



# Ascension Council 7991

## Knight Herald

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### Grand Knight's Report;

Good Day Brothers All,

As we embark on what promises to a busy 2018/19 season ahead of us, I hope each one of you and your families enjoyed a great summer.

July and August are fairly slow as far as fund raisers and projects go. Our Christmas in July was very well attended and with the work crews preparing the yard behind the rectory for this event, it was about the only summer project we had. Traditionally September is basically the kick-off month for 'business as usual', to that end, we hit the ground running with a successful Pancake Breakfast on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>. Things as of this writing are well under way in preparation for our 'Pasta and Twoonie Auction' Night which is being held Oct 20<sup>th</sup>. This year, Br. Gord has the kitchen and volunteer work crews well in hand and Br. Tony, as usual is ahead of the game with auction items ! I would like to extend a huge

'Thank You!' to all our volunteers for all the work you do for this Council!

I would be remiss if I didn't mention my personal Thanks to you my Brothers for all your help and support in my first year as Grand Knight. I'm very grateful to you for that !

We are losing one of our Brothers who has certainly been a stalwart Knight and volunteer over the years and has given of his time and truck whenever asked. Not to mention his wife as well Br. And Sister Bob and Sheila PRIMEAU have moved to Alberta and it is with sadness that we lose a good Knight and a very supportive spouse. We individually and as a Council will miss them but we certainly wish them well in their new home amid the snow and ice !

I don't hesitate to mention and I seem to be doing this fairly often, reminding all our Council Brothers to make a concerted effort to attend our Council meetings. It is certainly understandable that there are and will continue to be times where dates conflict and family priorities must prevail. I only ask that when possible, to make a commitment to your Council meetings. We are only strong when we stand together as Brothers and in Solidarity we will be able to do the work we committed to do as Knights of Columbus.

Our Church today and indeed Catholics everywhere are being blamed for the horrific misdeeds of a smaller minority. The sex scandals perpetrated by a small minority of wayward priests and the unfortunate 'sweeping under the carpet' action of the higher positioned hierarchy within the Church has cast a shadow over us. We can understand that some Catholics, given these heinous crimes may have become disenchanted with the Church and the politics involved and may be having inner struggles with how they now view the Church and their feelings. As Knights of Columbus and leaders of our Parish and Community, it is our duty and responsibility to help where we can and to pray for and with the Church as well as our Brothers and Sisters to get past this terrible time. We need to stand with our Bishop and pray to our 'Mother Mary' for her intervention.

I would like to welcome our new Knights to our Council. Thank You for your involvement and participation.

In closing, I would like to Thank You in advance for a successful and fun filled 2018/19 season.

Thank You All      God Bless

Vivat Jesus.

*Rum Hykaway, Grand Knight.*



## Calendar of Events

Events for 2018';

General Meeting; Thurs. Oct 4<sup>th</sup>, 7.00 PM at the Parish Hall. Your Attendance and participation is vital for the continued well being of the Council.

October 18<sup>th</sup>, Executive Meeting 7 PM St. Luke's Room.

### **October 20<sup>th</sup> – 6.30 PM – Pasta Night**

Tickets available following Sat & Sunday Masses at \$15.00 PP. This is popular event and tickets are selling well.

### **October 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – FLU Clinic following all Masses.**

### **November 4<sup>th</sup> – Pancake Breakfast.**

### **December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Council 7991 Appreciation Night.**

### **March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019; IRISH Night**

### **May 25<sup>th</sup> – Garage Sale**

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Life Style books will no longer be sold by the Council. It was decided that in view of lesser demand and less appeal for the booklets the Council would no longer offer to participate in this program.

Br. G. O'Connor, an active director of the 'Manna' program in the Oceanside Community has mentioned there has been a 30% increase in people in need of assistance. An increase in Single Parents seeking help has been noted. Sleeping gear and winter wear is being sought. Br. O'Connor mentioned there has been some criticism from the General Community who are not in favor of an increase in homeless people to this area.

Br. Chambers reported the Refugee Program is moving along well and some volunteers to drive the new arrivals to various places are being sought. Call Br. D. Belliveau or Br. J. Chambers if you can help.

The Council's Financial Scy. Br. J. Lewis has been preparing the Budget for the next calendar year. The proposals will be discussed at the Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> General Meeting.



The Ascension Church KofC – Knights' Choir sings at the Sunday 8.30 AM Masses on the first Sunday of each month led by our very talented accompanist Michael Brionnes and the Music Director Leo Pearson.

The Choir has been invited to perform at the Oct 20<sup>th</sup> Pasta Night where they will present a popular selection of Italian songs. The Choir has been practicing for several week for this event.

On the National scene; it has been learned that an advisory group has been reviewing hymns for several year to prepare a new national hymnal.



The September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Pancake Breakfast was a great success and Thanks and Appreciation to the many volunteer Knights who participated in the event. It was reported that a healthy amount of funds were raised for the Council's charities and support for the Seminarians and the John Paul II school at Port Alberni.

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**NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD**



The recent ongoing devastating news on Sexual Scandals in the USA, Ireland, Germany and Chile has been distressing for Catholics everywhere. No doubt we are all asking how this could happen to this degree over so many years?

In his recent book, "TRUST" former Cdn Gov. Gen. D. Johnston, reflects on "how citizens worldwide have lost faith in the institutions that guide us and how that erosion leads to political and social chaos."

Media reports speak of the ‘melt-down’ of the Catholic Church, and we are left shaking our heads over reports blasting the air waves on a daily basis and we feel deeply betrayed.

