



Ascension Council 7991

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the necessary forms and reports that must be submitted. There are tight timelines on these reports and keeping up with them is no easy task. I would also like to thank our District Deputy Br. Wayne Sapiuha for his liaison work between our Council and State.

The contribution made by our Worthy Editor Br. S. Brochez, must be recognized. Putting together the Herald is no small task and his efforts are to be applauded.

As a Council, we owe a special Thanks to Fr. Mike Favero. Fr. Mike is a Knight, a member of our Council and is always involved in our Council activities. His efforts on our behalf are very much appreciated.

Our Council activities for the Jan 1, 2019 to Dec 31, 2019 involved 4863 voluntary hours, 48 official meetings, and 311 visits to sick or disabled or their families over that period.

The following is a listing of the events and activities that the Knights were involved in, in roughly chronological order;

-Installation of Officers; On Sept 7, the ceremony, presided over by Fr. Mike Favero and District Deputy Wayne Sapiuha was conducted in the church.

-Sandcastle Competition; In July, our annual participation as Ambassadors for this huge community event involved 14 Knights. This is a major fund raiser for our Council.

-St. Mark's Fair; Our participation in this Qualicum Beach community event was a new project for our Council. It involved eight Knights involved in Traffic control. It is a fund-raiser for

Grand Knight's Report.

Brother Knights,

It is often the case in the Jan/Feb issue of the 'Herald' that the Gr. Knight thanks all those Knights who have contribute to our special events over the first half of the Council year. In preparing a list of those special events, it became very apparent to me that our Council is involved in a significant number of activities in our church, our parish and our community.

In my first contribution to the Herald, I will attempt to document all those activities that the knights have been involved in for the period July to Dec 2019. However, there are several special thanks that I would like to pass along before I list those activities.

I would first like to thank our Worth Financial Secretary Br. Jim Lewis and Treasurer Br. Dale Niwa for all the work they do in submitting all

the Council and will likely lead to additional participation in the future.

-Christmas in July; This is a social event involving a large number of Knights and their wives and is meant to reward our members for all the work they do throughout the year on our Council's behalf.

-Pasta Night; This is a major fund-raising and social event. This year, it was a catered event to help cut down on the voluntary hours to prepare the meal. Br. Tony Antoniuk contacted approximately 90 businesses and raised \$6,000.00 in donations for the auctions held during the evening. The evening was a huge success.

-Pancake Breakfasts; Br. Sandy Fraser uses two teams composed of 16 Knights, prepare pancake breakfasts four times per year. These breakfasts are now a fund raising event for the Knights and are no longer funded by the Parish.

-Remembrance Day Presentations; The Knights presented wreaths at the Remembrance Day Celebrations in Parksville, Qualicum Beach and Bowser.

-Charity Appeal; Once Again, Br. Peter Horsfield conducted a successful campaign. Thanks to those Knights who braved the cold to sell tickets at the different locations in Parksville and Qualicum Beach. We sold approximately 150 books of tickets and could have sold more had we had greater participation by our members. This is a major fund raising event and has the potential to be much larger.

-Appreciation Night; Each year, we hold a special dinner to thank the Knights who hve participated in the different events over the past year and to present awards to those who have made a special effort over the year. This year, Br. T. Antoniuk was awarded Knight of the Year, Br. Jack Chambers and Family were awarded Family of the Year award and Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to Br. Sandy Fraser and Br. Wayne Latremouille. Member turnout at this dinner was disappointing so it has been decided that in future, the

appreciation awards will become part of the Christmas in July afternoon.

-Christmas Light-Up; Each Year, at the start of the Christmas season, Br. Sandy Fraser organizes a small crew of Knights to string Christmas lights to light up the front of the church.

-Keep Christ in Christmas, Each year, Br. Dennis Belliveau sells 'Keep Christ in Christmas' decals.

-Exemplification Ceremonies; Last year, the Exemplification team conducted four ceremonies involving five candidates. These candidates were brought forward largely as the result of the efforts of Br. Al Walsh.

-Funeral Services and Organizing Acolytes; Br. Paul Tellier organizes the many Knights who are involved as acolytes for daily Masses and for funerals.

-Bursary Committee; Each year the Committee reviews the applications from students from Ballenas and Kwalikum Secondary Schools and the Pass School for the awarding of seven bursaries of \$1,000.00 each.

-The Knights Choir; Under the stewardship of Br. Michael Briones, this group of a dozen Knights sing at the 8.30 AM Mass on the first Sunday of each month and at special events throughout the year.

-Greeters, Ushers and Readers; Many Knights are involved in these activities as well.

As you can see, our Council is quite involved with our church and our parish. As your Grand Knight I thank you for all your efforts over the past months, and ask for your continued support in making our events and fund-raising efforts successful in the future.

