



Ascension Council 7991

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Grand Knight's Report.

Dear Worthy Brothers;

It's staggering how quickly time flies by ! We are well into our 2018/19' events and projects. For the most part we are where we need to be in terms of our Fund Raising events. This is our Valentine's Dinner and Dance weekend and as per usual we are sold out.

Thanks to the diligent work of our Worthy Financial Secretary, Br. Jim Lewis, we continue to be on time with all the forms submitted to Supreme. I know our Worthy District Deputy Brother Wayne Sapieha is appreciative of this.

Prior to our Worthy Charity Appeals Chairman Br. Peter Horsfield and Nancy leaving for New Zealand and other parts 'down under', all the tickets and funds were submitted by Br. Peter to State and all has been taken care of . Unfortunately, we fell somewhat short in our ticket sales this year. 200 booklets were ordered and only, if memory serves me, 132 books were sold. For whatever reason we were not able to get enough support from our Brother Knights in getting out to the venues which were organized for selling of these tickets. Hopefully

we can recognize the importance of this 'Fund Raiser' for next year and step up to do our part. Many thanks go out to the Knights that did their part in selling these tickets and I think it's important to make mention of one of our Knights, Tony Antoniuk, who single handedly was responsible for almost half of those booklets sold.

As you will remember our Knights 'Appreciation Dinner' was held in the middle of December and we all congratulate this year's Award winners; for Knight of the Year, Br. Dennis Belliveau was our award winner; for 'Family of the Year, Br. Rum and Carol Hykaway were the award winners and for the 'Appreciation Certificate' Award, the winner was Br. Peter Horsfield. Congratulations to you all from Ascension Knights Council 7991 for your participation and dedication to our Council and to the Parish.

During the latter part of 2018 as we were preparing for our Appreciation Awards Dinner, the Council Officers voted unanimously to award Br. Robert Primeau and Sheila with an 'Appreciation Certificate' for their dedication to this Parish and for Bob's unyielding efforts our Knights Council. They are certainly missed by us all.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Brothers Dennis Belliveau and Ron Stothers for stepping in and taking over the Council and Executive meetings while I was during and after my surgery.

I would also thank all my Brother Knights and Sisters who remembered me in their prayers during and after my surgery. I can't express how appreciative I am to you for those prayers.

It's also important as well to remember and pray for all our Brothers who are ailing and not in the best of health at this time. We remember our Brothers during the 'Good of the Order' at our meetings but prayers are always gratefully accepted at any other time as well.

Our children's Poster Coloring contest was started in October 18'; this year's theme was 'Keeping Christ in Christmas' and the contestants and winners will be presented their award Certificates during the 10.30 AM Mass on Feb 23rd by the Grand Knight and District Deputy. We will announce the winners in the next issue of the 'Herald'.

We will be looking forward to our next Knights Pancake Breakfast as well as our Knights Irish Night and of course, the Knights' Garage Sale.

All the Gaming Funds have been received and Br. Dale Niwa and myself are preparing as we speak in getting all the cheques out to the Charities that we support as a Council.

I would like to thank all our Brother Knights for their supportive efforts to our Council and to ask you to try and make a concerted effort to attend as many of our Council meetings as you are able. Your participation is important and your thoughts and comments will only enhance our overall strength as a Council.

As you Grand Knight I will be, with Father Mike's permission, making a 'pulpit' presentation at all 3 weekend masses within the next 2-3 weeks as our Church Drive goes into full swing. This years' presentation will center around 'On-Line Membership'.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention my appreciation on behalf of our Council to our Worthy Editor of this 'Herald' publication Br. S. Brochez. The time and effort put into getting the 'Herald' out each and every time is indeed appreciated. Thank You !

God Bless / Vivat Jesus

Rum Hykaway, Grand Knight.



Calendar of Events

Events for 2019';

Thursday; Feb 7th – 7.00 PM General Meeting

Your Attendance and Participation is vital for the continued well being of the Council.

Thursday, Feb 21st – 7.00 PM Exec. Meeting

Sat. Feb 16th – 6.30 PM - Valentine's Dinner/Dance.

March 29th – Stations of the Cross. Further information will be posted. Br. Latremouille will co-ordinate this program.

June 2nd – Parish BBQ to Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Church of Ascension.



Br. D. Belliveau is preparing details for the 2019 Garage Sale. More information will follow in the next few weeks.

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DUES

The Annual Dues are being collected by our Br. J. Lewis.



