



Knights Herald

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Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,

This has been a difficult time for me and I take this opportunity to THANK YOU ALL for your concerns and prayers. I'm sure that prayer has been helpful.

I attended the Pasta Dinner on Saturday, Nov 22nd, obviously everyone had a wonderful time. It was another sell-out and a great opportunity to raise funds for our Council's good works. The food was excellent and much enjoyed by all. Br. Murphy did another great job at the Bar and Br. Antoniuk, a master entertainer, raised a good sum with the toonie auction. We also saw a fine performance by the musicians and the minstrels. Our compliments to the kitchen staff and what a marvellous occasion to see so many more of our Brothers in attendance.

The last few months have been gratifying for Joan and I, but my clumsiness has been testy at times along with a decreased heart function. I fell and cracked my knee cap ending up in a wheel chair for a time. Surgery to install a pacemaker and defibrillator in set for Dec. 10th at Victoria and hopefully this will allow me to return to a level of activity as a Knight.

I'm impressed with all members of Council 7991 for their continued efforts and service to the Church and the community. A deserving group of Brothers of which I am very proud and grateful.

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

Calendar of Events

Nov 13 th	9:30 am Executive Meeting
Nov 22 nd	6:30 pm Pasta Night
Dec 4 th	7:00 pm Rosary 7:30 pm General Meeting
Dec 14 th	Pancake Breakfast after both Masses
Dec 18 th	9:00 am Mass 9:30 am Executive Meeting
Jan 1 st	7:00 pm Rosary 7:30 pm General Meeting
Jan 11 th	Pancake Breakfast after both Masses
Jan 15 th	9:00 am Mass 9:30 am Executive Meeting
Feb 5 th	7:00 pm Rosary 7:30 pm General Meeting
Feb 8 th	Pancake Breakfast after both Masses
Feb 19 th	9:00 am Mass 9:30 am Executive Meeting

Birthdays in October

Leslie Bodi	October 17
Mario Cisotto	October 17
Alexander Fraser	October 02
Jozef Kobos	October 16
Marcel Kramer	October 28
Jerry L Loughead	October 16
Rick Mah	October 23
Ray Misanchuk	October 19
Edward Mitchell	October 25
Matthew Morrison	October 09
Italo Raviglione	October 06
Herb Rokosh	October 02
Randy Schmidt	October 17
Edward Wahl	October 01

Birthdays in November

Michael Hanlon	November 18
Gordon Johnston	November 11
Edward Nicholson	November 10
Norbert Soares	November 01
Gerald Taylor	November 04
AL Walsh	November 15

**Happy Birthday
& Many Many More**

**Prayers are requested for:**

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

Nov 8th marked the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome.

Much has been written of this beautiful Basilica of San Giovanni in Laterano built by Constantine in the 4th Century. It was plundered by vandals, often sacked, damaged by earthquake in 896, saw various fires but was continuously rebuilt and restored. The Lateran Basilica is the cathedral of Rome, the pope's church, and the first ranking church of the Roman Catholic Church, and was the papal residence until the 14th century. It has colossal statues of Christ, Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist and the Doctors of the Church. The interior is most impressive with antique columns, groved pilasters and a sumptuous ceiling. Along the walls are figures of Prophets, Saints and Apostles dating to the 18th century. At the Gothic heart of the Basilica is the tabernacle with a silhouette against the gilded gates which are said to enclose the precious relics of the heads of Saints Peter and Paul. This church would be a 'must see' on any visit to Rome.

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"

The Annual Charity Appeal ticket sales continue in earnest and Bro. Enright 250-947-9280 would be most pleased for any assistance.

The Lifestyle Books are available from Brothers Antoniuk (752-9152), Misanchuk(752-8950) and Schmidt(752-2512).

Pro-Life and Politics

Much continuous on Pro-Life issues as a result of elections in the USA where this topic will remain a sensitive and much discussed item. (HeadlineBistro)

The Asia News Agencies for Nov 23rd 08' mention the march by thousands calling for religious freedom in India and an end to violence against Christians in that country. Violence against Christians has been a growing problem in certain areas of India and it is felt that those responsible for certain crimes have not been brought to justice.

Other News;

The Vatican calls for greater vigilance over the world's financial operations and to curb abuses of offshore financial institutions.

The Vatican said the musical compositions of the Beatles were far more creative than the 'standardized and stereotyped' pop music of today.

John Lennon's famous quip in 66' that he Beatles were "more famous than Jesus Christ", the Vatican newspaper 'L'Osservatore Romano' dismissed as "youthful bragging". The phrase that provoked profound indignation, especially in the USA, after so many years "sounds merely like the boast of a working class English youth faced with unexpected success".

On Nov 23rd, Pope Benedict XVI gave his Angelus address at St. Peter's Square. He prayed for the victims of the 1932-33' Great Famine that left millions dead in the Ukraine and other parts of the Soviet Union. Referring to policies of collectivism and food confiscation that provoked the famine, the Pope condemned ideologically based government actions that violate human rights.

