

Ascension Council 7991

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Grand Knights Report

Brother Knights

For a number of reasons, it has been some time since the last Herald was published. Hopefully, we now have our act together and you will receive regular publication in the future.

Over the last several months, our council has not been involved in any of the usual social and fund-raising events that we normally sponsor due to the fact that the parish hall was not available to us. That will change once the hall renovations are complete and the hall returns to full, even enhanced operating status.

Attendance at our Executive Meetings has been excellent but attendance at our General Meetings could stand a bit of improvement. If you have any suggestions as to how we might improve attendance at these meetings, please let me know.

This council is blessed with many hard working Knights who give generously of their time and talent every year in all the executive and chairmen positions and I wish to thank them for that. I would like to thank Brother Jerry Loughhead for taking over as editor of the Herald and soon to prepare the K of C contribution to the weekly church bulletin. I wish also to thank Brother Randy Schmidt for all the work he has done with the candle-bearer, cross-bearer, and pall-bearer teams. As

well, thanks to Mike Hanlon for volunteering

to take on the responsibility for the pancake breakfasts, and we all have to thank Brother Ed Peacock for the many years of volunteer service that he has given this parish and council. Thanks to Brother Jim Enright for taking on the Charity Appeal campaign and to Brother Tony Antoniuk for taking control of the Quarterly Report function in the council. Thanks to the Knights on the Building Committee for their time and efforts with the hall renovation project.

Please take the time to attend our next General Meeting on June 3 when we will elect our officers for the coming year. We have a great team in both the executive positions and in the committee chair positions. Come out and support those Knights who take on these major roles in your council.

Fraternally
Grand Knight
Dennis Belliveau

Calendar of Events

May 20th	9:30 am Executive Meeting
Jun 3rd	7:30 pm General Meeting
Jun 17th	9:30 am Executive Meeting
Aug 19th	9:30 am Executive Meeting
Sept 2nd	7:30 pm General Meeting
Sept 16th	9:00 am Mass 9:30 am Executive Meeting

Birthdays

Birthdays in May

Peter Ash	May09
Patrick Clarke	May28
Richard Cloutier	May21
Alan Critchley	May18
Emile Cyr	May04
Bjorn Haagensen	May24
Peter L Horsfield	May02
Karunakaran Jainshaw	May30
John Kelly	May13
Raymond Lajeunesse	May26
Gerbase Malaquies De Amorim	May01
George Murrell	May12
Edgar Peacock	May07
Henri Poirier	May28
John Poirier	May27
Emmett Urquhart	May30

Birthdays in June

Drazen Filko	June11
Kees Hendricks	June04
Hans Kratz	June20
Terrance Kroetsch	June27
Peter Kucey	June10
Francis Lacouvee	June21
Siegfried Mueller	June18
James Proctor	June09
Martin Shaddick	June12
John Smart	June02

ABOUT OUR FOUNDER

Father McGivney is on his way to possibly becoming the first American born priest declared a saint.

Just about every day Catholic laymen bound in a common association gather to advance the welfare of their Church and communities. They meet in harbor towns of Nova Scotia, suburban New Jersey, Mexican cities and Philippine villages. Some will help families pay off huge medical bills or secure aid for disaster victims. Others will help finance Catholic schools or independent living for people with disabilities. More will organize nutrition programs for disadvantaged children or prayer services for an end to abortion.

They are the Knights of Columbus, the legacy of Father Michael J. McGivney. Knights and their families have always held reverence for the animator of their lay movement. But since Father McGivney's cause for canonization began in 1997, spreading his story of holiness and priestly service, popular devotion to him has increased. The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., has added a stained-glass window depicting his image.

Father McGivney dedicated his life to the spiritual and physical welfare of others, creating the Knights of Columbus to provide insurance for the protection of widows and orphans, and the spiritual benefit of its members and families. Today, a growing number of schools, medical centers and social service agencies named for him associate their work with his charisma, and the Knights of Columbus insures the lives of more than 1.2

million men, women and children. But beyond charitable works, Father McGivney wanted each Knight's heart and mind attuned to greater love of God and his Son, both within the Church and within the family. That is his

Through the Knights, Father McGivney sought to form young Catholic men into good spouses and fathers. He has become known as Apostle to the Young and Defender of Christian Family Life. He saw strong families as the foundation of his parish, of the Church and of society at large. He was convinced that the Catholic layman had a unique role in influencing society and promoting the values found in what Pope John Paul II has since named the Culture of Life and Civilization of Love. Father McGivney did not use the vocabulary of the 21st century, but he espoused the same Gospel values that Catholics affirm today.

