



# Knights Herald

## Ascension Council 7991

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### Grand Knights Report

#### Brother Knights

On the week of Nov 15. I had the opportunity to do a short presentation at the three Masses on behalf of the Knights of Columbus Ascension Council . The purpose of the presentation was to outline the kinds of outline activities that the Knights were involved with in the parish and community. In preparing the presentation, it became apparent to me just how many outreach activities the Knights are involved in, and the kind of difference they are making in the communities that they are active in, not only in our own community , but worldwide.

There are now more than 14000 councils worldwide with 1.8 million members. Last year we donated \$150M and 69M man-hours of voluntary effort worldwide. Over the last decade, the Knights have contributed over \$10B worldwide to charitable works. In our own community last year, the Knights contributed over \$40,000 and 4500 hours of voluntary effort to charitable works.

That is a significant contribution and our council is to be congratulated for their efforts. This is no small achievement, so thank you to all those Knights who have contributed their time, effort and money on behalf of Council 7991 over the last year.

Fraternally

*Br. Dennis Belliveau*

Grand Knight / Council 7991

### Calendar of Events

Nov 28 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm Pasta Knight
Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7:30 pm General Meeting
Dec 13 <sup>th</sup>	Pancake Breakfast after Mass
Dec 17 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am Mass
	9:30 am Executive Meeting
Jan 7 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm General Meeting
Jan 10 <sup>th</sup>	Pancake Breakfast after Mass
Jan 21 <sup>st</sup>	9:00 am Mass
	9:30 am Executive Meeting

### YEAR OF THE PRIEST

Pope Benedict tells us the Priests are witnesses of God. "The Priest is called to serve human beings and to give them life in God. He is the man of the divine word and of all things Holy, and today more than ever, he must be a man of joy and hope. To those who cannot conceive that God is pure Love, he will affirm that life is worthy to be lived and that Christ gives its full meaning because he loves all humankind. Nothing will ever replace the ministry of priests in the heart of the church. They are the living witness of God's power at work in the weakness of human beings, consecrated for the salvation of the world, chosen by Christ Himself to be, thanks to Him, salt of the earth and light of world. As Knights, let us be ever mindful of our priests in their continuing strength and leadership in our parish, and above all keep them in our prayers.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### 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

### Birthdays in December

Bernard Bradbury	December 28
Vincent Carroll	December 02
Wilfred L Cody	December 05
Scot B Doran	December 25

### **Prayers are requested for:**

Brothers Marcel Beaulac, Fred Demmon, Fred Gorman, Tony Plater, Richard Quittenton, Emmett Urquhart, Italo Raviglione and Patricia Horsfield.

### **FROM THE EDITORS DESK**

In the previous issue, the GK stated the Council needed someone to take on the role of assisting Dave Nenzel preparing the Herald. I believe the Herald should be news-worthy information that our Knights will enjoy reading. This is our only source of information to keep us in tune with one another. Any Knight that has something he would like to see in the Herald, make changes or suggestions to the Herald should feel free to make it known to me.

We are "Mary's right arm of the Church" and can only accomplish our goals by being involved and supporting our Council by attending the monthly meetings and getting involved with the projects. SK Jerry Loughead 250-951-2146 E-Mail [loughead@shaw.ca](mailto:loughead@shaw.ca)

### **ANNUAL K OF C PASTA KNIGHT**

Brother Gord Johnston has his volunteers ready to serve us a delectable dinner on Saturday night, November 28th. Brother Al Walsh said the ticket sales have been brisk with very few tickets available. This has always been a good fund raiser for the Knights and a good time as well.

### **PRO LIFE**

*Submitted by Jerry Taylor*

Brother Knights:

To be or not to be. That's the question, Pro Life or Pro Choice?