In a Aug 30<sup>th</sup> article by Fr. R. de Souza who writes for the ‘Catholic Register’ and ‘Convivium’. he speaks of his ‘fear for the unity of the Catholic Church and a ‘Division in the Church’ due to the turmoil in the Church. Fr. De Souza mentions the ‘testimony’ of a former Papal Ambassador to the US which accuses Pope Francis and others of looking the other way on the predatory behavior of former Cardinal T. McCarrick which has created outrage throughout the Church and great division.”

In the words of Supreme Knight Carl Anderson; “the KofC, laymen, priests and chaplains have an important role to play in rebuilding the Church. We must commit the Knights to work for repentance, reform and rebuilding of the Church. Rebuilding should include a full accounting of the misdeeds by those who committed them. Archbishop McCarrick and others at fault owe us a full account of their actions, motivations and cover-ups. After years of having us confess to them, it is now time for them to come clean about what they have done and what they have failed to do.”

Robert Brehl quotes L.A. Auxiliary Bishop Robert E. Barron who ‘urges Catholics to Fight, not flee.’ “This is not the moment for cutting and running, It’s the moment for getting into the fight. As Bishop Barron points out, “We are not Catholics because of the moral excellence of our leaders – we’re Catholics because of Jesus Christ crucified and risen from the dead”. The Bishop proposes by ‘staying and fighting – to write letter to Bishops and the Pope, express outrage and demand change. Fight not with weapons but with their presence at Mass by keeping Priests accountable, the principles and faith of Catholicism are worth fighting for. Real and meaningful change within the Church must take place to bring Catholics back and stop others from leaving.” In his Facebook page, Bishop Barron writes; “ In this time of crisis , I

beg you not to flee, but to fight not violently, but with the weapons of the Spirit.”

In an article which appeared in the Catholic News Service dated August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 at the Vatican City there is mention of the “**culture of clericalism** that allowed the abuse to continue and allowed it to be hidden.”

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Council 7991 currently has 92 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.

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Should you be looking for some neat KofC goods you may check out [www.knightsgear.com](http://www.knightsgear.com) . This is the official on line store of the Knights of Columbus.

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The Council 7991 Website, [kofc7991.com](http://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](mailto:peterlhors@hotmail.com) or call Br. Peter at 250-248-8869.

**KNIGHTS IN ACTION ;**

**A PRAYER FOR OUR PRIESTS**



We Thank you, God our Father, for those who have responded to your call to priestly ministry. Accept this prayer we offer on their behalf; Fill your priests with the sure knowledge of your love. Open their hearts to the power and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Lead them to new depths of union with your Son. Increase in them profound faith in the Sacraments they celebrate as they nourish, strengthen and heal us.

Lord Jesus Christ, grant that these, your priests, may inspire us to strive for holiness by the power of their example, as men of prayer who ponder your word and follow your will.

O Mary, Mother of Christ and our mother, guard with your maternal care these chosen ones, so dear to the Heart of your Son. Intercede for our priests that, offering the Sacrifice of your Son, they may be conformed more each day to the image of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Amen.

St. John Vianney, universal patron of priests, pray for us and our priests.



**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.

Best wishes to our Brothers, Jim, Rum, Peter, Paul and Tony Dixon.

Please notify the Grand Knight should you require any assistance or favor a hospital visit. Flu season will soon be upon us and a Flu Clinic is scheduled to be held at Ascension Church on **October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> following all Masses.**

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



A vagrant arrives at Court Street and parks his bicycle against the wall of the Parliament Bldg. A Security Agent quickly arrives and says in a stern voice' "You cannot park your bicycle here, this is the Parliament Building. We have the Premier, ministers, Representative, Senators and other important people going by here "The Vagrant looks the Agent up and down and says; "Hey, don't worry, I'll lock it up!

No One Believes Seniors Anymore-Everyone Thinks they are senile ! – An elderly couple was celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, they had married as childhood sweethearts and had moved back to their old neighborhood. They walked back to their old school, it was not locked so they entered and found the old desk they'd shared where Jerry had carved, "I Love Sally". On their way home a bag of money fell out of an armored car. Sally picked it up and took it home where she counted 50 thousand dollars. Jerry said "We've got to give it back!" Sally said; "Finders – Keepers and hid the money in their attic. The next day two police officers were canvassing the area looking for the money and knocked on their door. "Pardon me, did either of you find a bag that fell off an

armored car yesterday?” Sally said “No”. Jerry said; “She’s lying, She hid it up in the attic!” Sally said;”Don’t believe him, he’s getting senile. The agents turned to Jerry and began to question him. One said; “OK, tell us the story from the beginning”. Jerry said :” Well. When Sally and I were walking home from school yesterday..” The first office turned to his partner and said’ “We’re outta Here!”

The Chapel has some beautiful stained glass window with two panels donated by the three Maritime Provinces during the 1940’s. Eight RCMP officers from the Maritime Region had lost their lives during WWII and the Provinces wanted to commemorate them.

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The RCMP Chapel at ‘Depot Division, Regina Sask. Is the oldest building in that city and remains a functioning Chapel today. The Chapel was built in 1883 as a Mess Hall for the North West Mounted Police. It then became a Canteen and reading room before being converted to a Chapel in the 1890’s. It was originally an Anglican Parish Church as most Mounted Police officers were either Anglican or Catholic. The Chapel was originally built in Ontario and shipped to Regina on a CPR flat car, then by steamer and ox team . Historians suggest the building may also have been used as a Guard House and may have held Louis Riel, the former Metis leader. Riel was hung for Treason in the Divisions’ public gallows on Nov 16, 1885.