



Knights Herald

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Grand Knights Report

Worthy Brothers,
The last three months has been very busy indeed. We have completed our annual audit, and we have completed a review of our by-laws. We will see Brothers Peter Horsfield and Dennis Belliveau attend the Annual Convention in Vancouver in late April.

Brother John Poirier has once again organized and completed the annual Basketball Free Throw competitions. Brother John would like to thank the thirty council members who formed the Basketball Free Throw Committee for the 120 hours of time they contributed to the success of this year's competition. Brother John also wishes to acknowledge the generous help given by Brother Ed Peacock and his wife Doreen in the preparation of a chilli dinner for 120 kids and adults.

We also saw Community Director Sandy Fraser arrange for two presentations by fellow Brothers. Brother Sean Fetter talked about life insurance and investment opportunities and Brother Dave Nenzel spoke to us about computers, programs and how to use them.

I look forward to the next three months which will be equally as busy with our pancake breakfasts, the funerals and the regular church activities. On March 27th, the Knights will host the Stations of the Cross, and we have our Annual Garage Sale and election of officers coming up.

In the near future, we will develop organisations to handle pancake breakfast and funerals. We are excited about these events and there is always more help needed. Be prepared to participate and benefit from the reward of helping your council, your parish and your community.

Fraternally
Acting Grand Knight
Dennis Belliveau

Calendar of Events

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

LENT - HOLY WEEK

For Mass times check the Church Bulletin, the website www.ascensionparish.ca or contact the Church office.

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 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

Birthdays in April

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

Happy Birthday & Many Many More

**Prayers are requested for:**

Brothers Marcel Beaulac, Fred Demmon, Fred Gorman, Richard Quittenton, Emmett Urquhart

Council 7991

We would encourage all Brothers to peruse the weekly Church Bulletin and minutes of the March 5, 09' General Meeting for upcoming events involving the Council.

The March 09' issue of the `Columbian` contained an interesting article on St. Joseph.

Brother G. Taylor wishes to advise of the National March for Life scheduled to take place in Ottawa. on 13 to 15 May, 09. Candles for this event are available at \$2.00 per and Br. Taylor has the necessary forms to be completed.

DayOfTheUnbornChild.com provides a list of special events for the Annunciation feast (such as masses often sponsored by the KofC) The text of prayers can be found on the website along with further information.

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.

Brother G. Taylor proposes forming a choir consisting of Brothers from KofC Council 7991. Anyone interested is encouraged to contact Br. Gerry directly at Tel. (250) 752-8179 or via e.mail at bosun09@telus.net

**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;

Pope Benedict XVI declared a year of the priest in an effort to encourage `spiritual perfection` in priests. He will open the special year with a vespers service at the Vatican June 19 the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the day for the sanctification of priests. Celebrations will close on June 19 2010 during a World Meeting of Priests in St. Peter`s Square. The Pope will proclaim St. John Vianney now considered the patron saint of parish priests to be patron saint of all the world`s priests. (cns 09/03/16)

State (USA) funding cuts have hit Catholic Charities programs in certain areas of California. The senior citizen ombudsman program in the Diocese of Stockton, Calif. has seen a reduction of \$100,000 in state funding resulting in loss of former staff forcing organizers to respond only to emergency reports of physical or sexual abuse of seniors in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. (CNS 09/02/27)

Wall Street Rates Poorly; A poll commissioned by the KofC finds that Americans hold a dim view of business executives, giving them poor grades for honesty and ethics and blaming them for business failures. Nearly 60% gave the worst grades to Wall Street Executives, corporate executives fared slightly better getting poor grades from 49% of those polled. Some 58% of adults gave poor grades to top business executives for leadership during the economic crisis, 31% rated them as fair, 9% as good and 2% as excellent. Approx. 2,071 US adults and 110 business executives were questioned. (Reuters 09/02/27)

(CNS Mar 2) President OBAMA`s choice for Secretary of the Dept. of Health, Human Services, Kathleen SEBELIUS, a Catholic and Governor of Kansas since 03, has been criticised by Archbishop J. NAUMANN. In 08` the Archbishop said that SEBELIUS should not present herself for Communion until she repudiated her support for abortion. A group called Catholics for SEBELIUS has launched a website apparently in support of SEBELIUS.

