



Knight Herald

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Grand Knights Report

Brother Knights

At our recent Executive Committee Meeting, it was decided that the Council would proceed with our Annual Pasta Knight. This is popular social event and I would like to thank Brother Gord Johnston for agreeing to organize this major event. And thanks to Brother Al Walsh for agreeing to co-ordinate the ticket sales. There will be approximately eight people required in the kitchen, and another eight for set-up and serving. We will need someone to handle the liquor ticket sales and bartending responsibilities. Pasta Knight is Saturday Nov 28. If you wish to volunteer for any of these activities, please call Brother Gord Johnston at 250.248.9778 or Brother Dennis Belliveau at 250.951.2010. There will be 115 tickets for sale. Brother Gord's great dinner has made this a very popular event, so get your tickets early.

On another note, Brother Syl Brochez has given notice that he will not longer be producing the Herald each month. Brother Syl and Brother Dave Nenzel have collaborated over the last couple of years to produce this publication. A big vote of Thanks for Brothers Syl and Dave for their efforts in putting together what is considered as one of the best council documents in B.C.

We therefore now need someone to take on the role of editor for the Herald.

If you are interested in what this is all about, please give either Brother Dave Nenzel or Dennis Belliveau a call. Until such time as we have someone come forward to take on the role, there will be no further publications of the Herald.

Fraternally

Br. Dennis Belliveau

Grand Knight / Council 7991

Calendar of Events

Nov 5 th	7:30 pm General Meeting
Nov 8 th	Pancake Breakfast after Mass
Nov 19 th	9:00 am Mass
	9:30 am Executive Meeting
Nov 28 th	6:30 pm Pasta Knight
Dec 3 rd	7:30 pm General Meeting
Dec 13 th	Pancake Breakfast after Mass
Dec 17 th	9:00 am Mass
	9:30 am Executive Meeting
Jan 7 th	7:30 pm General Meeting
Jan 10 th	Pancake Breakfast after Mass
Jan 21 st	9:00 am Mass
	9:30 am Executive Meeting

Birthdays in October

Leslie Bodi	October 17
Mario Cisotto	October 17
Alexander Fraser	October 02
John Gurak	October 15
Jozef Kobos	October 16
Marcel Kramer	October 28
Jerry L Loughhead	October 16
Ray Misanchuk	October 19
Edward Mitchell	October 25
Matthew Morrison	October 09
Neal F Ober	October 16
Italo Raviglione	October 06
Herb Rokosh	October 02
Randy Schmidt	October 17

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, Italo Raviglione and Patricia Horsfield.

Brother Richard Quittentin is in the Nanaimo Regional Hospital 4th floor, room 4012 and would very much appreciate visitors.

Pro-Life**Catholic Civil Rights League**

An international coalition of pro-life and pro-family groups has re-launched the petition in support of the unborn child, which is expected to gather one million signatures. Many of you supported this petition last year, when it was launched to mark the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The pro-life petition, which can be signed at <http://www.c-fam.org/campaigns/lid.2/default.asp> in one of 19 languages, is being gathered to persuade UN member states to begin interpreting the declaration as protecting the unborn child from abortion and also to recognize traditional marriage and the right of parents to educate their children. It specifically references portions of the Universal Declaration that can be interpreted by States in pro-life and pro-family ways. More information is available on C-FAM's site.

Notice of Motion

The proposed 2010 budget approved by the executive for recommendation to council will be presented at the November 5th council meeting for approval.

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 Lahey affair: further reflections by Archbishop Anthony Mancini



Atlantic bishops mounted their pulpits on Sunday October 4 and responded to the Bishop Lahey affair in various ways. Archbishop Anthony Mancini who took over Lahey's Antigonish diocese after the latter's resignation, thundered from the pulpit: "Enough is enough. How much more can all of us take? Is this a time of purification or is it nothing more than devastation? Are people going to stop believing, will faithful people stop being people of faith? Lord, what are you asking of us and how can we make it happen?"

This is a good question but it's one that Mancini and his brother bishops can actually do something about. Collectively they have been unambiguous failures as leaders of a postmodern Catholic church. Raymond Lahey always got high marks for being a good pastor one who furthered the lay voice in the church. But Ray Lahey's shadow side appeared twenty years ago when it was known to higher ups that he possessed child porn in his residence. Nothing was done as Lahey advanced up the clerical ladder into a position of power in the church. Like all of the new John Paul II bishops, Lahey swore his fealty to uphold the new non-negotiables, the episcopal litmus test: first, the discredited line on the birth control encyclical *Human Vitae*, a dead letter "not received" and thus not binding on the Catholic people, secondly no truck with pro choice Catholics who point out that Catholic tradition has never sanctified the position that a human person is present from the moment of conception (maybe the reason miscarriages are never baptized) and thirdly and maybe most damning to their intellectual integrity, the exclusion of women from the Catholic priesthood. Reasons proffered for this near infallible pronouncement are so weak as to be laughable. Soft on any of these and the mitre will never be yours.

