



Ascension Council 7991

Knight Herald

Grand Knight's Report:

Good Day Brothers All,

As we embark on a new term and new year for our Council, I would like to thank my Brother Knights for your support, your loyalty, encouragement and help in my rookie year. I could not have adequately carried out my responsibilities without you !

I look forward to this new year with anticipation and optimism. I'm positive that with your support and guidance our agenda and efforts will once again prove fruitful. All our even dates have been forwarded to the Parish office and have been confirmed. Brothers, we are off and running! As you know, our new slate of Officers have been voted in and confirmed. I would like to congratulate and thank those Brothers who let their names stand for yet another term. As well, I wish to thank the new members who stepped up to fill those positions left vacant. Thank You All !

I also want to thank Fr. Mike personally for his eagerness to help our Council with his thoughts and suggestions as well as his participation. It is very much appreciated.

This has been a good year for our Council overall. We've had some challenges, particularly in attracting new members however, this has been a difficulty many other Councils have experienced. Looking at things in a positive light and with all our resources, experience and all your support, I am confident we will once again make a difference in our parish and community. In closing, I would like to remind us all to try double hard this year to make a commitment to ourselves, our Brother Knights and our Council to make a concerted effort to attend our monthly meetings. I certainly understand and appreciate there are other

commitments in your lives and it isn't always convenient to sit in a meeting. However, as a Knight of Columbus, your voice, your thoughts and ideas are important to the overall success of our Council. This is where we make our decisions and put all our resources to work. We need and count on your input. I ask that you make the choice to give approximately 1.5 hrs of your time once a month in attending those meetings. When you think about it in these terms, it really isn't a lot to give in the whole scheme of things. We also enjoy some camaraderie as well over coffee and donuts ! Let's make this year one that put us back on the road to a strong, healthy and viable Council.

Respectfully and God Bless

Rum Hykaway, Grand Knight.



Calendar of Events

Events for 2018';

The Council and families will gather at the Rectory garden on **July 8th, 2018** for the Annual '**Christmas in July**' picnic. A brief General Meeting will take place on that occasion. Your Attendance and Participation is vital for the continued well being of the Council.

A Work Party met at the Rectory at 7 PM on June 27th, 18' for a 'yard clean-up'. A great team performed an outstanding job. Well Done.



Knight by phone or email. Attendees are asked to bring their own main dish, beverage of choice, lawn chairs, cutlery, plates. Any special snacks or salads would be welcome. The Knights Council will supply the potatoes, Caesar salad and desert.



The Executive Meeting on June 21st, 18' was well attended and positive. The following Officers were announced for the 2018/19' period; Installation ceremonies are planned for July 7th, 2018 following the 5 PM Mass.

Grand Knight; Br. R. Hykaway ; Deputy G.K. Br. D. Belliveau; Warden; Br. W. Latremouille, Chancellor – Br. R. Stothers; Advocate – Br. P. Tellier; Treasurer – Br. D. Niva; Recorder- Br. P. Clarke; Inside Guard – Br. J. Booth; Outside Guard – Br. G. Johnston; Trustee 1 Yr – Br. S. Brochez; Trustee 2 Yr – Br. P. Horsfield; Trustee 3 Yr Br. J. Smart. Financial Secy. Br. J. Lewis.

The first of two Breakfasts financially supported by the Parish was held on **Sunday June 24th** following both the 8.30 and 10.30 AM Masses. The 10.30 AM Mass was a Special occasion to serve as the 'Blessing of the Bikes'. A number of Vancouver Island motorcycle clubs indicated an interest in gathering at the Church of the Ascension for the ceremonial blessing of their motorcycles. Following the blessing, the bikers were invited to join the congregation for the pancake Breakfast. This was a special version of the well known breakfast for which Council 7991 has become famous. Br. Sandy had been preparing teams of assistants and arranging supplies. All proceeds were destined for the Church roof renovation.



The Council Thanks the organizers and participants, both members and their spouses who made the 2018 Garage Sale another success. We

all realize the amount of effort which goes into this event and the work contributed is highly appreciated.

Further Pancake Breakfasts are planned for Sept. 16th, Nov 18th, April 7th, and June 23rd of 2019.

The State Golf Tournament is planned for July 21st at Kamloops. The Round of Golf, Cart and Banquet will cost \$100.00.

The Annual Christmas in July BBQ (and BRIEF General Meeting) was scheduled for Sunday July 8th, at approx. 1.30 PM at the Rectory Garden following the 10.30 AM Mass. Members wishing to attend are asked to notify the Grand

Council 7991 was formed 36 yrs ago, we often forget how much has been done by the Knights of this Council for the Church the Parish and the Community. We currently have 90 members and 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 not hesitate to do so via e.mail, phone call or letter to the Grand Knight.

It would be a great Faux Pas to neglect mention of those Special Members of the Council who are continuously prepared to acquit themselves to labor at the many programs we organize, be it Pancake Breakfasts, Dinners, Clean-ups, the Choir, etc. We all know who you are and rest assured, that you are recognized and appreciated.