(CNS Mar 2) At a New York Summit on Volunteerism, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson said "More people are hurting and there are fewer dollars to help those in need. Charitable endowments have taken a crushing blow but there are still 24 hours in a day and seven days in a week, so people may be able to volunteer their time even if they cannot make financial contributions".

Vatican ; Numbers of priests are showing steady moderate increase. The number of Catholics worldwide remains at 1.147 Billion or approx. 17.3 % of the total population. The number of priests rose by 0.18% at the end of 2007 , there were 408.024 priests in the world, 762 more than at the beginning of the year.

Vatican VOA News 09/03/05; Vatican Radio says papers have been uncovered showing Pope Pius XII tried to save Italian Jews from the Nazis during WWII. Nuns in a Rome Monastery turned up a document date Nov 1943 that said the Pope wanted monasteries to shelter Jews.

KofC News / Communications; 'Religious Freedom Under Attack in Connecticut'

March 10, 09; Without any consultation with its bishops, a bill under consideration in Connecticut`s Judiciary Comm. threatens to forcefully reorganize the Catholic Church, taking authority away from pastors and bishops and placing governing decisions in the hands of directors from which clergy would be excluded. Bill No 1098 would revise current governance provisions applicable to the Catholic Church in Connecticut and would strip a bishop of control of his diocese. The Archdiocese of Hartford and the Diocese of Bridgeport read statements from every pulpit on March 4 calling the bill "irrational, unlawful and bigoted" and a blatant violation of the First Amendment. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson called the bill a throwback to the extreme anti-Catholicism that pervaded America`s early history.

The Judiciary Committee co-chair claimed he was approached by "very devout Catholic" constituents for greater transparency in terms of diocesan funds. Though misappropriation of parish funds is rare, in 07` a Bridgeport Diocese priest plead guilty to defrauding the parish of over \$1 million. In the same year, a Greenwich priest resigned after an audit found \$500,000 in unaccounted for, spending.

Other legislators have expressed shock at the bill and one (Rep.) State Senator stated " I pray..we can dispense with this brutal attack on the Roman Catholic Church...Catholics don't deserve this attack.." The concept of lay 'trusteeism' was a persistent problem for the church in the late 18th and early 19th centuries when groups like the "Know-Nothings" tried to take control of Church structure. At its worst, trusteeism caused riots and sent some parishes into schism as trustees asserted their authority over a parish's temporal matters.

March 13; The KofC stood shoulder-to-shoulder with Catholic bishops and priests and won a significant battle with opponents of the Church. But more battles ahead can be expected.

Quote of the Month by Jay Leno;

“With hurricanes, tornados, fires out of control, mud slides, flooding, severe thunderstorms tearing up the country from one end to another, and with the threat of bird flu and terrorist attacks, are we sure this is a good time to take God out of the Pledge of Allegiance?”

Understanding LENT.

Ash Wednesday; marks the beginning of the Season of Lent, a season of penance, reflection and fasting which prepares us for Christ’s Resurrection on Easter Sunday. The Ashes are made from the palms used in the Palm Sunday celebrations of the previous year. The ashes are christened with Holy Water and are scented by exposure to incense.

Good Friday; The entire church fixes its gaze on the Cross at Calvary. Each member of the church tries to understand at what cost Christ has won our redemption.

The Cross; In the symbol of the Cross we can see the magnitude of the human tragedy, the ravages of original sin and the infinite love of God.

Easter; So it is written that Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead. Luke 24.46.

Easter is the principal feast of the ecclesiastical year. Leo 1 (Sermo XVII in Exodum) calls it the greatest feast (Festum Festorum) and says that Christmas is celebrated only in preparation for Easter. It is the center of the greater part of the ecclesiastical year.

