

Knights Herald



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Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights

My Brother Knights! Welcome back into the throws of Knighthood. After a two month sabbatical we can get back to the regular duties we do so well. We serve our Parish, the Church, our Father and the Community at large. An insurmountable task you might say. Let me tell all the Knights regardless of age, that the task would not be so insurmountable if we all gave a little of ourselves. Yes Brothers, I have written about this little problem now for the past year and a half. Sadly, I have not seen it improve a great deal.

My Brothers, let me remind all of you that KofC Council 7991 Ascension Parish is not and I repeat, not just 'my council', it belongs equally to all of its members. You elected an executive for the 2008/2009 year and we Thank You all for carrying out this worthwhile task. Now we have an Executive who not only attend meetings at least twice a month but at the same time carry out other duties not expected to be done by everyone.

However, this is where I become a little concerned. We have several positions to fill as committee chairs and we also require members to take on a few project leader positions. I believe that we are blessed with members willing to step forward when required. We can hold very successful programs for everyone by just stepping up and making your willingness to participate known to the Council.

My Brother Knights, please, do not shy away from this letter. It is rather personal, but I strongly believe certain points must be raised and who better than a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 7991 Ascension Parish Parksville/Qualicum Beach.

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

Calendar of Events

Oct 2 nd	7:00 pm Rosary 7:30 pm General Meeting
Oct 12 th	Pancake Breakfast after both Masses Team 3 Jim Wall
Oct 16 th	7:30 pm Executive Meeting
Nov 1 st	6:30 pm Pro Life Banquet
Nov 6 th	7:00 pm Rosary 7:30 pm General Meeting
Nov 9 th	Pancake Breakfast after both Masses Team 2 Norbert Soares
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 Team 1 Brendan O'Keeffe
Dec 18 th	9:00 am Mass 9:30 am Executive Meeting

Birthdays in September

Marcel Beaulac	September 27
Thiem Van Dinh	September 01
James Enright	September 16
Gerald J. Herkel	September 07
Albert Kennedy	September 11
Romeo Thiboutot	September 20

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

**Happy Birthday
& Many Many More**

**Prayers are requested for:**

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

October is Rosary Month and Oct 18th the Feast Day of Saint Luke. St. Luke was a companion of St. Paul and his faithful friend during the apostle's imprisonment. According to ecclesiastical tradition, he was also a physician and the author of the Acts of the Apostles and the third Gospel. Very little is known of his birth or death. He was probably a gentile and may have been "Lucus of Cyrene" (Acts. 13.1) a resident of Cyrenaica in N. Africa. Luke may have joined Paul at Troas, the chief city of the Roman province of Asia. He may have accompanied Paul on his second missionary journey as far as the ancient Macedonian city of Philippi remaining there for several years while Paul travelled through Greece and Macedonia and rejoining him when Paul passed through Philippi on his journey to Jerusalem. Luke seems to have remained with Paul thereafter and probably was with him during Paul's last imprisonment. He is the patron Saint of physicians, artists, brewers and butchers. History.com/ecyclopa

St. Luke is also considered to be the traditional author of the third Gospel and of its sequel, the Acts of the Apostles. He was a gentile and called 'the beloved physician' by St. Paul. 'Columbia Encyclop.'

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 begins in earnest this week (Oct 20th.08') and everyone's help will once again be needed to sell tickets. Bro. Enright 250-947-9280 looks forward to hearing from you if you wish to assist and/or purchase tickets.

The Lifestyle Books may be available from the Council starting Oct 27th, 08'.

The KofC Communication Dept New Haven CT announced on June 6th, 08 that the KofC set a new all-time record for charitable giving and volunteer service hours in 2007. A total of \$144,911,781 in contributions exceeded the 06' figure by \$1 million, this included \$113,676,561 in charitable donations from state and local councils, Fourth Degree assemblies and squire circles. Volunteer hours by Knights for charitable causes grew to 68,695,768 hours, 393,030 Knights were blood donors during the year and Knights made more than 5.5 million visits to the sick and bereaved. Figures for the past decade reveal the KofC donated nearly \$1.28 billion to charity.

Pro-Life and Politics

August 7, 08' - Kof C convention at Quebec City, PQ. Delegates adopt resolutions challenging Catholic office-holders on abortion, affirming marriage as a union of one man and one woman. Resolutions adopted opposing-"any government action or policy that promotes abortion, embryonic stem cell research, human cloning, euthanasia, assisted suicide and other offenses against life".