Increasingly, Church leaders realize that part of Father McGivney's spiritual genius is that nearly a century before the Second Vatican Council addressed the important role of the laity in the Church, Father McGivney built a way for laymen to make a substantial and enduring contribution to their parishes, communities and physical and spiritual security of their families. And he saw that by doing so one parish and community at a time, Catholic families could help build a better world.

He was a man ahead of his time.

Prayers are requested for:

Brothers Marcel Beaulac, Emmett Urquhart, and Fred Gorman.

A Year For Priests – Be A Faithful Witness

Pope Benedict XVI has declared a “Year for Priests” beginning June 19, 2009. The year will conclude in Rome with an international gathering of priests with the Holy Father June 19, 2010.

Be inspired to prayerfully support and grow in understanding of the Holy Priesthood, as instituted by Jesus Christ at the Last Supper with His Apostles. You can have a dramatic, lasting impact not only on priests but the entire Catholic Church! Together as the Body of Christ we can implore God, Our Heavenly Father through Jesus and Mary to bless and strengthen our priests, to protect them from the onslaughts of the enemy and grant them all necessary graces and strength to fulfill their Priestly vocations.

A Prayer for Priests

Most gracious Heavenly Father, we thank you for our faithful priests and bishops, whose spiritual fatherhood and example of fidelity, self-sacrifice, and devotion is so vital to the faith of your people. May our spiritual fathers be guided by the examples of Saints Peter and Paul, all the Apostles and their saintly successors. Give them valiant faith in the face of confusion and conflict, hope in time of trouble and sorrow, and steadfast love for you, for their families, and for all your people throughout the world. May the light of your Truth shine through their lives and their good works. Assist all spiritual fathers, that through your grace they may steadily grow in holiness and in knowledge and understanding of your Truth. May they generously impart this knowledge to those who rely on them. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

ASCENSION KNIGHTS CHOIR

Brothers, The Choir is progressing slowly. We now have 17 members, but due to personal commitments we only average about 12 men at each practice. --SO we need more voices to make this choir more effective. Did you know Singing is very good for your health, it rejuvenates brain cells ---- increases longevity, develops self -confidence and evangelizes by making our community more aware we are Knights of Columbus and are proud to sing as a group to entertain and to worship Our God.

It's also reported singing will help you to overcome a lot of physical ailments including Hair Loss!!!!.

So Please Brothers come and join the FUN and make YOUR choir the best on Vancouver Island to help your Church, your Council and Community. Practice Night is Wednesday 7pm --8:30pm every 2nd Wednesday ---- in the Church.

MAY IS MARY'S MONTH

The month of May is both named and dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. The young woman from Nazareth is called by God. Mary listens with her heart and believes, because nothing is impossible to God. Then she answers God's call. Think of Mary of Nazareth, called from her girlhood dreams to travel the road of a lonely destiny, to be the mother of Jesus; think of how she shrank back trembling from the call and from the sword the was to pierce her heart, until at last she bowed her head and said, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord. Mary saw it all, the birth, the life, and the death. And Mary was there to see him after the resurrection.

Mary, Queen of the Knights, Pray for Us

Our Lady, Queen of the Knights, bless all the activities of the order. Keep us true to the pledge to extend the Kingship of thy Divine

Son on Earth. Through thine intercession, win for us the grace ever to exemplify in our public and private lives, the virtues which should characterize those specially dedicated to the service of the heavenly court. Make us always aware that as your knights we are constantly observed, our faith judged and our order appreciated. Accept, O Mary, this renewed pledge of fealty and devotion of thy servants, the Knights of Columbus. Amen.

INSURANCE AGENT SHAWN FETTER

Our organization was formed in 1882 as a fraternal benefits society and since then has put in place a number of fraternal family benefits that are available to both the member and their spouse.

One such benefit which a member recently inquired about was in regards to a family who had a stillborn child. As long as the member is in good standing (not an inactive, suspended, fortified, or terminated member) and either he or his spouse have a life insurance policy with our order where they are insured for a minimum of \$5,000 or are paying more than \$150 per year in premiums there will be a benefit available from our order.

If an unborn child of a member and his wife dies 20 weeks or more after conception a \$750 benefit will be paid to the member. If the child is born alive but dies before attaining the age of 61 days there will be a benefit of \$1,500 paid to the member.

This is one example of many family benefits which I will explain in an upcoming series of articles. If you have any questions or hear of a member that has experienced a miscarriage encourage them to touch base.