FAQ`s

Fasting ; Giving something up.

Scrutinies; Examining our Lives.

Scrutinies and Penance.

Prayer; Fasting and Almsgiving.

Stations of the Cross.

Blessed Palms.

Fasting and Abstinence ; “Christ himself said that His disciples would fast once He had departed” LK 5.35

Abstinence; The Law of Abstinence requires a Catholic 14 years of age until death to abstain from eating meat on Fridays in honor of the Passion of Jesus on Good Friday.

Friday; Salt and freshwater species of fish, amphibians, reptiles and shellfish are permitted.

Fasting; The Law of Fasting requires a Catholic from the 18th birthday (Canon 97) to the 59th birthday, i.e. the beginning of the 60th year, a year which will be completed on the 60th birthday) to reduce the amount of food eaten from normal. The Church defines this as one meal a day and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed the main meal. (COL 09/03/08)

There is a story of a pastor who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation; “I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it’s still out there in your pockets”

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 7991 GENERAL MEETING, MARCH 5, 2009.

Acting Grand Knight Bro. Dennis Belliveau called the meeting to order at 7.30 pm. Warden Bro. Peter Horsefield reported that all 23 persons present were in possession of a current membership card.

Fr. Jozef Kobos said a prayer and the Opening Ode was sung followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Roll of Officers was called and recorded as follows:- P - present, A - absent, E - excused.

Chaplain, Fr. Jozef Kobos P.	Treasurer, Bro. Ray Misanchuk, P.
Grand Knight, Bro. Fred Demmon, P.	Lecturer, Bro. Sandy Fraser, P.
Acting Grand Knight, Bro. Dennis Belliveau, P.	Trustee 1 year, Bro. Syl. Brochez, P.
Deputy Grand Knight, Bro. Jim Wall, E.	Trustee, 2 years, Bro. Tony Antoniuk, P.
Chancellor, Bro. Tony Dunn, P.	Trustee 3 years Bro. Randy Schmidt, E.
Financial Secretary, Bro. David Nenzel, P.	Advocate, Bro. John Poirier, P..
Recorder, Bro. Dale Niwa, E.	Inside Guard, Bro. Mike Hanlon, P.
Warden, Bro. Peter Horsefield, P.	Outside Guard, Bro. Jim Enright, P.
Past Grand Knight, Bro. Jim wall, E.	

Bro. Hans Kratz moved and Bro. Syl. Brochez seconded that the **minutes** of the February 9 meeting be adopted as presented. Carried.

Trasurer Bro. Ray Misanchuk reported the following account balances as of February 28.
(The full report is on file).

Cash available	\$3,825.23
Credit Union Bonds.	\$20,000.00
Gaming Account	\$8,931.31

Bro Misanchuk moved and Bro. Syl. Brochez seconded that the report be accepted as read. Carried.

Financial Secretary Bro. David Nenzel reported the following receipts and expenses for the month of February. (The full report is on file).

Total Income.	\$3,822.69
Total Expenses	\$4,177.06

Bro. Nenzel moved and Bro. John Poirier seconded that the report be accepted as read. Carried.

Program Directors Reports.

Public Relations. Bro. Dennis Belliveau said the support of the Basketball Free throw was excellent. Gym night, is held at a different school each month with various activities including teaching the kids dancing.

Council Director Bro. Gerry Taylor suggested group activities after the mass on March 19th, the feast of St. Joseph.

Pro Life. Bro. Italo Raviglione asked for support for the upcoming Mass for the Unborn. The March for Pro Life will be held in Victoria on May 4th 2009 and it is hoped for an attendance of 1000

Youth Director bro. John Poirier gave a report on the Basketball Free Throw Event which was a huge success. Approx. 45 kids participated and 120 people were served at lunch. Bro. John wished to thank Bro. Ed. Peacock and his wife Doreen for the excellent lunch they provided.

