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Grand Knights Report

Brother Knights

Recently I submitted a report to State which listed the church activities that the Knights of Council 7991 were involved in over the last year. The list was quite impressive and included twenty-six separate activities and one additional one I submitted later. The members of this council are to be thanked, and congratulated, for their efforts over the last year. We too often do not realize just how many successful functions we are involved in and we do need to pat ourselves on the back once in a while.

And speaking of volunteer efforts, on behalf of Council, I would like to thank Brother Brendan O'Keeffe, who is retiring as Pancake Breakfast Chair, for all his efforts over the last five years in making the pancake breakfasts the success that they are.

I would also like to thank Brother Emmett Urquhart on behalf of our Council for his many years in handling all the mail-outs for those Knights who depend upon land-mail for receiving their Knights correspondence.

And we need to thank Brother Ed Peacock for volunteering to take on the role of Pancake Breakfast Chair and to thank Brother Jerry Loughead for volunteering to take on the responsibility of handling the mail-outs. Both of these positions require considerable time and effort throughout the year.

In early October, the Executive Committee will meet to decide, amongst other things, what activities our council will be involved in during the coming year. The success of all of these functions will be dependent upon all of our members pulling together. If we all participate, we can look forward to another enjoyable and successful year.

Fraternally

Br. Dennis Belliveau

Grand Knight / Council 7991

Calendar of Events

Oct 1 st	7:30 pm General Meeting
Oct 11 th	Pancake Breakfast after Mass
Oct 15 th	9:00 am Mass
	9:30 am Executive Meeting
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
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 September

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

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 Loughead	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
Edward Wahl	October 01

**Happy Birthday &
Many Many More**

**Prayers are requested for:**

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

We have a new bus route that should be a huge benefit if you need to make a day trip to Vancouver. i.e. Doctors etc.

This community lobbied hard and **if it's not used it will be canceled** so please pass it on to everyone you know. Info and schedule below.

This new bus service starts on Tuesday, Sept. 8. It's officially in the new bus schedule on pages 49 & 51. The fare to Departure Bay is \$2.25 adult OR \$2 concession (senior) - that's better than the \$15 daily parking fee at Departure Bay!

The bus departs:

QB Civic Centre at 6:53 a.m.

Wembley Mall at 7:06 a.m.

Parksville Exchange (library) at 7:13 a.m.

For all the other pick up points see the schedule

The bus arrives at Departure Bay at 8:06 a.m.

Coming home, the bus leaves Departure Bay at 9 p.m. (it will wait for the ferry if it is late) and will bring you back home - see the schedule for the drop off points.

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"

Belief in aliens not necessarily against the faith, Vatican official says

Rome, Italy, Sep 17, 2009 / 04:08 pm (CNA).- Father Jose Gabriel Funes, director of the Vatican Observatory, said this week there is no opposition between belief in the existence of aliens and at the same time belief in God. This position, he reminded, was held by Father Angelo Secchi, the 18th century Jesuit astronomer and director of the Observatory of the Roman College-today the Pontifical Gregorian University.

In an interview with L'Osservatore Romano, Father Funes explained that Father Secchi was the first scientist to classify the "stars according to their spectrum" and that the existence of aliens "could not be excluded a priori."

Father Funes said establishing contact with aliens is "very difficult" because of the "almost insurmountable obstacle of distances in the universe," even with today's technology.

He went on to note that the neither Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith or academic officials at other institutions has made any statements on the issue, adding that "as a scientist I am always willing to update my ideas in response to the latest research. For example, regarding the issue of space and time in the universe, I believe it is finite, while others believe it is infinite."

"There are interesting theories about this," he continued, "such as the so-called 'multiverse,' but they continue to be merely speculative: the problem is in how to prove them."

Father Funes said astronomy is an element that can contribute to dialogue between peoples, as it can help to understand that "all the people of the earth are under the same sky and gaze upon the same heavens."

"It is obvious that today you cannot do research without collaboration. One country on its own cannot build a huge telescope: it is necessary to work with other people, and with other religions and cultures as well. Thus astronomy can be at the service of dialogue," the Argentinean priest said.

He went on to stress that an astronomer must always have "his feet planted firmly on the ground and that "scientific research demands a culture of effort and work. In this way it can be useful for young people as well."

Father Funes said it is widely believed today that "in order to be a scientist one must necessarily be atheist. This is not true," he corrected.

"The Pope said it well during the Mass of the Epiphany when he pointed out that 'many scientists-following in Galileo's footsteps renounce neither reason nor faith; instead they develop both in their reciprocal fruitfulness.'"

"I chose to be an astronomer because I believe that in the universe it is possible to encounter God. And I continue to be one with the same conviction," he said.

Father Funes also announced that in order to mark the International Year of Astronomy, an expo on telescopes will take place October 15 at the Vatican Museums. In addition, the Pontifical Academy for Sciences will host a November 6-11 Congress on Astrobiology that will look at the search for life in the universe.