-KofC reaffirms the organizations' "long standing policy of not inviting to any KofC events persons, especially public officials or candidates for public office, who do not support the legal protection of unborn children" Delegates adopted a resolution calling for "legal and constitutional protection..for the definition of marriage as the union of one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others"

The Catholic News Agency report from Wash. DC of Sept 11, 08' reports erroneous comments by US Democratic Vice Pres. candidate Sen. J. Biden regarding Church teaching on abortion which prompted immediate reaction from several US bishops. Bishop Samuel Aquila, Diocese of Fargo gave the following response;

"Sen. Biden, and all others who mistakenly claim that the beginning of life is a matter of religious opinion confuse matters more by implying that the time of when life begins is a matter of faith, and not that of science, the natural law, or truth. Any person who has studied biology, whether they are a Catholic, Jew, Muslim, Christian, agnostic or atheist, knows that human life begins at the moment of conception.

Sept 11, 08' HeadlineBistro News Wrap

When a child dies, parents grieve. When a miscarriage occurs parents grieve. When parents choose abortion, at least in the USA, the medical establishment expects us to believe there should be no negative repercussions. That view was challenged in Chicago at the 'Reclaiming Fatherhood' Conference on exploration of the effects of abortion on men as well as women sponsored by the KofC and Archdiocese of Chicago Office for Evangelization.

HEADLINE NEWS - SEPT 24

US CATHOLIC LEADERS CHIDE CATHOLIC ABORTION RIGHTS POLITICIANS FOR WHAT THEY BELIEVE IS A SCANDALOUS EXAMPLE SOME OF THEM SET FOR THEIR FELLOW CATHOLICS. CARL ANDERSON, SUPREME KNIGHT WANTS TO MEET WITH SEN. BIDEN, V.PRES. CANDIDATE TO DISCUSS BIDEN'S STANCE ON ABORTION AND HIS UNWILLINGNESS TO BRING THE CATHOLIC BELIEFS INTO THE PUBLIC SQUARE.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS.

SEPT 8; MOTHER THERESA'S NUNS ATTACKED AND ARRESTED IN INDIA IN WHAT SEEMS TO BE A GROWING ANTI-CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT.

(SIMILAR REPORTS OF ANTI-CHRISTIAN ATTACKS HAVE BEEN NOTED IN IRAQ ALONG WITH VARIOUS PARTS OF INDIA)

FROM THE GUARDIAN.CO.UK - DATE SEPT 25.

THE UK PARLIAMENT PLANS TO END 300 YR OLD BAN ON EXCLUDING CATHOLICS FROM THE THRONE. THE REQUIREMENT THAT SUCCESSIONS AUTOMATICALLY PASS TO A MALE WOULD ALSO BE REFORMED. THE 1686 BILL OF RIGHTS, THE 1701 ACT OF SETTLEMENT AND THE 1707 ACT OF UNION EXCLUDED CATHOLICS OR THEIR SPOUSES FROM THE SUCCESSION. THE LAW ALSO REQUIRES THE MONARCH UPON ACCESSION TO MAKE BEFORE PARLIAMENT A DECLARATION REJECTING CATHOLICISM.

FROM THE CATHOLIC HERALD(UK) SEPT 26;

VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT PERSECUTION OF CATHOLICS DEEPENS; THE CHAIRMAN OF HANOI'S PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE THREATENED TO "SEVERELY PUNISH" ARCHBISHOP KIET AND "ALL THOSE LIKE HIM FOR STIRRING UP THE POPULATION".

FROM THE CATHOLIC NEWS AGENCY - VATICAN OCT 3

POPE BENEDICT URGES THE KOF C TO CONTINUE SEEKING CHURCH RENEWAL HE SPOKE TO A CONTINGENT OF KNIGHTS ON A PILGRIMAGE TO ROME FOR THE OCCASION OF THE YEAR OF ST. PAUL. **"To discover ever new ways to serve as a beacon of the Gospel in the World and to become a force for the renewal of the Church in holiness and apostolic zeal"**. The Pontiff also expressed his appreciation for the Knights' efforts to provide a solid formation in the faith for young people and to defend the moral truths necessary for a free and humane society, including the fundamental right to life of every human being.

Recent News from the Vatican reports the Rome Campus has Welcomed a Record number of Seminarians compared to the many past years.