The fifth Commandment THOW SHALT NOT KILL answers for us ALL. We cannot be Catholic or Knights and follow the Lord's Commandments and be Pro Choice. If we accept abortion, contraception and euthanasia as being the "norm" for our times, think again. If we accept them, we are not helping our fellow Brothers and Sisters. WE are helping the pharmaceutical industry get richer by using their products (believe me they are not cheap). Then there is the cost related to health problems to Woman.

But to accept GOD'S LIFE PLAN, we must endorse and promote abstinence and respect for Life from conception to its' natural end.

If we can do this, the schools would be full of children. Unwanted children would be adopted to loving homes (instead of killing them). The natural health of Woman would improve. Big government would be happy with all the revenue from all the extra tax payers.

To date in the USA they perform about 4,000 abortions EVERY DAY. In Canada we have killed over 34 million children in the past 30 years through abortions. You do the math,

SO BROTHER KNIGHTS ---Take up arms to oppose a sea of trouble---and by opposing them. END THEM!

## TIS' THE SEASON

Advent Season (Anticipation and Hope) 2009 begins on Sunday, November 29. It is a time of waiting for the coming of the Christ. As Knights we must continue to ensure that "Christ" is kept in Christmas. The phrase "happy holidays" should not come across our lips; rather let's hear a hearty MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Brother Sandy Fraser is looking for volunteers to decorate our parish for the Christmas season.

The annual Christmas "Light Up" for the exterior of the church will be Monday evening on the 14th of December at 6:30 PM. To meet this deadline we need seven (7) volunteers at 9:30 AM on Saturday December 12th to install the lights around the church perimeter side walls and install the roof-top Christmas crèche scene on the church roof extension by the parking lot. With enough volunteers the task can be accomplished in two hours. There will be some ladder work and in the case of the crèche scene, some moderate lifting.

There will be a further requirement for volunteers on Tuesday December 22 at 09:30 to decorate the interior of the church. This is a separate requirement that will be open to all parishioners.

### EXCERPTS

#### NOV. 17<sup>th</sup> PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Council is currently working on replacing the ramp on the side of the church. The new ramp will create an easier grade for those requiring entrance into the church.

We are striving to become a "scent free parish" and are suggesting parishioners refrain from using any fragrances.

The minutes of the meeting are posted in the nave of our church for those interested in reading the complete agenda.



## On The Lighter Side:

The elderly priest, speaking to the younger priest, said, "It was a good idea to replace the first four rows of pews with plush bucket theater seats. It worked like a charm. The front of the church always fills first now."

The young priest nodded, and the old priest continued, "And you told me a little more beat to the music would bring young people back to the church, so I supported you when you brought in that rock 'n roll gospel choir. We are packed to the balcony!!"

"Thank you, Father," answered the young priest.

"I am pleased that you are open to the new ideas of youth." "However," said the elderly priest, "I'm afraid you've gone too far with the drive-thru confessional."

"But, Father, protested the young priest, "my confessions and the donations have nearly doubled since I began that!"

"I know, son, but that flashing neon sign, *"Toot 'n Tell or Go to Hell"* just can't stay on the church roof.

### KNIGHTS CHOIR

*Submitted by Jerry Taylor*

The group continues to meet on Wednesday nights at 7PM in the church and has accepted a few invitations to perform. The Choir will perform during our Pasta Night Dinner. We are looking forward to hearing their beautiful voices!

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**Knights of Columbus Council 7991  
General Meeting, November 5, 2009**

Grand Knight Brother Dennis Belliveau **called the meeting to order** at 7:35 pm. 24 members were present. The **Warden** reported that all present were in possession of a current membership card. An *opening prayer* was said, and the *Pledge of Allegiance* 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, E
Grand Knight, Bro. Dennis Belliveau, P	Trustee for One Year, Bro. Tony Antoniuk, E
Deputy Grand Knight, Bro. Peter Horsfield, E	Trustee for Two Years, Bro. Randy Schmidt, E
Chancellor, Bro. Tony Dunn, P	Trustee for Three Years, Bro. Jim Wall, P
Financial Secretary, Bro. David Nenzel, P	Advocate, Bro. John Poirier, E
Recorder, Bro. Dale Niwa, P	Inside Guard, Bro. Mike Hanlon, E
Warden, Bro. Mervin Pasula, P	Outside Guard, Bro. Jim Enright, P
Treasurer, Bro. Ray Misanchuk, P	Past Grand Knight, Bro. Fred Demmon, A

The *Opening Ode* was sung.

