Dead Sea. We are just completing the 24 week bible study of the Old Testament and could relate to the hardships endured in the crossings of the Judean Desert. There is a lot to see and do and 7 days was not nearly enough. We are already talking about plans for a return trip. From Tel Aviv we flew to Elat and the next morning we had a two hour drive to Petra. Amazing beauty. The temperature was 40 degrees Celsius and was quite uncomfortable walking the 3.5 kilometer into and out of Petra. But it was well worth the walk!

The following article appeared in the PQB News on Friday May 28th. It is being reprinted for those Brothers that may have not read the article.

Although my parishioners are probably just as familiar with my weekly schedule as I am myself, some of you who read this column may know very little about the life of a Catholic priest — except for what you read in the newspapers and see on television. Recently a lot of attention has been given to the criminal and repugnant behaviour of pedophiles within the church. Although they are few, it is difficult to feel compassion for those who have abused innocent children and I often remind myself it is not for us to judge and condemn wrongdoers; that is the job first of the justice system and, ultimately, of God Himself. So while the journalists continue with their quest to uncover the truth I want to tell you about a week in the life of a typical parish priest, an ordinary Joe if you like.

I'll begin with the most important day, the Sabbath. For Roman Catholics, attendance at the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist at least once a week is a minimum requirement of public worship, so I celebrate Sunday mass at 8:30 and 10:30 in the morning. With Sunday being an official day of rest, I like to spend the afternoon in contemplation and relaxation. I am often invited to the home of one of my parishioners which gives me a chance to socialize in good company.

On Monday, I begin with a recitation of the Divine Office, the prayers that all priests say three times a day. Although Monday is officially my day off, I use the morning to visit those who are sick in hospital and in the afternoon I attend the children's religious education classes. This still allows me plenty of time to pursue my two pastimes, clock-making and gardening. On Tuesday, I spend the morning catching up with administrative business and I start work preparing my weekly homily. Like all pastors everywhere, I do my best to make sure the message I deliver to the congregation is meaningful and helpful. On the first Tuesday and Wednesday of the month, I offer mass to the residents of The Gardens in Qualicum Beach and Stanford Place in Parksville, followed by visits to the homes of those who are sick or unable to get to church.

On Tuesday evening, we have mass and it is usually followed by a meeting of some kind. In fact, given that ours is such an active parish, meetings are scheduled for most nights of the week. Currently, since we are in the middle of an extensive expansion and renovation of our Parish Centre, some of my time is spent working with the building committee.

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning I offer mass at 9 a.m. followed by office time. Some of that is spent working with the parish assistant in the preparation of the weekly bulletin. Since the work of a pastor includes officiating at weddings, baptisms and funerals, I often meet with couples preparing for marriage or for the baptism of a child, or I help a grieving family plan a funeral.

Thursday and Friday mornings are spent on administration. Each month I also attend meetings with the Bishop and with my fellow priests either in Victoria or Nanaimo or on my way home I usually make a detour to pick up groceries or to do a little shopping.

On Saturday afternoon I am available for the sacrament of Reconciliation. Although Roman Catholics are obliged to confess to a priest only twice a year now, at Christmas and Easter, there are many who seek reconciliation regularly and even though Saturday afternoon is the official time slot, I am available any time for those in need of the Lord's forgiveness and absolution. Then at five o'clock I say the first of the week-end masses. So ends of another week in the life of a priest. I want to add that not a single week passes without me taking the time to thank God for bringing me to Parksville, this blessed and beautiful place where I have the privilege of working with and for a community of generous, open-hearted, and friendly people.

Father Jozef Kobos, Catholic Church of the Ascension.

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**Knights of Columbus Council 7991
General Meeting, June 3, 2010**

The meeting was preceded by a presentation by Terry Nishimura, coordinator of a **Bible study program** being offered by the parish. The program consists of a short course of 8 weekly 1½ -hour sessions followed by a 24 weekly in-depth course. Brothers Jerry Loughead and Mike Hanlon are presently taking the course with their wives and find it very worthwhile.

Grand Knight Brother Dennis Belliveau **called the meeting to order** at 7:45 pm. 25 members were present. The Acting Warden reported that all present were qualified members. 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, E
Deputy Grand Knight, Brother Peter Horsfield, P	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, E
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 Fred Demmon, A

The *Opening Ode* was sung.

