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Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights

Reflecting upon the last few months I want to share my thoughts with you all. We have had, I believe, a very successful year in many ways. I want to thank those Brothers for their help to the Council, the Church and the Community. As Knights we have set a high standard of both service and leadership and I Thank You All.

The Octoberfest was our first social event, a sell out and very successful. On Nov 11 we placed wreaths at three area cenotaphs, again, Thank You to those involved. The Pasta Night on Nov 24th was another sell out performance. The Christmas dinner in February was well attended followed by the Irish Nite . The Appreciation Dinner in April recognized several Brothers and declared Br. Enright as our Knight of the Year. Congratulations to Br. Enright and Thank You for all his efforts. The Family of the Year Award went to Br. E. Peacock and his wife Doreen. We Thank them both for their outstanding performance these past few years. Yes, it has been years.

Not only have we worked hard this past year and help to the Priest and the Church has been exemplary. Thank you Brothers All! Stations of the Cross, The Icon and Prayers of our Lady of Charity, our services at funerals and in general to the Parish. A special mention to Br. Bodi and his crew for their work at the most successful May 08' Garage Sale.

MAY GOD BLESS AND KEEP YOU
YOURS IN CARING AND SHARING
Bro. Fred Demmon GK

Calendar of Events

May 25 th	Annual Golf Tournament
Jun 5 th	Election of Officers KofC
Jun 8 th	Pancake Breakfast after both Masses Team 1 Brendan O'Keeffe
Jun 14 th	Installation of Officers followed by Wine & Cheese
Jun 19 th	7:30 pm Executive Meeting
Jun 22 nd	CWL Social / KofC assisting
Jul 13 th	Pancake Breakfast after both Masses Team 2 Norbert Soares
Jul 20 th	Christmas in July
Aug 10 th	Pancake Breakfast after both Masses Team 3 Jim Wall
Aug 21 th	7:30 pm Executive Meeting
Sep 4 th	7:00 pm Rosary 7:30 pm General Meeting
Sep 14 th	Pancake Breakfast after both Masses Team 1 Brendan O'Keeffe
Sep 18 th	7:30 pm Executive Meeting
Oct 18 th	Oktoberfest

Notice of Motion:

Be sure and read the two notices of motion included on a separate page.

Birthdays in May

Peter Ash	May 09
Patrick Clarke	May 28
Emile Cyr	May 04
Michael Favero	May 03
Bjorn Haagensen	May 24
Peter L Horsfield	May 02
Karunakaran Jainshaw	May 30
John Kelly	May 13
Raymond Lajeunesse	May 26
Gerbase Malaquies De Amorim	May 01
Edgar Peacock	May 07
Henri Poirier	May 28
John Poirier	May 27
Emmett Urquhart	May 30

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
John Mentanko	June 25
Siegfried Mueller	June 18
James Proctor	June 09
John Smart	June 02

**Happy Birthday
& Many Many More**

**Prayers are requested for:**

Brothers Marcel Beulac, Tony Platen, John MacLean, Greg Kelly, Gregory Canil, Tony & Marita Dixon, Janet Dunn, Helen Steele, Florida Gendron, Doreen Goldburn, & Maria Fedorak.

Appreciation Night Awards;

Family of the Year Award; Br. Ed Peacock and Wife Doreen

Knight of the Year; Br. Jim Enright

Certificates of Appreciation;

Br. J. Poirier, Br. B. O'Keeffe and Wife Helen, Br. S. Brochez and Wife Kathleen

The Grand Knight wishes to emphasize Elections scheduled for June 5 and Installations on June 14.

The Annual Golf Tournament will be held on May 25th at the Qualicum Beach Memorial Golf Course.

The book "A Civilization of Love - What Every Catholic Can Do To Transform the World" by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson can be ordered

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"

WHO ARE THESE KNIGHTS - BROTHER MICHAEL V.P. MURPHY

It was on Feb.14, 1933 that life began for Michael or, as the nuns said , “ Michael O’Murphies”. He was born at Newcastle, County Down, Ireland to James and Margaret Murphy along with seven sisters and three brothers of which three sisters and Michael remain, the rest have gone to their just rewards.