And so the rich promise of a Vatican II renovated church was stalled for twenty-five years as these men for reasons of docility, strict obedience or ambition took this poisoned pill, ditched the reign of God as their fundamental commitment and hunkered down to shore up orders from Rome. In the meantime lay theological education soared and weaker candidates for the priesthood entered seminaries.

The new JP bishops were told that THEY were the teachers in their dioceses. Presumably they did not have to listen. The perfect storm was slowly gaining momentum and it exploded in the pedophilia/episcopal collusion scandal of the early 2000s. The Boston Globe poured dozens of reporters into the issue, gained a Pulitzer prize and the best educated generations of Catholics awoke from their slumber and started assume the fullness of their baptism.

The key here was the growing internalized insight defined at Vatican II: The Church is the People of God, a community of equals, baptized into the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, the head of the church. The definitive break from a centralized feudal monarchy had occurred. But not in the mind of the JP II bishops who owed their positions to Rome. The idea of the "sensus fidelium", that the Spirit is given to the entire church and all the baptized have a voice in this church was still anathema to them. Childish codependence, "Father knows best" still suited this arcane medieval structure dominated as it was by an ordained rump of male celibates. In their isolated ignorance they did not realize that that old church was dead, blown apart by the gale force irruption of the Spirit at Vatican II. They somehow had not noticed that Vatican II had indeed begun the much needed transformation of an inert, theologically backward, scripturally ignorant mass into a more responsible group of believers.

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Newly awakened the baptized had begun to "pick up their pallets and walk"(Mark 2:9). Almost overnight non-ordained were morphing into a priesthood of all believers, an idea which had taken decades to sink in. The realization had finally permeated many: the Catholic Church is not the papacy, the bishop is not the church and the priest is not the pope in his parish.

Contemporary theology tells us that we all share one baptism a participation in the divine wisdom. Each person has a "sensus fidei." The ecclesia must get a feel for an understanding of the entire faithful ("sensus fidelium"). The problem of course is that there have been few such efforts made by the ordained hierarchy (Pope, Bishop, priest) to hear what the overwhelming majority of the non-ordained are saying or thinking.

Had this growing insight that the Church is the People of God taken institutional form in the 45 year since Vatican II ended, had the best educated generations in Catholic history been seriously listened to, many of the shocking and catastrophic body blows to the church could have been avoided. The Lahey case would be but a disturbing, albeit human aberration. Lay people, especially women would have sat on personnel committees and stared down in disgust any bishop who would send a pedophile to another parish; bishops with little pastoral experience and credibility would not be imposed on dioceses; local people and parish councils would organize parish life; democratic models of governance and accountability would be set in place as the Council envisioned: "All [not just the bishops or priests, but "all," that is, the laity] are led to... wherever necessary, undertake with vigor the task of renewal and reform.... Catholics'... primary duty is to make a careful and honest appraisal of whatever needs to be renewed and done in the Catholic household itself..."

The will of the national church, in this case Canada, would have voted to make celibacy optional and make priesthood available to all baptized Catholics. Healthy heterosexuals, male and female, single and married would have joined committed celibates, gay men and women to create a more vigorous priestly pool. Canadians would not have to poach African, European and Asian priests to preside at the eucharist. The failure to provide an indigenous clergy has been a disaster for the Canadian Catholic church. No other Christian communion has this problem. A one-size- fits- all cookie cutter ecclesiology can not possibly honour cultural and educational levels around the Catholic world. Pastoral wisdom would prevail here. The Ugandan church would not be the same as the Canadian church. Pluriformity rather than uniformity would have been acknowledged as healthy and necessary.

All of the above probably would have stopped the pedophilia crisis in its tracks. Bishops whose fidelity was to the reign of God and chosen by the people, would not have blindly chosen institution over vulnerable children. Sex, that sacred force, would be canalized in committed relationships. Optional celibacy would have been enshrined creating a much more dynamic institution. Women's gifts would have flourished. Parish life would have been energized. This never happened and we look around in sorrow and disgust at the terrible fall out. One in ten Americans are ex-Catholics---thirty million have had enough. How many Canadians have bailed we not know. These are but a few likely outcomes had democracy in the church been institutionalized, had the sensus fidelium been consulted. Sadly this has not happened. Bishops like Anthony Mancini, certainly good men, could have done much to follow through on Vatican II, instead have presided over a dispirited Canadian Catholic church.