New Member Brother Terry Byrne introduced himself, followed by self-introductions by the other members.

Brother Gordon Johnston moved and Brother Jerry Loughead seconded that the **minutes** of the meeting of May 6 be adopted as presented. Carried.

Membership Chairman Brother Al Walsh reported that two tentative members are still on his list.

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

Cash Available	\$4,890.19
Gaming Account	\$8,223.15

Brother Misanchuk moved and Brother Al Walsh 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	\$605.40
Total Expenses	\$338.87

Brother Nenzel moved and Brother Jerry Loughead seconded that the report be accepted as presented. Carried.

Correspondence:

- Tickets are still available for the Hundredth Anniversary Celebration in Surry on June 19.
- An invitation from the 893 Squadron Air Cadets ceremonies on June 6. Brother Dennis Belliveau will attempt to have a representative attend.
- An invitation to attend a meeting of the Human Exchange Society in Victoria on June 5.
- A thank you and a check for \$300 from Pat Marcotte for the service we provided for his wife's funeral.
- There were three requests for financial assistance, all of which have been budgeted for and paid.

Program Director, Brother Peter Horsfield called upon the following committee chairs to report.

- **Council and Pro-Life Chairman**, Brother Gerry Taylor reported that the choir is doing fine and that a Pro-Life Testimonial Dinner is planned for October 16.
- Brother Alan Critchley reported that it is not easy to break into the group that sponsors **breakfasts at Qualicum Bay**.
- **Building Chairman**, Brother Gordon Johnston reported that the trenching for the new water and power lines is underway, groundwater is causing some problems, the roof is now finished, drywall

has begun, and kitchen equipment has been ordered. Completion day is expected by the end of July.

- **State Charity Appeal Chairman**, Brother Peter Horsfield reported that he has provided a gift basket for the Wembley Mall manager at a cost of \$48.77. He provided the following list of dates regarding the Appeal. The license is from October 9, 2010 until February 5, 2011; Sales start on October 9, 2010; Early Bird Sales Cutoff is January 14, 2011; The Early Bird Draw is January 22, 2011; Main Draw Cutoff is January 29, 2011; The Main Draw is February 5, 2011; and the Shipping date to the Councils is scheduled for September 25, 2010. He asked that members save and bring small (shoe box size) boxes for packing tickets.
- **Family Funday Chairman**, Brother Brendan O'Keeffe reported that ticket sales for the fundraising project at Riverside Resort are going well.
- **Parish Council Liaison**, Brother Dennis Belliveau reported that the Parish Council Barbecue is postponed from June 9 to June 24.

Old Business:

- Brother Jerry Loughead will soon take over writing up the **Knights' column** in the Parish Bulletin.
- Brothers Peter Horsfield, Jerry Loughead and Nancy, Dennis Belliveau and Beverly, and Terry Evans attended the **Year for Priests Celebration** in Victoria on May 28.
- Brother Tony Antoniuk is now coordinating **Quarterly Reports**. The report for the second quarter is due on July 15.
- Brother Al Walsh reported that a **Fourth Degree honor guard** is in the plans for the Bishop's visit in September.

Election of Officers:

- Nominating Committee member, Brother Randy Schmidt took the chair. The committee nominated the following members, and all were elected by acclamation.
 - **Grand Knight**, Brother Dennis Belliveau
 - **Deputy Grand Knight**, Brother Peter Horsfield
 - **Recorder**, Brother Wilf Cody
 - **Treasurer**, Brother Jerry Loughead
 - **Advocate**, Brother Dale Niwa
 - **Warden**, Brother Tony Dunn
 - **Chancellor**, Brother Brendan O'Keeffe
 - **Inside Guard**, Brother Mike Hanlon
 - **Outside Guard**, Brother Jim Enright
 - **Trustee for Three Years**, Brother Ray Misanchuk

The Chair was passed back to the Grand Knight.

Other Business:

The Grand Knight suggested that a **Fund-Raising Chairman** should be appointed for next year.

Under The Good of the Order

- Brother Al Walsh gave a brief presentation regarding **protocol**.
- Prayers were requested for Brother Fred Demmon, Brother Terry Receveur's brother in Prince Albert, and Brother Emmett Urquhart.

A closing prayer was said and the *Closing Ode* was sung and the meeting was **adjourned**. Brother Al Walsh won the 50/50 draw.