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Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights

It is Spring they say but I question this just a little. Not that I am complaining about the weather we are being dealt but it is more than a little interesting to say the least. We had our executive meeting last week to accomodate Easter week.

Dates to remember:

April 19 our Appreciation dinner will be held. A little different format will be used, It is going to be pot luck, beer and wine provided no charge. Phone bro. Jim Wall or myself for any other info needed.

May 17 a new date for annual garage sale. Bro. Les Bodi is in charge.

May 25 will see a very affordable golf tourney to be held at Qualicum Golf Club. There is still room for participants, and supper with no golf is available. Contact bro Michael Murphy.

June 5 we will hold our election of officers and I would like to see a greater commitment from council members come forward to fill these positions.

June 12 or 14 for installation of officers which I will inform later when confirmed.

I certainly hope that this message will move you to get a little more involved. It is really no more than 20 meetings in a year. Also it may be necessary to chair the odd funtion. This is optional Lets make this upcoming year a little more exciting with a small injection of new and younger blood. This a very rewarding time in life which I can assure you that to might enjoy.

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

Calendar of Events

Apr 3 rd	7:00 pm Rosary 7:30 pm General Meeting
Apr 13 th	Pancake Breakfast after both Masses Team 2 Norbert Soares
Apr 17 th	7:30 pm Executive Meeting
Apr 19 th	6:30 pm Appreciation Night
May 1 st	7:00 pm Rosary 7:30 pm General Meeting
May 11 th	Pancake Breakfast after both Masses Team 3 Jim Wall
May 15 th	7:30 pm Executive Meeting
May 17 th	Garage Sale
May 25 th	Annual Golf Tournament
Jun 5 th	Election of Officers KofC
Jun 14 th	Installation of Officers followed by Wine & Cheese
Jun 22 nd	CWL Social / KofC assisting
Jul 20 th	Christmas in July
Oct 18 th	Oktoberfest

Memorial Mass Schedule:

Lonny Audette

Wed. Apr. 16th - 9:00am

Sat. Apr. 26th - 5:00pm

News Bulletin:

The Vatican reports that Pope Benedict XVI set Rv. Michael J McGivney, a Parish Priest and Founder of the Knights of Columbus on the path to possible beatification and sainthood.

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

Birthdays in April

Brian Brillling	April 29
Jose Deborba	April 18
Andrew DeGroot	April 21
Keith Mueller	April 08
Brian Mulholland	April 11
Brendan O'Keeffe	April 02
Ronald Stothers	April 06
Beniot Thibodeau	April 16

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, Helen Steele, Florida Gendron, Doreen Goldburn, & Maria Fedorak.

No doubt well known by many Van. Islanders, Father Michael McNamara passed away on Jan. 21, 2008. Father 'Mac' was ordained in Dublin in 1942 and came to Canada in 1946. He was the eldest of 10 children, became a good athlete, gardener, a great cook and golfer and served at Nanaimo, Oak Bay where he saw the building of St. Patrick's school and church and moved to Esquimalt's Our Lady of Peace in 1965. He was well known and respected by many Vancouver Islanders and it was a sad day when Father 'Mac' returned to Ireland in 1985.

What Next?

The American Journal of Psychiatry in its March 08' issue now claims Internet addiction, and e-mail/text messaging' is a common compulsive disorder that should be added to psychiatry's official guidebook of mental disorders. Like other addicts, users experience cravings, urges, withdrawal and tolerance, requiring more and better equipment and software or more hours online.

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"

Your Church and Knights in Action;

It may surprise many of how much assistance is being given almost daily by the Ascension Parish **Office to the** needy of the community in the form of bags of food and loaves of bread. Additionally, Sr. Bettie routinely meets with individuals to access their needs and provides food vouchers where needed. The CWL and the Parish provide funds for the purchase of food vouchers for distribution. In 07' approx. 106 bags of food and a total of \$4,190.00 in the form of \$50.00 vouchers were handed out.

The Knights of Columbus face ceaseless demand to support numerous programmes in the community; such as, Alternative School(Bursary), Arrowsmith Community Justice, Ballenas School(Bursary) Central Vancouver Island Crisis Society, Beaufort Sqd. Cadets, Church of the Ascension, Contingency Reserve, Council Fraternal Fund, Crisis Pregnancy Center, Distress Fund, District 69 Stroke Recovery, Basketball Free Throw, KSS School(Bursary), Soccer Challenge, L'Arche, Parks & District Assoc. for Community Living, Pro Life(Ascension), Remembrance Day Wreaths, Salvation Army Seminarians, SOS, Special Olympics, Youth Activities.

Sadly, the number of requests for assistance is unending which places continued strain to the limited funds available.