Fundamentalism has many disfigured faces in our suffering world today. Sadly within the oldest Christian communion of all, the Roman Catholic Church, it persists in an almost adamant feudal fashion, denying that the Holy Spirit moves through all and all must be consulted. The Roman Catholic church has so much wisdom to give to this broken world but in its present configuration and outmoded governance it will continue to alienate the faithful who deserve so much more.

Prime Minister Kevin Rudd - Australia

The Whole world Needs A Leader Like This!

Muslims who want to live under Islamic Sharia law were told on Wednesday to get out of Australia , as the government targeted radicals in a bid to head off potential terror attacks..

Separately, Rudd angered some Australian Muslims on Wednesday by saying he supported spy agencies monitoring the nation's mosques. Quote:

'IMMIGRANTS, NOT AUSTRALIANS, MUST ADAPT. Take It Or Leave It. I am tired of this nation worrying about whether we are offending some individual or their culture. Since the terrorist attacks on Bali , we have experienced a surge in patriotism by the majority of Australians. '

'This culture has been developed over two centuries of struggles, trials and victories by millions of men and women who have sought freedom' 'We speak mainly ENGLISH, not Spanish, Lebanese, Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Russian, or any other language. Therefore, if you wish to become part of our society . Learn the language!'

'Most Australians believe in God. This is not some Christian, right wing, political push, but a fact, because Christian men and women, on Christian principles, founded this nation, and this is clearly documented. It is certainly appropriate to display it on the walls of our schools. If God offends you, then I suggest you consider another part of the world as your new home, because God is part of our culture.' 'We will accept your beliefs, and will not question why. All we ask is that you accept ours, and live in harmony and peaceful enjoyment with us.'

'This is OUR COUNTRY, OUR LAND, and OUR LIFESTYLE, and we will allow you every opportunity to enjoy all this. But once you are done complaining, whining, and griping about Our Flag, Our Pledge, Our Christian beliefs, or Our Way of Life, I highly encourage you take advantage of one other great Australian freedom, 'THE RIGHT TO LEAVE'.'

'If you aren't happy here then LEAVE. We didn't force you to come here. You asked to be here. So accept the country YOU accepted.'

Maybe if we circulate this amongst ourselves, WE will find the courage to start speaking and voicing the same truths.

On The Lighter Side:



A Doctor was addressing a large audience in Tampa . "The material we put into our stomachs is enough to have killed most of us sitting here, years ago. Red meat is awful. Soft drinks corrode your stomach lining. Chinese food is loaded with MSG. High fat diets can be disastrous, and none of us realizes the long-term harm caused by the germs in our drinking water. "But there is one thing that is the most dangerous of all, and we all have eaten, or will eat. Would anyone care to guess what food causes the most grief and suffering for years after eating it?"

After several seconds of quiet, a small 75-year-old Jewish man in the front row, raised his hand and said, "Vedding Cake?"

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**Knights of Columbus Council 7991
General Meeting, October 1, 2009**

Grand Knight Brother Dennis Belliveau **called the meeting to order** at 7:33 pm. 21 members were present. The **Warden** reported that all present were in possession of a current membership card. An *opening prayer* was said, and the *O Canada* was sung.

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, A
Grand Knight, Bro. Dennis Belliveau, P	Trustee for One Year, Bro. Tony Antoniuk, P
Deputy Grand Knight, Bro. Peter Horsfield, E	Trustee for Two Years, Bro. Randy Schmidt, P
Chancellor, Bro. Tony Dunn, P	Trustee for Three Years, Bro. Jim Wall, P
Financial Secretary, Bro. David Nenzel, P	Advocate, Bro. John Poirier, A
Recorder, Bro. Dale Niwa, P	Inside Guard, Bro. Mike Hanlon, P
Warden, Bro. Mervin Pasula, A	Outside Guard, Bro. Jim Enright, P
Treasurer, Bro. Ray Misanchuk, E	Past Grand Knight, Bro. Fred Demmon, A

The *Opening Ode* was sung.

The Grand Knight welcomed District Deputy Brother Al Astles and guest Brother Jim Landry and they each introduced themselves. All present then introduced themselves.

Brother Dave Nenzel moved and Brother Tony Dunn seconded that the **minutes** of the meeting of September 10 be adopted as presented. Carried.