CNS (Catholic News Services)

December and the Feast of Saint Nicholas Dec. 6th.

St. Nicholas was born in Patara, (Greece, now on the South coast of Turkey), to wealthy parents who were devout Christians who died during an epidemic leaving their young son. Much has been written and suggested about St. Nicholas who has been venerated by Catholics, Orthodox and Protestants. He was reknowned for his generosity to the needy and especially to children.

St. Nicholas is still celebrated in many European countries where he is considered the original Santa Claus on December 6th as the day for gift giving, mostly to the children.

The Irish Have Done it Again!

The Irish have a way of saying things but these lads say, "When we sing, we don't simply sing. We Pray" .

If you appreciate good music there can be no better way than to spend Christmas with "The Priests". The names of three regular Parish priests, Eugene O'Hagan, Martin O'Hagan and David Delargy will no doubt become well known to all music lovers. The video of their performance has been one of the most popular clips on YouTube for several weeks. From their rendition of Ave Maria, Panis Angelicus, the Irish Blessing, Abide With Me, and many more, just turn up the stereo, sit back and let the waves of the most beautiful listening pleasure bring shivers to your spine.

If you are Irish, you can be proud and even when you're not, yes, it may bring a tear to your eye.

According to a Reuters reporter, Andas Gergely, the three performers hope the CD will encourage some men to consider priesthood as a vocation, or at least raise the profile of the church in what they see as an increasingly agnostic and materialistic world. The CD can be found at major music outlets.

Who Are These Knights.

For November we feature Brother Gerry Taylor, born in Liverpool, England in 1935. Gerry went to sea at 15 yoa as a boy seaman travelling the world. He was in Japan in 1950 to see the aftermath of the Atomic bomb explosion. He left the Merchant Navy in 1957 and joined a retraining programme to become an Air frame fitter for the DeHavilland Co. At a dance he met a lovely lady who gave him a 'sticket' candy and 'was hooked'. He married in 1958, a son Mark arrived in 1960 and Amanda was born in 1962. Gerry switched from aircraft construction to automobiles and became a 'panel beater' for the Ford Motor Co. He had his own section building show cars where he was awarded three medals for workmanship. In March 66' he arrived in Calgary, Alta. on a Wednesday and started a new job the following Monday. He worked in the auto body trade until 1980. He joined the KofC in 69'. At the time he was part owner/operator of the second largest body shop in Calgary. In 1975-76' he developed a health problem and came to Vancouver Island. He worked as a body shop foreman then Service Mgr. for a GM dealer in Duncan. In 1980 he tried a commercial greenhouse growing operation but health problems and the recession defeated his efforts. In 1986, Gerry and Sheila became Estate Managers of a privately held Island in the Strait of Georgia, 500 acres, 5 houses, 50 cows, 50 sheep and more. Trucks, tractors, boats and heavy duty equipment needed maintenance and but for the occasional visit by the owners, he and Sheila were to only people on site. They retired to Mayne Island in 99' where they cleared some virgin land and built a house before moving to a home in the hills of Little Qualicum River Village in 06'. Sheila lost her eye sight in 96' , Gerry maintains his hobbies of boating, fly fishing, camping, cabinet making and trying to keep up with Sheila.

From the desk of the Church Mouse!

Due to a continued lack of encouraging news on the financial, political, domestic and international news we can only suggest you do not read the financial reports, watch TV and/or listen to radio news and do not listen to the cliches of commercial financial advisors. It will only cause you to suffer loss of sleep and ruin your golf swing.

Your Smile for Today;

Goat for Dinner;

The young couple invited their elderly pastor for Sunday dinner. While they were in the kitchen preparing the meal the minister asked their son what they were having.

"Goat!" the little boy replied.

"Goat?" said the startled man of the cloth, "Are you sure about that?"

"Yep," said the youngstr. "I heard Dad say to Mom, "Today is just as good as any to have the old goat for dinner."

The Usher.

An elderly woman walked into the local county church. The friendly usher greeted her at the door and helped her up the flight of steps.

"Where would you like to sit?" said he, politely.

"The front row please" she answered.

"You really don't want to do that," the usher said, "The pastor is really boring"

"Do you happen to know who I am?" the woman inquired.

"No" he said

"I'm the pastor's mother!" she replied indignantly

"Do you know who I am?" he asked

"No" she said.

"Good" he answered.

Knights of Columbus Council 7991 General Meeting, November 6, 2008

Past Past Grand Knight Brother Randy Schmidt **called the meeting to order** at 7:30 pm. An *opening prayer* was said. 28 members were present. Brother Schmidt explained that Grand Knight Brother Fred Demmon has been excused from his position due to health reasons. Deputy Grand Knight Brother Dennis Belliveau has agreed to be Acting Grand Knight until elections in June, but he was excusably absent from the meeting. Brother Jim Wall has agreed to be acting Deputy Grand Knight until elections, but he was also excused. Brother Tony Antoniuk accepted to act as Deputy Grand Knight for the evening, and he (Brother Schmidt) will act as Grand Knight.