Fraternally,

Dennis Belliveau GK

Officers of Council 7991 - 2019-2020;
 Grand Knight – D. Belliveau ; 250-951-2010
 Dep. Grand Knight – P. Tellier 250-586-5741
 Chaplain – Fr. M. Favero ;250-951-2187
 Chancellor – R. Stothers; Recorder – S. Fraser;
 Advocate – E. Cyr; Warden -J. Chambers,
 Inside Guard – J. Arimare, Outside Guard.,
 Trustee 1 Yr. P. Horsfield, Trustee 2 Yr. J.
 Smart, Trustee 3 Yr. P. Clarke, Treasurer – D.
 Niwa, Fin. Secy. J. Lewis, Lecturer, R. Past
 Grand Knight; R. Hykaway; Lecturer R. Murray;
 Faith/Life Dir. T. Marshall

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.

Calendar of Events

May 8th, 2020; The CWL has requested Council 7991 assistance at their Annual Fashion Tea.

Every day the Catholic Church feeds, clothes, shelters and educates more people than any other organization in the world !

We should all be proud to be Catholic !

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

Recruitment of new Knights continues to be a priority as we are committed to making the community a better place. Knights support the community and our Catholic Church.

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.



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

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 ;

Code of Chivalry;

‘Always Live Pure, Always Speak True, Always Right Wrong and above all, Always Follow Jesus Christ, the King. That is the very heart of true Christian Knighthood. Without Chivalry, Knighthood is dead. Every true Knight must live by the Code of Chivalry, those who do not are not Knights at all’. (A. Lord Tennyson)



The following events are planned for 2020.



February 15th, 2020 St. Valentine’s Dinner and Dance.

This promised to be a great event to commence the social calendar of Council 7991. Ticket sales had been brisk.



March 21, 2020 – Irish Night

The Basketball Free Throw competitions are scheduled of Feb, 22nd 2020 – Middle Schools, Feb 26th, 2020 – High Schools. The Regional competition may be held on Feb 29th.

Charity Appeal Lottery ; It was great to see our Brother K. Wilbur win the Grand Prize of the 2019/2020 Charity Appeal Lottery.

Note; Our Appreciation to Br. P. Horsfield for a Job Well Done with the Charity Appeal Program. It has been commented that this Program is beneficial and deserves more participation by the Council.

-A number of Council 7991 members are engaged in working at the Basket Ball Free throw competitions. The competitions began in February.

The Supreme Knight C. Anderson met with Pope Francis on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of the KofC. Pope Francis praised the work and efforts of the KofC..The Pontiff said in addressing the

Knights; “I entrust you to the loving intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. I offer my prayers for the members of the Knights of Columbus and their families and for the good works accomplished by the local councils worldwide.”

During the 2018 business year ending June 30th, the organization gave \$185.7 Million to Charity and donated 76.7 million hours of hands-on-service.

A new partnership between the Diocese of Gallup N.M. and the SW Indian Foundation broke ground on a new shrine to honor St. Kateri Tekakwitha on Aug 11,19’. Supreme Knight C. Anderson commented that today one in four native Americans are Catholic, yet, in many ways, these brothers and sisters in the faith have been forgotten. The shrine will include a chapel, museum and 30 outdoor rosary stations. St. Kateri Tekakwitha was canonized as a saint in 2012 and is the first Native American Catholic Saint. She is the patron saint of Native American, Indigenous and First Nations peoples.
(KofC 2020 Bulletin)

The recent ‘Knightline’ newsletter, Vol. 36 #5, emphasized the Knights’ interest in seeking new members. It is suggested that an approach to a prospective member may be “Have you ever thought about being a Knight of Columbus?”. A second recommendation suggested that all issues related to KofC membership should be noted in the Parish Bulletin. Items such as new Knights, Knights who advance in Degrees, new transfers or reinstatements, births and marriages and accomplishments of members. It was reported that Tennessee State Council Knights noticed that Knights who were not involved in council

activities were leaving the Order. Br, T. Staller, State Dep. Of Tennessee stated that “our church is suffering from a similar lack of participation, what could almost be termed a retail or consumer attitude toward our faith.

Knights are Catholic men who are committed to making their community a better place while supporting their Church. Being a Knight is more than camaraderie, it is being involved with your community, it is supporting your local Catholic Church, while enhancing your own faith, it is about protecting and enhancing your family life.

Notification has been received that new **Exemplification procedures** will be available on the Knight’s website’ www.videos.kofc.org/exemplification . The procedures may explain new methods of moving current First and Second Degree members to the Third or Knighthood degree. The Council will clarify and seek more details on this program.

The Knights of Columbus website launched on 2019-10-02 has been updated and should make access to the organization much easier. The website is’ www.kofc.org.

Distribution of a Manual of Knights’ Faith in Action is available in providing information regarding recommended programs designed to help local Councils on the implementation of a number of faith filled family programs. Br. J. Lewis has some information through a booklet “Faith in Action Guidebook”.



Health

Warm greetings 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.

We also pray for our family members and friends who are ill and for all whose sickness, impairment or personal situations keep them from living a full and happy life.

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

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



Council Activities;



Logan PIKE, KSS Graduate Class of 2019 receiving a KofC scholarship from Brothers P. Horsfield, P. Tellier and R. Hykaway.