Schooling in Ireland began at 4 yrs of age and ended at 15 years of age. When WWII was in full swing and the US Army arrived in 42’ Michael was introduced to the American way of life. This prompted him to find out what the rest of the world looked like. In 1950, he joined the British Merchant Navy and travelled the world for the next seven years which saw Michael circling the earth 3 times. He had joined as a Deck Boy and became a Radio Officer ‘Sparks’. The years in the Merchant Navy was both a happy but lonely period in his life. His seafaring travels saw him run supplies to the Korean War zone, caught in the Suez Canal troubles and he also served on oil tankers, cargo ships and a passenger vessel. He made several stops in Canadian Ports before taking up permanent residence in Edmonton, Alta. on Aug 9, 57’. Within two days he was on his way to Gull Lake, Sask. employed as a ‘roughneck’ with Kenyon Oil Wells, which saw him earn his first Canadian dollars by completing a long splice in a wire rope that allowed the outfit to carry on drilling for oil.

In 57’, 1.5 million people were unemployed, including Michael due to the winter stoppage of drilling and he decided to return to Ireland. Stopping in Winnipeg on a Sunday morning he attended Mass at St. Mary’s Cathedral and met up with a bunch of Irishmen after church ending up at their boarding house on Young Str. which was run by an Irish lady named Peggy Keating. As the saying goes, “Whatever will Be, Will Be”, because he met a lovely lady who lived next-door who became his wife in 59’, thus obeying the commandment to “Love Thy Neighbour”.

They settled in Winnipeg where Michael attended the Mb. Technical School obtaining a First Class Certificate in Radio Proficiency. A first child, Jim, was born during this time. In 62’ Michael joined the RCMP Marine Division and spent 12 yrs in Halifax N.S. where a second son, Michael was born, sadly, he died shortly after birth. A beautiful daughter Laura was born and in the same year a son, Billy, was adopted to complete the family of three.

In 74’, the family transferred to Ottawa until Michael retired and moved to Qualicum Beach. Son Jim, now resides in Fort Saskatchewan, Alta, married with one son, Michael, a pride and joy. Billy lives in Vancouver, has two children and Laura stayed in Ottawa after University, is married and has three children, Hayden, Teagan and Bailey.

Michael and Isabel took up golfing and he also enjoys amateur radio and building model tall ships. Michael joined the KofC in 93’ and two years later became a member of the ‘Chief Dan George’ Assembly #2057 with Exemplification on Feb 18, 95’. Michael has organized the Annual Golf Tourney for Council 7991 for the past five years with the help of many Brother Knights which is appreciated. Michael considers his time with the Knights to be special and has made some great friendships within the organization.

‘If the church wants a better pastor, it only needs to pray for the one it has’

HOT CHOCOLATE

Submitted by Dave Nenzel from the Internet

A group of graduates, well established in their careers, were talking at a reunion and decided to go visit their old university professor, now retired. During their visit, the conversation turned to complaints about stress in their work and lives. Offering his guests hot chocolate, the professor went into the kitchen and returned with a large pot of hot chocolate and an assortment of cups - porcelain, glass, crystal, some plain looking, some expensive, some exquisite - telling them to help themselves to the hot chocolate.

When they all had a cup of hot chocolate in hand, the professor said: "Notice that all the nice looking, expensive cups were taken, leaving behind the plain and cheap ones. While it is normal for you to want only the best for yourselves, that is the source of your problems and stress. The cup that you're drinking from adds nothing to the quality of the hot chocolate. In most cases it is just more expensive and in some cases even hides what we drink. What all of you really wanted was hot chocolate, not the cup; but you consciously went for the best cups... And then you began eyeing each other's cups.

Now consider this: Life is the hot chocolate; your job, money and position in society are the cups. They are just tools to hold and contain life. The cup you have does not define, nor change the quality of life you have. Sometimes, by concentrating only on the cup, we fail to enjoy the hot chocolate God has provided us. God makes the hot chocolate, man chooses the cups. The happiest people don't have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything that they have. Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. And enjoy your hot chocolate.