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.

Our Financial Secretary informed the Council that a number of Brothers have not paid their current membership DUES !

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 ;



Brother Oliver J. Perumal; Br. Oliver was born in Sri Lanka and migrated to Canada in 1965 settling in Calgary, Alta. where he worked for the City of Calgary until age 55 when he moved to Qualicum Beach, B.C. Due to a stroke he decided to avoid Canadian winters and after searching for a suitable place he chose Sri Lanka. He has been a member of Council 7991 since 2011 and a 4th Degree Knight since 2013. He spent the last 15 or 16 winters in Sri Lanka. In 2015 he noted that an English teacher was needed for the children in Kelaniya, a Colombo suburb. Br. Oliver was contacted by 'GURUGEDARA' (House of Teaching), a volunteer organization. He agreed to teach as a volunteer, raised money to build a school which was completed but, the great floods of 2015/16 'devastated the project. The Gov't of Sri Lanka granted them a piece of land, money was again raised and a two story structure was completed. On one of his travels in Sri Lanka he returned to the Eastern Province and there, the folks were Tamil, mostly Christian who could not speak or understand the English language. Returning to Colombo he received a call to return to KOMARI. Here he adopted a Christian family with three children and was travelling 17 kms to attend Mass at St. Anthony's Catholic church in POTTUVIL. Here he realized that the young priest did not have a decent chalice or ciborium. and he contacted, Fr. Karam Alraban at Parksville, B.C. to inquire whether it was possible to donate a chalice, ciborium, cruets, altar cross, etc. Lo' and behold,he received a very encouraging response. Fr. Karam subsequently contacted His Grace Gary Gordon, the Bishop in Victoria, B.C. and with his blessings and approval, upon his return in April 2017 these items were at his home. He packed up the items and upon his return to Sri Lanka in Sept. 2017, he presented them to Fr. P. Suhanthan who was overjoyed and grateful for this valuable donation which he regularly uses at Holy Mass. Fr. Suhanthan was also the Parish Priest for two other churches in the Province, one of

which was St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in KOMARI. He was approached by some ladies and asked to provide the church with a sound system, which he did in time for the church feast in October 2017. During the Lenten season, Br. Oliver realized the little church, to which he is now attached, did not have a complete Stations of the Cross since most pieces had been destroyed during the Tsunami in 2004. He contacted the Grand Knight of our Council 7991 resulting in the 14 Stations of the Cross being presented at the June 7th, 2018, General Meeting which he will be taking along upon his return to KOMARI in Sept. 2018. It may be noted that Br. P. Horsfield, Council 7991 was instrumental in locating the Stations of the Cross. It must be added that in 2011, while attending St. Anthony's Parish in COLPETTY, Colombo he noted the Roman Missal looked aged and the Pastor could not afford to purchase a new one. He approached Council 7991 and during Fr. Mel's period of service at the Church of Ascension in Parksville a new Missal was purchased by the Council, Blessed by Fr. Mel and taken to Sri Lanka in September 2012.

With God's Blessing, Br. Oliver hopes to continue spending winters in Sri Lanka and help the folks in this Tsunami affected Province as and when the need arises.

A Word from Br. Fred Staniec, Grand Knight Humboldt Council 1886 dated 2018-06-18.

"Things are coming back to normal in Humboldt. There is still a lot of healing needed but time will help. Humboldt Broncos are going to have a team for the 2018-2019 season, they hope that the League lets Humboldt play Nipawin their first game as that is the team that they were to play the day of the accident. There is still money coming in from different things that took place. As far as the Broncos and families go, they are taken care of pretty much. Any money that the Humboldt Council receives we are going to give to 'Stars' for their needs as I don't know what it was like for them to deal with all this too. The city is thinking of up-grading the ball diamonds in honor of the Broncos. If anyone wishes to donate I will forward it on to 'Stars'. I have a cheque from St. Peters Council at Woodbridge, Ont. to give to 'Stars' already. The Humboldt Council just after the accident put on a Breakfast and raised \$7,000.00 that was given to the Broncos organization. The community really came out to support the cause and to comfort one another.

It is with great Thanks that so many people are thinking of us and sending us their prayers and condolences.

Thanks to All and may God Bless You All.

Fred Staniec, Grand Knight Humboldt Council 1886' Box 307 Humboldt Sask. S0K 2A0. Tel. 306-365-4741 and 306-231-4406 "

(N.B. "Stars" referred to above are part of the First Responders in that area.)

Below; DD W. Sapieha presenting the Angus MacNeil PSD Memorial Award to Grand Knight R. Hykaway and Council Website Liaison Br. P Horsfield for the BC/Yukon State's best Website for 2018.

Humboldt Broncos Hockey Team 2018



We all remember the magnitude of the disaster which took the lives of so many and left many more with serious injury. The pain and suffering of the Humboldt Broncos Junior Hockey Team - and their loved ones and friends cannot be described. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.