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**Knights of Columbus Council 7991
General Meeting, September 10, 2009**

Grand Knight Brother Dennis Belliveau **called the meeting to order** at 7:40 pm. The 16 members present each introduced themselves. Outside Guard, Brother Jim Enright for the **Warden** reported that all present were in possession of a current membership card. An *opening prayer* was said and 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, E	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, P	Trustee for Two Years, Bro. Randy Schmidt, P
Chancellor, Bro. Tony Dunn, E	Trustee for Three Years, Bro. Jim Wall, E
Financial Secretary, Bro. David Nenzel, E	Advocate, Bro. John Poirier, E
Recorder, Bro. Dale Niwa, P	Inside Guard, Bro. Mike Hanlon, E
Warden, Bro. Mervin Pasula, E	Outside Guard, Bro. Jim Enright, P
Treasurer, Bro. Ray Misanchuk, P	Past Grand Knight, Bro. Fred Demmon, E

The *Opening Ode* was sung.

Brother Randy Schmidt moved and Brother Terry Receveur seconded that the **minutes** of the meeting of June 4 be adopted as presented. Carried.

The Grand Knight reported that State has decided that each council is to have a net membership increase of 7% this year.

In his report the **Grand Knight reported** that letters of thanks have been received from former council member Brother Siegfried Mueller; seminarian David Hogman; bursary recipients Rebecca Proudlock, Loren Riva, Sonja Luck, and Rowan Forseth; the Crisis Society; and the Stroke Recovery Association. He also reported that Brother Les Bodi's fund-raising campaign for a Czechoslovakian girl is going well, thanked Brother Randy Schmidt for arranging the funeral candle/cross bearer teams, Brother Tony Antoniuk for re-arranging the phoning committee, the pancake breakfast teams (A captain for Team 1, and an overall coordinator is still needed.), Brother Jerry Loughead for agreeing to take care of mail-outs, and Brother Tom Cunniffe for coordinating funeral meals.

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

	June 30	July 31	August 31
Cash Available	\$5,471.20	\$4770.25	\$4635.79
Credit Union Bonds	\$25,175.07	\$25,175.07	\$25,175.07
Gaming Account	\$21,601.89	\$19,602.07	\$18,302.23

Brother Misanchuk moved and Brother Al Walsh seconded that the report be accepted as presented. Carried.

Brother Ray Misanchuk for **Financial Secretary**, Brother David Nenzel reported the following income and expenses for the months of July and August. (The full report is on file.)

Total Income	\$639.25
Total Expenses	\$9,252.76

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

The following **Communication and Correspondence** was read:

- Supreme has appointed Past State Deputy Brother Dan O'Hara as a Regional Consultant for Canada.
- A letter asking for opposition to Bill C384.
- A letter from State Deputy Brother Michael Yeo announcing the appointment of Brother David Jones as Vice-Supreme Master.
- A letter from District Deputy Brother Al Astles informing us of his planned visits to our Council on October 1 and February 4.

Program Director, Brother Peter Horsfield thanked Council for the prayers for himself and his wife Patte, and called upon the following directors to report:

- **Parish Council Liaison**, Brother Peter Horsfield reported that Sandy Digras is the Chairperson for the year, and he is the Vice-chair. The next meeting will be on September 15.
- **Pancake Breakfast Chairman**, Brother Brendan O'Keeffe reported that since demolition/construction of the kitchen will not be occurring until December, there will be breakfasts in September, October and November – the November breakfast will be a “super breakfast”, \$5.00 will be charged and the proceeds will go to the building fund.
- **Pro-Life Liaison**, Brother Gerry Taylor reported that the committee has been inactive over the summer months, but will re-commence soon.
- **Choir Coordinator**, Brother Gerry Taylor reported that two gatherings have been held over the summer and that the next practice will be on October 7.
- **PR Chair**, Brother Dennis Belliveau reported that over the summer his work has been limited to his write-up in the Parish Bulletin.
- **Membership Chairman**, Brother Al Walsh reported that our membership has dropped from 105 to 101, but there are several prospects. Brother Les Bodi and his son are to be inducted into the Fourth Degree on November 7. Brother Fred Gorman has requested that a replacement for himself as Fourth Degree Liaison be found.
- **Building Committee Representative**, Brother Peter Horsfield reported that total donations and pledges have now reached \$210,000, and that the Bishop has granted permission to apply for a building permit.
- **State Charity Appeal Chair**, Brother Peter Horsfield reported that tickets will arrive tomorrow and that a group of Knights and wives will meet on September 26 to arrange for their distribution. Sales will take place from October 6 through February 6, and the early draws will be in January.

New Business:

- The **membership quota** information was passed on to the Membership Chairman.
- The **100 Year History** of the Knights in BC is being sold for \$45 pre-publication and \$50 later. The Grand Knight will order a copy for our council.
- Brother Gerry Taylor moved that our council proceed to purchase a figurine and have a case built for it at a total cost of \$200 to be used as a **travelling icon** within the council. Seconded by Brother Jim Enright. Carried. Brother Jim Enright agreed to coordinate the project.
- The Grand Knight proposed that members wear their **name badges** when performing church duties.
- The Grand Knight reported that there are still a number of **K of C golf shirts** for sale at \$35 each.
- There was a discussion regarding whether or not there should be **fund-raising** to replace the income that would have been received from the Charity Appeal, and what possible methods could be used.
- The Grand Knight reported that a **Pancake Breakfast Chairman** will be needed by March, he encouraged that members complete and submit **Quarterly Reports** to him, and that a **Fourth Degree Liaison** person is needed.

Under the **Good of the Order**, prayers were requested for Brothers Fred Gorman, Italo Raviglione, and Emmett Urquhart, and for Patte Horsfield.

Papal Blessing Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary Certificates were presented to Brothers Al Walsh and Gerry Taylor.

A closing prayer was said and the meeting was adjourned.