It is with great sadness we said Farewell to our Brother Gordon W. Johnston. Born in Calgary on Nov 11th, 1934 Br. Gordon passed away in Parksville on Jan 28th 2020. Much can be said of Br. Gordon's active membership to Council 7991, his participation in our events and his assistance to the Ascension Community. He was a proud member of our Council and will be Truly Missed.



Meagan Handley, KSS Grad 2019 received a KofC scholarship from Council 7991.



Brothers P. Horsfield, P. Tellier and R. Hykaway presented a 'Bursary' to Eryn Goodman a 2019 KSS High School Graduate.

<http://www.vcn.bc.ca/kofc/> ; KofC BC & Yukon
<http://www.vatican.va/> - The Vatican
<http://Convivium.ca>

A bit of History

Jan 1656; The French religious philosopher, B. Pascal published his first 18 letters which attacked Roman Catholic Jesuits.

Jan 1096; the armies of the First Crusade set out from Europe to remove the Islamic Turks from Jerusalem.

Jan 1534; Formation of the Jesuit Order of Catholic Priests

Some 'red flags' when using the computer; **BE CAREFUL!** A) If you don't recognize the sender's email address or someone you normally communicate with. B) You don't know the sender personally and they were not vouched for by someone you trust! C) You don't have a relationship nor any past communication with the sender.

The World Around Us;

A recent issue of MacLean's magazine suggests the Market peaked in 2008 and out of 106 on the world stock market Canada stands at 105 just above Venezuela! The TSX has gained only 14% in the last 10 years compared to the S&P500 which rose 101%. (We may need a Prayer or Two!)

Some excerpts from the media for your reading only;

Websites to check;

<http://www.kofc.org> Knights of Columbia

‘Convivium – Feb 20th, 20’, by Fr. R. de Souza; “Indigenous land claim protests might spell the death of reconciliation if they continue threatening the rule of law. The protests shutting down the rail network in Ontario, disrupting ports, blocking traffic, preventing access to BC Legislature – are in solidarity with the hereditary chiefs against the elected band councils.” (Fr. De Souza is the Editor-in-Chief of Convivium, chaplain at Newman House – the Roman Catholic centre at Queen’s University. www.convivium.ca)

National Post Feb 21st, 20’; Fr. Raymond de Souza suggested the current protests that “the Truth and Reconciliation Commission made this a no-win situation because the very institutions that are required to build partnerships and resolve disputes, treaties, statutes, the courts, even the Constitution are themselves being considered corrupt and illegitimate (Fr. De Souza is a regular contributor to the National Post, Convivium and the Catholic Register)

Vatican City (CNA); The Vatican’s archives on the pontificate of Venerable Pius XII will become available for study on March 2nd, 20’ possibly bringing to light new information about the pope’s actions during World War II. The complete catalogue is expected to include approx.... 16 million documents. The archive has received requests for access from more than 150 scholars from around the world. Many people, especially Jewish scholars will be interested in what the archives might reveal about the first part of Ven. Pius XII’s papacy and his actions during the Second World War. Bishop S. Pagano, prefect of the Vatican Apostolic Archive said on Feb 20th that he “fears any quick answers that may come, because some “little prepared’ scholars may come to the archive looking for a ‘scoop’ of some sort.



Vatican News; Feb 20’; At a Conference in Bari, Italy on Sunday Feb 23rd Pope Francis declared that “Loving your enemies is the ‘Christian innovation to combat the ‘culture of complaint’. He said that Jesus’ call to love one’s enemies and pray for those who persecute you is the ‘Christian innovation’. “How many times do we complain about the things that we lack, about the things that go wrong ‘ Francis said, adding “Jesus knows that there will always be someone in our lives who dislikes us or who make our life miserable, yet he still asks those who follow him to pray and love”.



You know you are getting older when

- 1)it feels like the morning after but you did not go anywhere last night
- 2) You turn out the lights for economic reasons rather than romantic ones.
- 3)You get exercise acting as a pallbearer for your friends who exercise

The Dr. had been attempting to reach a patient on the phone; Finally he reached him, "Well" he said, "I have some good news and some bad news". "Okay, I'll have the good news first Please." "Okay, the good news is that you have 24 hours to live, the bad news is that I've been trying to reach you since yesterday!"

- 2019 was very educational for Fr. Shea. He learned that a bicycle cannot stand alone, because it is Two-tyred.
- In 2019, Fr. Shea performed a wedding for a Dentist and a Manicurist and now they fight tooth and nail.
- A thief stole a church calendar –he got 12 months!
- Good News' a guy who fell into an upholstery machine is now fully recovered !

Thank You to Fr. Shea, St. Linus Church, Bath, Ont.

Hospital regulations require a wheel chair for patients being discharged. However, while working as a student nurse I found one elderly gentleman already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet, who insisted he didn't need my help to leave the hospital. After a chat about rules, he reluctantly let me wheel him to the elevator. On the way down I asked him if his wife was meeting him. "I don't know" he said, "She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown!".

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