The **Warden** reported that all present were in possession of a current membership card. The *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag* was recited.

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

Chaplain, Fr. Jozef Kobos, P	Lecturer, Bro. Sandy Fraser, P
Grand Knight, Bro. Fred Demmon, E	Trustee for One Year, Bro. Silvere Brochez, E
Deputy Grand Knight, Bro. Dennis Belliveau, E	Trustee for Two Years, Bro. Tony Antoniuk, P
Chancellor, Bro. Tony Dunn, P	Trustee for Three Years, Bro. Randy Schmidt, 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. Peter Horsfield, P	Outside Guard, Bro. Jim Enright, P
Treasurer, Bro. Ray Misanchuk, P	Past Grand Knight, Bro. Jim Wall, E

The **Opening Ode** was sung.

Brother Tony Antoniuk moved and Brother Brendan O'Keeffe seconded that the **minutes** of the meeting of October 2 be adopted as presented. Carried.

A brief **Grand Knight's report** from Brother Fred Demmon was read.

Treasurer, Brother Ray Misanchuk reported the following account balances as of October 31. (The full report is on file.)

Cash Available	\$945.08
Credit Union Bonds	\$25,513.37
Gaming Account	\$14,891.78

Brother Misanchuk moved and Brother Gordon Johnston seconded that the report be accepted as presented. Carried.

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

Total Income	\$2,526.47
Total Expenses	\$2137.91

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

Acting Program Director, Brother Tony Antoniuk called upon the following directors to report.

- **Building Committee Chairman**, Brother Gordon Johnston reported that he is optimistic about the kitchen/classroom renovation proposal. The committee will be meeting with the Bishop in December. Some fund-raising will be required.
- **Pasta Night Chairman**, Brother Gordon Johnston passed out a brochure that will be included in the Parish bulletin. A few more volunteers are needed.
- **Council Director**, Brother Gerald Taylor reported that Quarterly Reports are due.
- **Pancake Breakfast Chairman**, Brother Brendan O'Keeffe reported that a replacement for Team Leader Brother Norbert Soares is needed. Brother O'Keeffe's team will be handling this Sunday's breakfast.
- **Pro-Life Chairman**, Brother Italo Raviglione thanked the Knights for their assistance and participation in the very successful Testimonial Dinner. A letter of thanks from the committee was read.

- **Charity Appeal Chairman**, Brother Jim Enright reported that sales in the mall are going rather slowly, but Brother Les Bodi has sold 75 books!
- **Church Director**, Brother Brendan O'Keeffe asked for volunteers to act as ushers.
- **Community Director**, Brother Sandy Fraser reported that the cross is up and he thanked those who helped in its erection. Floodlights will soon be installed. A fall cleanup will be held on November 14, and volunteers will be needed to set up the Christmas lights and Crèche.
- **Lecturer**, Brother Sandy Fraser announced that he has arranged for a speaker to give a presentation and to answer questions on basic computer do's and don'ts in the New Year.
- It was reported that arrangements for the laying of **Remembrance Day wreaths** have been made.

2009 Budget (and related items)

- Financial Secretary, Brother David Nenzel reported that both *Wheels for Wellness* and *Camp Good Time* (through the BC Cancer Society) qualify for BC Gaming money and have been included in the proposed budget for \$1000 and \$300 respectively. He also reported that the Gaming Commission insists that our excess funds be dispersed of in 2009. The proposed budget shows a deficit of \$1330 in gaming money. Brother Nenzel moved and Brother John Poirier seconded that the 2009 **budget be adopted as presented**. Carried. Brother Mike Gariepy mentioned that there is a proposal to have donors' logos painted on all of the *Wheels for Wellness* vans.
- Brother Dave Nenzel moved and Brother Italo Raviglione seconded that the **annual dues** be increased for \$30 to \$35. The motion was withdrawn. Brother Peter Horsfield moved and Brother Dave Nenzel seconded that the by-laws of our council (Article I Section 3) be amended to state that annual dues be set annually by the membership at a general meeting. Carried. Brother Nenzel's original motion was re-introduced and carried.

Other Business

- Brother Randy Schmidt expressed thanks to Brother Ron and Bonnie Morrisroe for the use of their place, to the ladies who provided food, and to Brother Henk Bonthuis for the desserts at a very enjoyable **Christmas in July**.
- Brother Ray Misanchuk reported that **Lifestyle Books** are now available, and encouraged their purchase. A few volunteers are still needed for assistance at the bingos.
- Brother Les Bodi announced that **K of C golf shirts** are available for sale at \$35 each.

Under the **Good of the Order** prayers were requested for Brothers Fred Demmon, Jim Wall, and John Mentanko.

A closing prayer was said and the *Closing Ode* was sung. Brother Stu Mason won the 50/50 draw. The meeting was adjourned.

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