The 'Our Father begins 'who art in heaven'. The original prayer the word used by Jesus was the Hebrew word 'abba' which means 'daddy' or 'papa'. The

scholarly translators could not accept the idea of Jesus teaching us to address our Father in such an informal way. The emphasis was changed from the familiar to a remote and respected titular figure who is more distant and removed. 'Give us this day, our daily bread' refers to the Jewish practice of eating three loaves of bread a day. In the Gospel of Luke, Chap. 11 verses 5 & 6, a friend asks for "three loaves of bread" to feed an unexpected guest.

There are great truths and riches hidden away in this familiar prayer that we all drone away (often on auto pilot) each week. Really looking at this prayer and learning even a bit about the cultural inheritance behind the words help bring it back to life for us in our world today.

all those member Knights who assisted in the preparation, presentation and clean-up. Job Well Done !

The next Pancake Breakfast will be held on April 7th, 2019.

Council 7991 currently has 91 members. We look forward to seeing more members attending monthly meetings. We would encourage Council members to consider finding new candidates interested in joining the Knights of Columbus. This is an organization that fills your heart and mind with joy of giving to others and the feeling that comes with making a difference. We strive to make this community a better place while supporting our Church. It is not only the camaraderie but being involved with the community, supporting our Church enhancing our faith and protecting our family. If you cannot attend a meeting and wish to comment or make suggestions please do so via e.mail, phone call or letter to the Grand Knight.

The kofc HQ has announced that free membership to the kofc will be available to seminarians. For more info. Check out emembership@kofc.org.

Kofc HQ 11.14/2018

Should you be looking for some neat KofC goods you may check out www.knightsgear.com . This is the official on line store of the Knights of Columbus.

An interesting new book has been published by Arcade Publishing entitled "In Broad Daylight' The Secret Procedures behind the Holocaust by Bullets" written by Fr. Patrick Desbois. Fr. Desbois is a French Priest who researched and wrote on the mass executions of Jewish and Roma populations in Eastern Europe during the Second World War.



On Jan 13th , 19' the Council 7991 Breakfast teams presented excellent meals following the 8.30 AM and 10.30 AM Masses. Thank You to

The Council 7991 Website, kofc7991.com has recently been redesigned, information updated, members photos added along with new photos of events. Members should check their information personal data under the title 'Members' and contact Br. P. Horsfield for any corrections or additional information you wish to add. Certain data is password protected and you may contact Br. Horsfield directly if you require any assistance to access the website.. He may be contacted at peterlhors@hotmail.com or call Br. Peter at 250-248-8869.



KNIGHTS IN ACTION ;

Council 7991 members have started the 2019 Basketball Free Throw contest which involves several hundred students from elementary schools in Campbell River, Port Alberni, Parksville, Qualicum Beach and Powell River. Brothers Marcel Gaudreault and Wayne Latremouille are the team leaders for these events and would appreciate any assistance from other Brother Knights.

The Marian Hour was held on Saturday January 26th following the 5.00 PM Mass.

Br. A. Walsh continues his efforts to introduce anyone interested in joining the Knights of Columbus and any assistance in this regard would be highly appreciated.

A number of Br. Knights are needed to assist at funeral services and also for the upcoming Easter services. Alter training will be held on February 28th. Please contact Br. Paul Tellier if you are interested.

The 2019 Charity Appeal was completed – sadly, none from Council 7991 was lucky enough to win.

The Council 7991 Knights’ Choir has been very active during the past few months with regular monthly performances at the 8.30 Mass, the Appreciation Dinner, Christmas Mass, and are now preparing to sing at the St. Valentine’s Day Dinner/Dance. Tip of the hat to the Choir members and the accompanist, Michael Briones. These gentlemen are doing a marvelous job and the Council can be proud of them.

A number of songs to the regular Mass will be changed by Easter. This will entail changing tunes and some wording. All choirs have been made aware of the coming changes.

 Life is a Gift - Accept It.
 When Life becomes a Challenge – Meet It.
 When Life is Sorrowful – Face It.
 If Life is a Puzzle – Solve It.
 If it’s a Struggle – Fight It.
 Life is an Opportunity – Take It.
 Life is a Goal – Achieve It.
 And Life is a Journey – Complete It
 The Tragedy of Life, I am told, is not that it Ends so soon, but that we Wait too Long t Begin It !

Never be afraid to try something new.
 Remember – amateurs built the ark.
 Professionals built the Titanic.

“I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle. (W. Churchill)



At the Dec 2018 Appreciation Ceremony, DD W. Sapieha presented the 'Knight of the Year' Award to Br. D. Belliveau the current DGK of Council 7991.



Br. P. Horsfield receiving the 2018 Certificate of Appreciation from DD. W. Sapieha at the 2018 Awards Ceremony.

Terri asked her Sunday School class to draw pictures of their favorite Bible stories. She was puzzled by Peter's picture, which showed four people on an airplane.