Photo Below; Best BC/Yukon State 'Keep Christ in Christmas' poster coloring competition winners, Ms. J. Scaria and Ms. J. Gutierrez



Exemplification: On Thursday, June 28th, a special 1st Degree Exemplification Team welcomed Br. Andrzej WASAK to Council 7991.

- Photo Below; Br. P. Clark receiving his Honorary Life Membership card.



Photos #2 and #3; Brother Knights preparing for the Garage Sale and #3, the scene inside the Hall during the sale.





Br. Primeau has been an active member of our Council and the Parish for many years and has contributed much to the programs, events, Knights Choir, he also held 4th Degree Status and will be missed by us all.

The Council advises that shares from the Charity Appeal will be donated to Mana, the Wheel Chair fund and Stroke Recovery.

Br. J. Chambers reports that all is going well with the Refugee family sponsored by the Ascension Parish. There is some help needed to provide transportation to various commitments by the family.



Photo #1 Above; 4th Degree Honour Guard at the May 27th Confirmation and 1st Communion Service.



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.

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

Suggestion; Take your partner to the Cheese Eatery, 'BOME' at 1876 Alberni Hwy, Coombs. (It's just past Demex)

Br. Dale advises that a total of 7 Bursaries have been awarded to students in the Oceanside area. From the Kwalikum Secondary School ; M. McDermand and R. Harach. From Ballenas Secondary; E. Canil, E. Wadge. From PASS; G. Collins and N. Zbyelina, C. Sugden

Change of Address; Our former Br. Knight at Council 7991 Martin SHADDICK has moved to 2446 Aspen Drive, Coaldale. AB T1M 0E5

Regretfully we have learned that Br. R. Primeau, will be leaving Oceanside for Alberta.



A Pope and a Lawyer arrive at the Pearly Gates. St. Peter assigns the Lawyer a beautiful room with antique furniture and expensive paintings. The Pope however, is given a meager plain room. Surprised he asks; -Why is the lawyer's room so much nicer?

-Well, says St. Peter “We have about a hundred Popes already but this is really the first lawyer we’ve ever seen up here”

Jane comes home late one evening and says to her husband;

-“Hi Dear, I’ve got good news and I have bad news. Which do you want first?”

-“Well, Uh, give me the good news” he says

-She says; “ The airbag works !”

It is rumored that our beloved Pope St. Francis experienced a sad week ! (Argentina was eliminated from the World Cup !)

A new disease has been identified; It’s become known as ‘Irish Alzheimers Syndrome’, You forget everything but the Grudges!

2018 Beach Fest has been scheduled for July 13th to August 19th. Council 7991 has submitted an application to once again serve as 'Ambassadors' at the events. Stay tuned for the schedules our Council Knights will be assigned.



A Question ?

The Catholic Register. Oct 1, 17' commented that Canada's Bishops will not be inviting Pope Francis to visit Canada in the near future. Bishop D. Crosby spoke of the ongoing

controversy and response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Article from the National Post; May 9th, 2018

by Mario Silva, a former MP. The headline reads; “Demands for a papal apology border on anti-Catholic bigotry. The federal NDP Caucus apparently supported by PM Trudeau and members of his Liberal caucus are seeking to summon Pope Francis to Canada to apologize in person for the role of the RC church in Canada in the Residential School system. It seems the expression of regret by Pope Benedict in 2009 is apparently not good enough for some Parliamentarians. Mr. Silva asks why; “Years after the Pope expressed his sorrow, some of our politicians are still singling out the Pontiff which raises the question; Why him? Why Catholics? It seems that no other institution, religious or otherwise, is as easily attacked by Canadian politicians as the Catholic Church”. If Canada’s Parliament adopt the NDP logic, will it issue a summons to Queen Elizabeth II, the ‘defender of the Faith and head of the Anglican Church ? In 2008 PM S. Harper issued an apology on behalf of the Cdn Gov’t. Provincial Governments have also since apologized. In 2009 after meeting with the Cdn. First Nations leader P. Fontaine, Pope Benedict XVI issued an expression of sorrow for the role of the RC Church in Canada in the residential school system. Other denominations have apologized and expressed regrets. Mr. Silva adds; “Horrible crimes were committed against vulnerable children. No one denies this. In fact, it’s the opposite, the crimes have been acknowledged and apologized for. It is time for some of Canada’s politicians to focus on true reconciliation and healing instead of using tragedy for political posturing.”

From the Frugal Gourmet’s book – ‘The Jewish tax collector was a much hated individual, he

was not paid by the Romans to collect taxes, so he added a little stipend for himself. This was one reason he was disliked. He would have been slightly more wealthy and could afford meat. The rest of the population could only have meat on very High Holy Days. Sheep were highly prized for their wool, milk and production value(lambs) but not as meat.

In 1894, the Edmonton Bulletin; reported there could be oil in Alberta! (Kngst Whig 16June 18')



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