Membership Chairman Brother Al Walsh was absent. Brother David Nenzel reported that it was stated at the District Meeting that all councils were to have an Admissions Committee of seven members to approve of nominations, and he proposed that we follow this procedure. Brother Tony Antoniuk reported that he is working on three prospective members. It was also suggested that prospective members complete a form/information sheet, but it was the consensus that such a form should be examined before it is put into use.

The **Grand Knight** reported that he intends to complete all meetings in less than 90 minutes, ideally 60. He, the Deputy Grand Knight, and the Financial Secretary attended the State/District Meeting last month, the minutes of which will be circulated when available. He also proposes to set up a K of C Library for passing information on to the Knights. Brother Jerry Loughhead is the new coordinator for passing on information to those who do not have e-mail and has sent our one mailing. Brother Loughhead is presently on a holiday and until he returns the Grand Knight will do the job.

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

Cash Available	\$3,983.74
Credit Union Bonds	\$25,175.07
Gaming Account	\$18,302.07

Brother Nenzel moved and Brother Ed Peacock seconded that the report be accepted as presented. Carried.

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

Total Income	\$738.30
Total Expenses	\$636.55

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

Acting **Program Director**, Brother Jim Wall called upon the following directors to report:

- **PR Chair**, Brother Dennis Belliveau reported that he continues to do his column in the Parish Bulletin.
- **Pancake Breakfast Chairman**, Brother Ed Peacock needs the names of the breakfast team leaders, and had some questions regarding the November breakfast.
- **Building Committee Chairman**, Brother Gordon Johnston reported that more heat pumps have been added to the original plans, and that has slowed the process slightly. But the building permit will likely be granted next week, construction should begin in the late fall, with completion in May. The

hall, but not the kitchen, will be available during construction. To date, slightly more than \$220,000 has been raised. Brother Ron Stothers moved and Brother Randy Schmidt seconded that the \$20,000 committed for kitchen equipment be transferred to the Building Fund. Carried.

- Brother Dennis Belliveau for **Choir Coordinator**, Brother Gerry Taylor reported that the next practice would be in the church on October 7 at 6:30 pm.
- The Grand Knight read a letter of thanks from **State Charity Appeal Chairman** Brother Peter Horsfield thanking Knights and their wives for the assistance in packaging and sending tickets to all BC councils.

Unfinished Business:

- Brother Jim Enright has agreed go coordinate the **Travelling Icon** and figurine will be ordered.
- The Grand Knight encouraged Knights to wear their **name badges** when performing church functions.
- Brother Les Bodi still has a number of **K of C golf shirts** for sale.
- The Executive has decided that team/committee chairmen/leaders will be responsible for reporting **Quarterly Report data** for their groups.
- The Executive has decided not to recommend a **levy per member** to make up the income lost due to our opting out of the Charity Appeal.
- It was suggested that two pancake breakfast teams combine to prepare the **November Fund-Raising Breakfast**.

New Business:

- The Grand Knight announced that **Brother Mervin Pasula** is to be congratulated for his 50 years as a Knight on November 1.
- Brother Pedro Capello has asked that each council name a chair for **Vocations**, and one for the **Special Olympics**.
- Brother Al Walsh will be asked to place the wreath at the Bowser **Remembrance Day Ceremony**. Brother Jim Enright will take care of Parksville, and Brother Dennis Belliveau Qualicum Beach.
- Supreme has asked for a donation for a **Philippine Relief Fund**. Brother Gordon Johnston moved and Brother Tony Antoniuk seconded that we donate \$200. Father Jozef Kobos moved and Brother Ron Stothers seconded that the amount be \$300. Carried.
- At their next meeting the Executive will discuss a schedule for **the year's social events**.
- Our **Field Agent** has moved to the Mainland, but we have been assured that he will remain our financial advisor.

District Deputy, Brother Al Astles expressed greetings; congratulated our council on our many efforts; announced a Major Degrees Exemplification in Nanaimo on March 20, and a Fourth Degree in Victoria on November 7; and reported that Brother Mervin Pasula has been granted an Honorary Fourth Degree.

Under the **Good of the Order** prayers were requested for the brother of Brother Terry Receveur, Brother Emmett Urquhart, and Patte Horsfield. A prayer was said.

A closing prayer was said, the *Closing Ode* was sung, *Happy Birthday* was sung to Brother Ed Wahl on the occasion of his 92nd birthday, and the meeting was **adjourned**. Brother Jim Wall won the 50/50 draw.