So, she asked him which story it was meant to represent.

'The flight to Egypt " said Peter, 'I see..And that must be Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus !" Miss Terry said "But, who's the 4th person?"

"Oh, that's Pontius the Pilot !"

"Life is a shipwreck, but we must not forget to sing in the lifeboats" . V. Hugo



Health

To those of our Brothers and their loved ones who may be suffering ill health, we wish you all the best and a speedy recovery.

Please notify the Grand Knight should you require any assistance or favor a hospital visit.



On January 22nd, 2019 a number of Brother Knights assisted at the funeral ceremony for Bjorn I. HAAGENSEN a former active Brother of Council 7991. Bjorn was born in 1936 in Oslo, Norway and passed away on January 17th at Victoria, B.C..

We have been informed of the passing of Br. Chris AERTS, on February 4th, 2019. Br. Chris was the Deputy Grand Knight at our Campbell River Council.

For those who may be travelling, please be careful and stay healthy.



Healing h u m o r

Little Peter is a known rascal to the Catechism class. He was explaining the workings of the church organ to his friend George. "The white keys are for weddings" he said and, "The black keys are for funerals!"

Knights stick together !
Peter didn't come home one night. The following day he told his wife that he slept at a friends' house for the night. His wife decided to contact ten of his friends. Seven of them said that indeed Peter had spent

the night at their house. Three of them stated that actually he was still there !

Army Sergeant " Private Smith, I didn't see you at this mornings' camouflage exercise !"

Private Smith; " Thank You for the compliment Sergeant !"

Army Sergeant; "You claim there's dirt in your Soup?"

Private; " Yes, Sergeant !"

Sgt; "You have agreed to serve in the Army to defend your country and yet you complain about the food!"

Private; "I agreed to serve my country, not eat it !"



The Historical Side;

From the book "Lavender and Old Lace' by D. Schneebeli-Morrell.

"The Valentine ritual has its roots in pagan times, but the modern celebration commemorates St. Valentine, a Roman Priest who was executed for his faith in AD 270. He became the patron saint of lovers after his last act, a letter sent to is jailer's daughter signed "From your Valentine"



After the Christening of his baby brother in church, little Peter sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, little Pete replied; "That Priest said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, But, I want to stay with you guys !"



From Here and There;

From KofC HQ; “Knightline” is going Digital ! It will continue to be available on kofc.org/knightline and you can sign up to receive Knightline by visiting kofc.org/myinfo.

Jan. 30. 2019; The Catholic Civil Rights League (CCRL) presented arguments at the Ontario Court of Appeal in support of Physicians Conscience Rights. Despite a Lower Court findings that the religious freedom of doctors had been infringed upon the CCRL argued on behalf of objecting doctors who question provisions of the objectionable procedures such as abortion or assisted suicide. The Chief Justice of Ontario has reserved its final decision to a later date.

The kofc launched its 18th Marian Prayer Program last August in Baltimore. It featured an icon of ‘Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians’ which was recently blessed by Pope Francis. The icon was to be a centerpiece for prayer to raise awareness of Christians persecuted for their faith. (kofc 11/26/2018 A. Butler)

 Excerpts from a New Years’ letter from the Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, Jan. 2019.

 A Quote from Jay Leno ; “With hurricanes, tornados, fires out of control, mud slides, flooding, severe thunderstorms tearing up the country along with the threat of bird flu and terrorist attacks, are we sure this is a good time to take “God out of the Pledge of Allegiance ?”

The Supreme Knight speaks of the past when Catholics were questioned if they would make good citizens or honest public servants. From our founding in 1882 to Br. John F. Kennedy’s election in 1960 it was still questioned if Catholics were fit for public office. Throughout that time, the kofc countered such prejudice. As recent as 2017, a Notre Dame Law Professor was deemed unfit for a federal judgeship by a US Senator and lately, two more Senators have questioned a Brother Knight’s fitness for a

federal bench because our Order holds firm to the Church's teachings on the sanctity of life and marriage. It is regretful that in spite of our faith and the work the kofc have carried out since its founding we are still subjected to such mistrust. Considering the charitable work our Order has carried out along with the millions of dollars and hundreds of millions of volunteer work at home and abroad it is difficult to fathom the mentality of our adversaries. In the words of our Supreme Knight; "Let us remember that from our founding, we have embodied the truth that a good Catholic is a good citizen who shows civility and dignity even in the face of prejudice "

(kofc 2019-01-15 Message from the Supreme Knight)

A recent Vatican Report indicates Pope Francis will not lift the celibacy requirement for Catholic Priests. However, there may be "pastoral necessities" to justify alternative options in certain parts of the world such as remote communities where priests are in short supply.

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