LOOKING BACK;

The Feb 16, 08' Valentines Dance & Dinner was well attended and well received. The Grand Knight Mr. F. DEMMON had extended invitations to all widows of departed Council 7991 Knights to join the celebration.

The 29th Feb, KofC sponsored Stations of the Cross was well attended.

The Basketball Free-Throw Competitions terminated with awards and medals being issued ending with an excellent luncheon for approx. 100 people sponsored by Council 7991.

The celebration of St. Patrick and the Irish was held on 15 March and was once again an outstanding success with an excellent emerald Island style meal prepared and served by the Knights.

Several Council members attended the 'Right to Life Society' Banquet at Victoria on March 8th and were suitably impressed with the keynote presentation by Archbishop Adam EXNER on "A Glimmer of Hope on the Pro-Life Horizon"

Question; Which day are there more collect calls than any other day of the year?

Answer; Father' Day!

'For attractive lips, speak words of kindness. For lovely eyes, seek out the good in people. For a slim figure, share your food with the hungry. For beautiful hair, let a child run his/her fingers through it once a day. For poise, walk with the knowledge that you never walk alone. People, even more than things, have to be restored, renewed, revived, reclaimed and redeemed; never throw out anyone. Remember, if you ever need a helping hand, you will find one at the end of each of your arms. As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands, one for helping yourself, and the other for helping others.

'A. Hepburn when asked to share her 'beauty tips'

AND NOW YOU KNOW;

The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt when little Jason interrupted. "My Mommy looked back once while she was driving", he announced triumphantly, "and she turned into a telephone pole!"

Did Noah Fish? - A Sunday School teacher asked "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?"

"NO", replied Johnny, "How could he, with just two worms!"

Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday Dinner at his Grandma's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away. "Johnny, Please wait until we say our prayer!" said his mother

"I don't have to" the boy replied.

"Of course you do" his mother insisted. "We say a prayer before eating at our house!"

"That's our house" Johnny explained. "But this is Grandma's house and she knows how to cook!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS'

Br. Murphy has confirmed the Annual KofC Golf Tournament will be held at the Memorial Golf Course, Qualicum Beach, BC on Sunday, May 25th at \$45.00 pp which includes 18 holes of golf and a dinner at the church hall. All Brother Knights, spouses and friends are invited.

GOLF POEM

In my hand I hold a ball..white and dimpled, rather small..
Oh, how bland it does appear..this harmless looking little sphere.
By its size I could not guess..the awesome strength it does possess.
But since I fell beneath its spell..I've wandered through the fires of hell.
My life has not been quite the same..Since I chose to play this stupid game.
It rules my mind for hours on end..a fortune it has made me spend.
It has made me swear and yell and cry..I hate myself and want to die.
It promises a thing called par..If I can hit it straight and far.
To master such a tiny ball..could not be very hard at all.
But my desires the ball refuses..and does exactly like it chooses.
It hooks and slices, dribbles and dies..and even disappears before my eyes
Often it will take a whim..to hit a tree or take a swim.
With miles of grass on which to land..it finds a tiny patch of sand.
Then as me offering up my soul..if only it would find the hole.
It's made me whimper like a pup, and swear that I will give it up.
I take a drink to ease my sorrow..but the ball knows..
I'll be back tomorrow!!!

DATES TO REMEMBER;

APRIL 19TH, 08 - APPRECIATION EVENING AND DINNER - Brother Jim Wall - Co-ordinating

May 17th, 08 - GARAGE SALE - Brother Leslie Bodi - Organizer

**Knights of Columbus Council 7991
General Meeting, March 6, 2008**

Grand Knight Bro. Fred Demmon **called the meeting to order** at 7:30 pm. He welcomed District Deputy Brother Rick Graebner and Campbell River Grand Knight Brother Theo Burns. An *opening prayer* was said, the *Pledge of Allegiance* was recited, and the *Opening Ode* was sung. Thirty members were present. The warden reported that all present were in possession of a valid membership card.

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

Chaplain, Fr. Jozef Kobos, A	Lecturer, Bro. Sandy Fraser, P
Grand Knight, Bro. Fred Demmon, P	One Year Trustee, Bro. Emmett Urquhart, P
Deputy Grand Knight, Bro. Mike Murphy, P	Two Year Trustee, Bro. Silvere Brochez, P
Chancellor, Bro. Jim Wall, P	Three Year Trustee, Bro. Tony Antoniuk, P
Financial Secretary, Bro. David Nenzel, P	Advocate, Bro. John Poirier, P
Recorder, Bro. Dale Niwa, P	Inside Guard, Bro. Mike Hanlon, P
Warden, Bro. Tony Dunn, P	Outside Guard, Bro. Al Kennedy, A
Treasurer, Bro. Ray Misanchuk, E	Past Grand Knight, Bro. Jim Wall, P

Brother Jim Wall moved and Brother Tony Dunn seconded that the **minutes** of the meeting of February 7 be accepted as presented. Carried.