Brother Dale Niwa moved and Brother Jim Wall seconded that the **minutes** of the meeting of October 1 be adopted as presented. Carried.

**Membership** Chairman Brother Al Walsh reported that we have 102 members: 47 Insured and 55 Associate. He moved that Joseph Booth be accepted for candidacy. Seconded by Brother Gordon Johnston. Carried. Brother Les Bodi will be installed in the Fourth Degree together with his son in Victoria on Saturday. Brother David Nenzel reported that the internet reports 101 members, not 102.

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

Cash Available	\$3,468.33
Credit Union Bonds	\$25,175.07
Gaming Account	\$16,182.53

Brother Misanchuk moved and Brother Al Walsh 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	\$482.40
Total Expenses	\$2,585.61

Brother Nenzel moved and Brother Jim Wall seconded that the report be accepted as presented. Carried.

**Communication:**

- A letter of thanks from seminarian William Gaetner.
- A letter of thanks from the son of Brother Dick Quittenton.
- A request for financial assistance from the Qualicum Beach Middle School. It will be forwarded to the Donations Committee.
- A sample certificate from Brother Gary Nolan, Ceremonials Director, for this year for First Degree initiates.

Acting **Program Director**, Brother Ron Stothers (with help from the Grand Knight) called upon the following directors to report.

- **Public Relations**, Brother Dennis Belliveau – the weekly Parish Bulletin report.
- **Council Director**, Brother Gerry Taylor – the choir is going well.
- **Pancake Breakfast Chairman**, Brother Ed Peacock – Brother Peter Horsfield's team doing the November 8 breakfast and Brother Robert Primeau will do the December 13 breakfast.
- **Pro-Life Chairman**, Brother Gerry Taylor asked that the display table be set up when there is a pancake breakfast.

- **Charity Appeal:** Brother Dennis Belliveau reported that State had proposed that 500 books of tickets be sent to our council. He has written a letter to them explaining our reasons for opting out of Charity Appeal this year, but agreed to accept a token 100 books.
- **Building Committee Chairman,** Brother Gordon Johnston reported that tenders will go out on Tuesday, construction should begin before Christmas, and completion is expected for sometime in May. The Financial Secretary reported that the Knights' donation of \$20,000 is in the process of being delivered.
- **Youth Director,** Brother Dennis Belliveau for Brother John Poirier reported that Free-Throw competition dates are set for February 4, 10, 16, and March 6.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

- The **Admissions Committee Questionnaire** will be evaluated – it has a new format.
- Brother Gordon Johnston reported that the **Pasta Night** would be advertised in this weekend's Church Bulletin. It is to be held on November 28 at 6:30 and he expects a profit of about \$1100. Volunteers are needed for Friday and Saturday nights. Activities were suggested. Brother Al Walsh is in charge of ticket sales.

#### **New Business:**

- The ***Knights Herald*** editor has resigned and a new one is being sought.
- Brother Mike Hanlon is working with Brother Ed Peacock on the **pancake breakfasts**.
- **Christmas activities** will be discussed at the next Executive Meeting.
- Brother Ray Misanchuk has the new **Lifestyle Books** and would like someone to offer them for sale after all of the masses.

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

The Financial Secretary presented a proposed **budget** for 2010 and moved its adoption. Seconded by Brother Tony Dunn. Carried.

A closing prayer was said, the *Closing Ode* was sung, and the meeting was **adjourned** seventy minutes after it began! Brother Wilf Cody won the **50/50 draw** and donated it to the Church Building Fund.