TATER PEOPLE

Some people never seem motivated to participate but are content to watch while others do the work;

They are called "Spec Taters"

Some people never do anything but are gifted at finding fault with the way others do the work'

They are called "Comment Taters"

Some people are very bossy and love to tell others what to do but, they don't want to soil their own hands;

They are called "Dick Taters"

Some people are always looking to cause problems by asking others to agree with them. It is too hot or too cold, too sour or too sweet;

They are called "Agie Taters"

There are those who say they will help, but somehow just never get around to actually doing the promised help;

They are called "Hezzie Taters"

Some people can put up a front and pretend to be someone they are not;

They are called "Emma Taters"

Then there are those who love others and do what they say they will. They are always prepared to stop whatever they are doing and lend a helping hand. They bring real sunshine into the lives of others.

They are called "Sweet Taters".

Excerpts from an article written by Sam Miller (U/K) a prominent Cleveland Jewish businessman, non RC, and submitted by D. Lynd. Reprinted excerpts with permission of the Buckeye Bulletin - Courtesy of Brookside Council #3297, Cleveland Diocese. (Received from a Herald reader and Edited here)

Subject; Catholic or Not.

“Why would newspapers carry on a vendetta on one of the most important institutions in the US today, namely the Catholic Church? Do you know-The Catholic Church (CC) educates 2.6 Million students each day at a cost to the CC of 10 Billion dollars and a saving to the (US) taxpayer of 18 Billion. Graduates go on to further studies at the rate of 92% at no cost to the US taxpayer.

The CC has 230 Colleges and Universities in the US with an enrollment of 700,000 . The CC has a non-profit Hospital system of 637 hospitals, which account for treatment of 1 out of every 5 people, not just Catholics, in the US today.

But the press is vindictive and tries to denigrate in every way the CC in this country (USA). They have blamed the disease of pedophilia on the CC, which is as irresponsible as blaming adultery on the institution of marriage.

Let me give you some figures that you as Catholics should know and remember. For example, 12% of the 300 Protestant clergy surveyed, admitted to sexual intercourse with a parishioner; 38% acknowledged other inappropriate sexual contact in a study by the United Methodist Church, 41.8 % of clergy women reported unwanted sexual behavior, 17% of laywomen have been sexually harassed. Meanwhile, 1.7% of the Catholic clergy has been found guilty of pedophilia. 10% of the Protestant ministers have been found guilty of pedophilia. This is not a Catholic problem.

A study of American priests showed that most are happy in the priesthood and find it even better that they had expected, and that most, if given the choice, would choose to be priests again in face of all the obnoxious PR the church has been receiving.

The CC is bleeding from self-inflicted wounds. The agony that Catholics have felt and suffered is not necessarily the fault of the Church. (You) have been hurt by a small number of wayward priests that have probably been totally weeded out by now.

Walk with your shoulders high and your head higher. By a proud member of the most important non-governmental agency in the US. Then remember what Jeremiah said; “Stand by the roads, and look and find rest for your souls”. Be proud to speak up for your faith with pride and reverence and learn what your church does for all other religions.

Be Proud that you’re a Catholic.”

NOTICE OF MOTION:

Dave Nenzel moved and Ray Misanchuk seconded that we donate \$5000.00 to the Cyclone Victims in Burma through Development and Peace.

Ray Misanchuk moved and Dave Nenzel seconded that we donate \$500.00 to Sister Bettie for distribution of food & necessities to the needy.

**Knights of Columbus ~ Council 7991
General Meeting, May 1, 2008**

Grand Knight Bro. Fred Demmon **called the meeting to order** at 7:35 pm. An *opening prayer* was said, the Warden reported that all in attendance held a valid membership card, and *O Canada* was sung. Twenty-six members were present.

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

Chaplain, Fr. Jozef Kobos, E	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, A
Warden, Bro. Tony Dunn, P	Outside Guard, Bro. Al Kennedy, P
Treasurer, Bro. Ray Misanchuk, P	Past Grand Knight, Bro. Jim Wall, P

Brother Tony Antoniuk moved and Brother John Poirier seconded that the **minutes** of the meeting of April 3 be accepted as presented. Carried.

Admissions Report:

- Brother Gordon Johnston reported that a complete proposed slate of officers for elections next week is almost ready.
- James Proctor will be initiated into the first degree on Monday.

The Grand Knight welcomed **District Deputy** Brother Rick Graebner.