Council 7991 had 14 kids represented, Campbell River 1, Port Alberni 22 and Powell River 8.

Bro. John hoped that next year, a committee of 4 to 5 people would organize the event instead of just one.

Community Director Bro. Sandy Fraser reported that the grill in the kitchen had been equalised to distribute the heat more evenly. It is hotter at the back. A reminder to close all doors to the kitchen and hall after use. Regarding the hall renovation, Bro. Sandy had spoken with Fr. Jozef and Bro. Gordon Johnston. Everything is a "go". It will take from 6 to 8 weeks to get the construction drawings. Drawings from 2002 suggest raising the roof of the hall. This is thought to be a good idea. No further expansion of the Church is anticipated at this time. This will come later. A discussion followed as to why the 2002 drawings did not surface before. They were paid for by the Church and suggested raising the roof to a height of 15 feet and moving the side wall out.

Pancake Chairman Bro. Brendan O'keeffe said that Bro. Jim Wall's team would be in the kitchen the following Sunday, March 8th. Bro. Brendan made a motion that as many people were away in the months of July and August that Pancake Breakfast be suspended for those two months.

Carried.

He reported that a number of new cleaning brushes had been obtained.

Unifnished Business.

Bro. Hans Kratz moved and Bro. Dave Nenzel seconded that the new By Laws as put forth by State and distributed be adopted. Carried.

Council 7991 and the C.W.L. will check Sister Bettie's room size to best determine an appropriate TV.

A Letter of Appreciation from Kathleen Falvai of the Stroke Foundation was read thanking the Knights for their very generous donation.

The **Saint Valentine's Dance** was a great success and Bro. Jim enright was thanked for the delicious salmon and food presented. 128 meals were served. The band, Timberline, kept everyone dancing from 7.30 - 11pm!!

New Business.

The Knights will be holding the Stations of the Cross on Friday March 27th at 7pm and 15 volunteers are needed for the readings. Contact Bro. Dennis Belliveau. 3.

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New Business cont.

On March 20th. Bishop Gary Gordon will be saying the 9am mass and the C.W.L. would like volunteers to help set up the hall as they will be serving refreshments after the mass.

Give your names to Bro. Dennis. Belliveau.

The sale

price of Fiesta Adventure books which were \$15.00 each, are now \$10.00 each.

They are an excellent value.

The Appreciation Night scheduled for April doesn't fit well into the calendar and it was suggested that it be moved to September so as to include the whole year's events and awards.

The Garage sale will be on May 9th and Bro. Les. Bodi is in charge.

The purchase of containers for storage of garage sale items was considered to be too expensive.

The writing of the 100 year Anniversary Book is in progress. Bro. Al. Walsh is undertaking this and it

was suggested that Bro. Emmett Urquhart , our historian would be asked to help out.

Any items for publication should be submitted by July 1st.

Acting Grand Knight Bro. Dennis Belliveau read District Deputy, Rick Graebner's report.

The Campbell River Council will be holding a Dinner and Dance on Saint Patrick's Day, March 17th at 6pm. Tickets are \$30.00 per person.

Grand Knight Bro. Fred Demmon has submitted his letter of resignation as Grand Knight but will still attend the meetings.

Bro. Fred made a motion and Bro. Hans Kratz seconded that Bro. Dennis Belliveau be elected as Grand Knight. Unanimous.

A letter regarding the appointment and a copy of the minutes will be forwarded to the District Deputy.

Good of the Order.

Prayers were said for Bro. Fred Gorman.

Bro. Bob Garies' daughter who is very sick in Nanaimo Hospital.

Bro. Jim Wall has a torn ligament in his esophagus.

Bro. Stuart Mason has a new cancer and is taking chemotherapy.

Fr. Jozef said a prayer and the **Closing Ode** was sung.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.20pm.

The 50/50 draw was won by Bro. Ray. Misanchuk.

After the meeting a very informative presentation on Computer Basics was given by Bro, David Nenzel. It was very much appreciated by those in attendance.

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