A recent story from the Canwest News Service by Jennifer Green, reads "Knights cast in new light - Document hidden for centuries shows Knights Templar were not heretics". It reads that in 2001, a 2nd yr student of ancient documents at the Vatican stumbled upon a Chinon chart, a parchment reportedly misfiled in the secret archives for 400 years. The document shows that Pope Clement V did not excommunicate the Templar leaders but absolved them of heresy and brought them back into the church. The Templars were not heretics but a military brotherhood which simply practised a secret ritual that was grossly misunderstood and misinterpreted.

Recent media reports claim that Cardinal Stanislaw DZIWIŃSKI, Archbishop of Krakow and former secretary to Pope J.Paul II disclosed in a documentary that a deranged Spanish priest stabbed Pope John Paul II with a dagger during a 1982 visit to the Marian Shrine at Fatima, Portugal. Though reported at the time, the incident was downplayed and the injury to the Pope was suppressed.

From Church News Date Oct 16 - It seems the Monks are still arguing over urgently needed repairs to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

For information and upkeep with day to day events around the world, Knights with access to the Internet may wish to link onto EWTN.com and www.HeadlineBistro.com

From the desk of the Church Mouse!

Sadly, no matter how far and wide we searched, the financial, political, international, domestic and local news was not encouraging and any hopes for contributions, ideas etc. from our Brothers, including those who do not attend meetings or receive the Herald by Canada Post have not been fulfilled.

The Twenty and the One; A well worn One-dollar bill and similarly distressed Twenty-dollar bill arrived at the Federal Reserve Bank to be retired. As they moved along the conveyor belt to be burned, they struck up a conversation. The Twenty-dollar bill reminisced about its travels all over the country. "I've had a pretty good life," the 20 proclaimed. 'Why, I've been to Las Vegas, and Atlantic City and the finest restaurants in New York, performances on Broadway, and even a cruise to the Caribbean"

"Wow!" said the One dollar bill. "You've really had an exciting life!"

"So tell me," says the Twenty, "where have you been throughout your lifetime?"

The One-dollar bill replies, "Oh, I've been to the Methodist Church, the Catholic Church, the Baptist Church, the Lutheran Church.."

The Twenty-dollar bill interrupts, "What's a Church?"

One Sunday morning, a mother went in to wake her son and tell him it was time to get ready for church, to which he replied, "I'm not Going!" "Why not?" she asked. "I'll give you two reasons," he said. "One, they don't like me, and two, I don't like them". His mother replied; "I'll give YOU two good reasons why YOU SHOULD go to church, 1) You're 59 yrs old and 2) You're the Pastor!"

Knights of Columbus Council 7991

General Meeting, October 2, 2008

Copies of the **proposed 2009 Budget** were distributed.

Grand Knight Bro. Fred Demmon **called the meeting to order** at 7:45 pm. An *opening prayer* was said. 24 members were present.

The **Warden** reported that the Deputy Grand Knight had reported to him that he had forgotten his membership card at home, but all others were in possession of theirs.

The Grand Knight welcomed District Deputy Brother Rick Graebner, and Brothers Art Francoeur, Theo Burns, and Marcel Gaudreault.

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

Chaplain, Fr. Jozef Kobos, E	Lecturer, Bro. Sandy Fraser, E
Grand Knight, Bro. Fred Demmon, P	Trustee for One Year, Bro. Silvere Brochez, P
Deputy Grand Knight, Bro. Dennis Belliveau, P	Trustee for Two Years, Bro. Tony Antoniuk, P
Chancellor, Bro. Tony Dunn, A	Trustee for Three Years, Bro. Randy Schmidt, P
Financial Secretary, Bro. David Nenzel, E	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, P

The **Opening Ode** was sung.

The **minutes** of the meeting of September 4 were read. Brother Dale Niwa moved and Brother Dennis Belliveau seconded their adoption. Carried.

Brother Jim Wall for the **Membership Committee** reported that he is in contact with a prospective member.

The **Grand Knight's Report** is as e-mailed. He is still in need of several committee chairmen.

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

Cash Available	\$449.45
Credit Union Bonds	\$24,676.71
Gaming Account	\$14,978.25

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

Treasurer, Brother Ray Misanchuk, read the **Financial Secretary's** report for the month of September. The following income and expenses were noted. (The full report is on file.)