Treasurer, Brother Ray Misanchuk reported the following account balances as of April 30. (The full report is on file.)

- Cash Available \$5,658.07
- Credit Union Bonds \$24,676.71
- Gaming Account \$16,070.18

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

Financial Secretary, Brother

David Nenzel reported the following income and expenses for the month of April 2008. (The full report is on file.)

- Total Income \$4,518.34
- Total Expenses \$7,606.80

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

The Grand Knight reported that delegates at the convention from neighbouring States and Supreme were impressed with the activities reported by our Council.

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

- **Parish Council Liaison**, Brother Dennis Belliveau reported that:
 - The minutes of the Parish Council meetings are posted.
 - Newly elected Parish Council members are Brother Peter Horsfield and Tess Cormack.
 - Work on the new cross for the churchyard is in progress.
- **Charity Appeal Chairman**, Brother Jim Enright thanked council for the honour he received as *Knight of the Year*.
- **Pancake Breakfast Chairmen**, Brother Brendan O’Keeffe reported that Brother Peter Fedorak is no longer able to take tickets at the breakfasts. It was agreed that each team should appoint someone to do the duty.
- **Building Committee Chairman**, Brother Gordon Johnston reported that there is still no news from the Diocese.

- **Youth Director**, Brother John Poirier reported that the final Free-Throw Competition report has been filed.
- **Golf Chairman**, Brother Mike Murphy reported that all is set for the tournament on May 25, but he still needs some canvassers to obtain prizes, help to set up the hall on the 24th, raffle ticket sellers, and bartenders. Brother Tony Antoniuk moved and Brother Al Walsh seconded that Brother Murphy be advanced \$200 to purchase prizes, if needed. Carried.

Correspondence: The following items of correspondence were received.

- An invitation to attend a recognition evening Fr. Lehane at St. Pat's in Victoria on Tuesday, June 3.
- A number of pamphlets and other information from the convention were presented.
- A request for financial support for a book being published by the Legion.
- A letter regarding the use of Gaming Money in Alberta was read.
- A request for a copy of the Knights' insurance policy to cover liability when using the Parish Hall.
- A request for funds by the *Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation*. Brother John Poirier moved and Brother Tony Antoniuk seconded that the Finance Committee consider this request with a view for consideration in next year's budget. Carried.
- An invitation to attend a dinner and dance celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Dr. Briggs Council in Courtenay on September 27.

New Business:

- Advocate, Brother John Poirier gave a short presentation on the proper protocol for meetings, and suggested that we try to follow this protocol more closely. Briefly, 1 gavel rap calls for attention; 2, a specific group stands; 3, all stand; 4, all kneel. To speak one stands, says "Worthy Grand Knight", salutes, is recognized, then speaks. All officers are addressed as "Worthy". Membership cards must be shown to the guards.
- District Deputy, Brother Rick Graebner expressed greetings, gave a brief report on the convention, (the theme was "Follow Me", a new award has been established for "top proposer", and he announced the new state executive), and gave a reminder of upcoming events (May 2, Fr. Mike O'Connell's funeral; March 8, "March for Life"; May 24, Fourth Degree in Duncan; May 25, Golf Tournament; May 25, Fourth Degree meeting in Campbell River; CWL 60th anniversary; June 3, Fr. Lehane recognition; June 7, Lobster Fest in Campbell River; June 18, Eucharistic Conference; September 27, Comox Council fiftieth anniversary; November 8, Major degree initiation in Campbell River.) He had some decals for sale with the proceeds going to Pennies for Heaven.

Other Business:

- *Certificates of Appreciation* were presented to Brothers Brendan O'Keeffe (and Helen) and John Poirier.
- Brother Al Walsh won the 50/50 draw and donated it to *Pennies for Heaven*.
- Brother Jim Enright will assist Brother Les Bodi with the *Garage Sale*.
- Brother Fred Demmon and his son delivered his donated shed to the Parish.
- Brother Al Walsh congratulated the Grand Knight on his conduct of the meeting.

Under **The Good of the Order**, prayers were requested for Mgr. Mike O'Connell, Doug Flynn, Dr. Roy Heathcoat, Les Dumis, Janet Dunn, and Bjorn Haajensen.

A closing prayer was said and the meeting was **adjourned**.