The **Grand Knight's Report** is as printed in the *Knights Herald*.

Treasurer, Brother Ray Misanchuk was absent so no report was presented.

Financial Secretary, Brother David Nenzel reported the following income and expenditures for the month of February 2008. (The full report is on file.)

- Total Income \$3,099.00
- Total Expenses \$2,016.38

Brother Nenzel moved and Brother Mike Murphy seconded that the report be accepted as presented. Carried.

Program Director, Brother Mike Murphy called upon the following committee chairmen to report:

- **Community Director**, Brother Sandy Fraser
 - Expressed his thanks and appreciation for the concern and help extended while he was incapacitated.
 - Reported that there will be a parish grounds clean-up next week.
 - Requested assistance to set up the parish hall for Holy Thursday and Good Friday.
- (The Grand Knight announced that this month's Executive Meeting would be held at 8:30, following the Holy Thursday service.)
- **Pancake Breakfast Chairman**, Brother Brendan O'Keeffe reported that his team will be handling the breakfast this month, and that the breakfast will be followed by a financial planning information session.
- **Golf Chairman**, Brother Mike Murphy announced that the Golf Tournament would be held on Sunday, May 25 at 1:00 pm. The cost, which includes dinner, will be \$45 per golfer. Other councils will soon be invited.
- **Funerals Director**, Brother Tom Cunniffe reported that the kitchen help for the two recent funerals was ample.
- **Herald Editor**, Brother Silvere Brochez requested items for the *Knights Herald*.
- **Building Committee Chairman**, Brother Gordon Johnston reported that the construction is still on hold; the lawsuit is still not concluded.
- **Nominating Committee Chairman**, Brother Gordon Johnston reported that he would like people to volunteer for the positions, but that he is working on it.
- **Youth Director**, Brother John Poirier reported that the Free Throw finals went very well. Over 100 meals were served. He thanked Brother Norbert Soares and all the helpers. The net cost so far is between \$1500 and \$1600. A vote of thanks was expressed to Brother Poirier.

Correspondence

- A new Fourth Degree Assembly, St. Don Bosco, is being formed in Surry.
- Dave Walter, Parish Council Treasurer, requests some financial information regarding Gaming money. Brother John Poirier moved and Brother Dave Nenzel seconded that a response be postponed until after the next General meeting. Carried.
- There was a letter of thanks for the donations to assist seminarians.
- There has been a request to purchase a three-year supply of Bibles for Confirmation students at a cost of \$725. Brother Tony Antoniuk gave **notice of motion** to purchase the *Kid's Quest Study Bibles* at a cost of \$725.
- The CWL has requested that the Knights assist them in the celebration of their 75th anniversary by manning the barbecues and handling the bar service. Brother Norbert Soares and a number of others agreed to assist.

Other Business

- Brother Sandy Fraser reminded council of the **financial seminar** coming up after the pancake breakfast this Sunday. Brothers Joseph van der Buhs and Shawn Fetter will make the presentation.
- **Past Grand Knight pins** were presented to Brothers Randy Schmidt and Jim Wall. An **Honorary Life Membership** Card and a name badge were presented to Brother Gerald Taylor.
- **District Deputy Brother Rick Graebner** expressed greetings, praised our council for its various accomplishments, and announced a number of upcoming events. He presented the Grand Knight with a copy of the Campbell River Knights' Bulletin.
- Brother John Poirier informed council that the District Deputy has presented a **Certificate of Merit** at the Free Throw finals.
- Brother Jim Enright exhibited some **rosaries** that a friend of his has made. The brother of this friend has recently died.
- Brother Tom Cunniffe, on behalf of the Social Justice Committee, suggested that the Knights sponsor the showing of a video about **human trafficking**, and that they invite other men to attend the showing. It was decided that the suggestion should be deferred to the executive.
- Concern was expressed regarding the campaign against the use of **gaming money**. Several reports suggested that the push might be ending.
- **Grand Knight Theo Burns** from Campbell River spoke in favour of the charitable use of gaming money, and encouraged assistance at the March for Life on May 8.
- Brother Brendan O'Keeffe announced that because of its proximity to Easter, there would be no dancing at the **Irish Night** party, only music and dinner.
- The Grand Knight reported that he and Brothers Italo Raviglione and Jim Wall will be going to Victoria to hear **Archbishop Exner** speak on Pro-Life this Saturday. Others are welcome to join them.

Under the **Good of the Order**, prayers were requested for Brother Fred Gorman, Sister Bettie, Brother Bjorn Haajensen, a friend of Brother Terry Receveur, Brother Bill Tulloch, Archbishop Raymond, and Jerry Swenson.

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