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
General Account	\$518.82	\$1043.36
Gaming Account	<u>\$1583.33</u>	<u>\$2410.83</u>
Total	\$2102.15	\$3454.19

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

Program Director's Report

- **Parish Council Liaison**, Brother Dennis Belliveau reported that Parish Council has had their initial meeting for the year.
- **Public Relations Chairman**, Brother Dennis Belliveau reported that he is still looking for a replacement.
- **Council Director**, Brother Dennis Belliveau reported that he needs a replacement.
- **Pancake Breakfast Chairman**, Brother Brendan O'Keeffe reported that there has been a discrepancy between the number of tickets collected and the number of breakfasts served. There were 100 breakfasts served in September. Brother Jim Wall's team will prepare the October breakfast.
- **Pro-Life Chairman**, Brother Italo Raviglione was absent, but Brother Dennis Belliveau reported that tickets for the Pro-Life Banquet on November 1 are available, and he read a letter from the Supreme Knight on how to get involved.
- **Charity Appeal Chairman**, Brother Jim Enright reported that he has ordered 500 books of tickets, that space is available in Wembley Mall until the end of December, and he recommends that *Lifestyle Books* be made available at a separate table along with Charity Appeal tickets.
- **Community Director**, Brother Sandy Fraser was absent but Brother Dennis Belliveau reported that the Cross Dedication took place last Sunday. He spoke highly of Brother Fraser and the work he did in the Cross Project.

- **Lecturer**, Brother Sandy Fraser was absent but Brother John Poirier read a letter from State Deputy Brother Dan O'Hara regarding the Corren Foundation and its agreement with the BC Government.
- **Other Reports.**
 - **Keep Christ in Christmas** magnets are available. See Brother Dennis Belliveau or <http://www.kofc12202.ca/NativityHome.htm> for information.
 - The **Youth Ministry** would like a Knight to be present at their Gym Program on eight Monday evenings for one hour each. See Brother Dennis Belliveau if interested.
 - There will be a **Major Degrees Exemplification** on November 8 in Campbell River. \$25. Registration 11:00 – 11:45, Exemplification 12:00 – 4:00, Eucharist 5:00 – 6:00, Doors Open at 6:00, Dinner at 7:00, Entertainment/Dance 9:00 – 12:00. Tickets must be ordered by November 3 by phone 250 287 7638, 250 923 5351, or 250 286 0187. Ladies program. Billets or hotel reservations available.
 - There will be a **Mini Eucharistic Congress** in Powell River on October 10.
 - Information about **Fathers for Good** is available at <http://www.fathersforgood.org/en/index.html>.
 - There will be a **Fourth Degree Exemplification** in Duncan on November 1.

Unfinished Business

- Brother Brendan O'Keeffe reported that all expenses for the **Roberts funeral** have been paid.
- Brother Tony Antoniuk moved and Brother John Poirier seconded that 150 **Lifestyle Books** be purchased for \$2400. Carried. Notice of motion had been given at the meeting of September 4. There was a discussion regarding the need for the motion since it is included in the 2008 budget, and whether the budget is for the calendar year or the fraternal year.

New Business

- Brother Tony Antoniuk announced that a certificate has been received from **Tour de Rock** in recognition of our donation.
- A **Fourth Degree certificate** was presented to Grand Knight Brother Fred Demmon.
- Brother Norbert Soares asked that the Spaghetti Night be re-named **Pasta Night**.
- Brother Dennis Belliveau announced that Brother Gerry Taylor has accepted the position of **Council Director**.
- Brother Art Francoeur, Faithful Navigator of the **Fourth Degree** reported that 35 of 104 members attended the last meeting. None were from Council 7991. The next meeting will be in Courtenay on November 16.

District Deputy Brother Rick Graebner extended greetings, commended our council for its attendance at the seminar in Nanaimo, reminded us that October is Membership Blitz Month as well as the Month for Mary, questioned the progress of our establishment of a First Degree Team, reminded us that every council must have a Retention Committee, announced that Quarterly Reports can now be submitted electronically, and suggested that we assist with the Pro-Life Demonstrations in Comox/Courtenay and that we take action regarding the Corren Report.

Other Business

- Brother Norbert Soares suggested interest in a **replica of Noah's Ark** built by a carpenter in the Netherlands.
- J. Fraser Field. **Catholic Education and Resource Centre**. Powell River.
- Brother Dennis Belliveau asked for feedback regarding the **agenda**.
- A letter regarding the purchase of **Remembrance Day wreaths** was received from the Bowser Legion.

Under the **Good of the Order**, prayers were requested for Brothers Fred Gorman and Fred Demmon.

A **closing prayer** was said, the *Closing Ode* was sung, and the meeting was **adjourned**.

Brother Mike Hanlon won the **50/50 draw**.

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