Fraternally,

Shawn Fetter, FIC, CFP

Fraternal Advisor, Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus Council 7991 General Meeting, May 6, 2010

Grand Knight Brother Dennis Belliveau **called the meeting to order** at 7:38 pm. 18 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, E
Grand Knight, Brother Dennis Belliveau, P	Trustee for One Year, Brother Tony Antoniuk, P
Deputy Grand Knight, Brother Peter Horsfield, P	Trustee for Two Years, Brother Randy Schmidt, E
Chancellor, Brother Tony Dunn, E	Trustee for Three Years, Brother Jim Wall, P
Financial Secretary, Brother David Nenzel, P	Advocate, Brother John Poirier, A
Recorder, Brother Dale Niwa, P	Inside Guard, Brother Mike Hanlon, P
Warden, Brother Mervin Pasula, E	Outside Guard, Brother Jim Enright, P
Treasurer, Brother Ray Misanchuk, P	Past Grand Knight, Brother Fred Demmon, A

Self-introductions were made and the *Opening Ode* was sung

The minutes of the meeting of April 6 were read. Brother Al Walsh moved and Brother Jim Wall seconded that the **minutes** be adopted as presented. Carried.

Membership Chairman Brother Al Walsh reported that

- Candidate Scott Doran is still not available.
- Ben Schovy will be initiated in June.
- We presently have 105 members; 45 insurance and 60 associate; 3 honorary, and 24 honorary life.
- There will be a Fourth Degree meeting in Courtenay on May 16.

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

Cash Available	\$4,828.71
Gaming Account	\$9,223.08

Brother Misanchuk moved and Brother Jerry Loughhead 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. (The full report is on file.)

Total Income	\$382.78
Total Expenses	\$1094.45

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

Correspondence:

- From the Catholic Bookstore in Langley – information.
- From Sandy Degras informing us of the Tidesman concert, a fund-raiser, on September 18.

Program Director, Brother Peter Horsfield reported that there were no presentations from the Knights at the Confirmation ceremony. Apparently, the Knights were not approached this year. There were no other Director Reports.

The **Grand Knight** reported that

- He and his wife attended the State Convention, and it was well organized.
- The BC K of C History Book is available. It will be rotated with the Council Icon.
- He distributed the *Catholic Messenger*.
- Brother Jerry Loughhead will take responsibility for the Knights' article in the Church Bulletin.
- He, and Brothers Greg Canil, Rod Morrison, Matthew Morrison meet monthly with a group of youth for fun and games.

- The Parish Council minutes are posted.
- He made a presentation at the Parish AGM.

Unfinished Business:

- The Major Degrees Initiation scheduled for June 12 has been cancelled.
- The annual Garage Sale is scheduled for September 11.
- Brother Alan Critchley is still investigating the possibility of sponsoring a breakfast or breakfasts at Qualicum Bay.
- Brother David Nenzel will soon begin work on a case for the Council Icon.
- Brother Peter Horsfield reported that Charity Appeal tickets will be distributed on September 25 and sales will begin on October 5. He is presently shopping for cars.
- Brother Tony Antoniuk moved and Brother David Nenzel seconded that the Installation of Officers take place before the meeting of September 2. Carried.

New Business

- Brother Dennis Belliveau will check to see if Fr. Jozef will be attending the Year for Priests Celebration in Victoria on May 28. If he plans to attend, Brother Belliveau will arrange that a group from our Council accompany him.
- The Grand Knight will look for a host for Christmas in July.
- Brother Matthew Morrison and his girlfriend plan to attend the World Youth Day in Madrid in August of 2011. The cost is about \$3000 per person, and he would like some assistance from our Council. The Financial Secretary will see if something can be budgeted for this.
- The Election of Officers will take place at the next General Meeting, June 3rd.
- The May Executive Meeting will again be held at Serious Coffee. Executive Meetings will also be held in June and August.
- Brother Brendan O'Keeffe is arranging a fund-raising event at the Riverside Resort on June 13 from 12:00 to 6:00 pm. The owners have offered the use of their place at no charge. Various games are in the planning. Some help will be needed.
- Brother Tony Antoniuk reported that he and the Financial Secretary have been working on Quarterly Report forms. It is a simplified form and can be filled out on line.
- Brother Peter Horsfield expressed his wish for a Fourth Degree honor guard for the Bishop's visit on September 4.

Under the **Good of the Order** prayers were requested for Brothers Fred Gorman and Emmett Urquhart. A prayer was said.

The *Closing Ode* was sung and the meeting was **adjourned**. Brother Ray Misanchuk won the 50/50 draw.

Addendum

The following report was emailed to the Grand Knight by **Building Committee** Chairman Brother Gordon Johnston before the meeting, but not received until after.

The building is moving along. lockup should happen in the next 10 days. The kitchen committee has finalized their selection of equipment and the building committee is reviewing the selection and pricing. We are still looking mid to end of July for completion. Father has asked the diocese for permission to complete the unoccupied space in conjunction with the rest of the building. We are pricing that out. The cost estimate for the reroof of the hall and office is in and is being reviewed by the Diocese.

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