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Report from the Grand Knight.

Greetings Brother Knights,

I would like to begin by expressing how humbled and honored I am in these early weeks of my tenure as your Grand Knight, to be of service to you all my Brothers. Br. Wayne's shoes will be hard to fill as he has set the bar high over the past two years but with your help and support I will pledge to you to do my utmost in carrying on the legacy of all our past Grand Knights.

I would also like to say how blessed I am to have such a strong, dedicated and experienced slate of Officers to serve with for this next year. I know that with their knowledge and your support we will achieve our goals and perhaps even set the bar higher.

As in years past membership has always been a focal point coming down from State and it seems the focus will be even stronger in these coming months. To this end we will be trying to

work as diligently as possible to strive to grow our membership. Our Council is again blessed to have an excellent and experienced Retention Committee as well as a dedicated membership Chairman in our Br. Al Walsh. I ask that we can count on all our Brothers to give us any assistance or advice that we may need to meet our goal in achieving our quota for this year which is 6 new members.

I hope that as Knights of Columbus we can remember our initial pledge when we became Knights in the 1st Degree, to Serve our Priest, our Church, our Parish and our Community and so I ask for your support in serving in solidarity with all our Brothers to make our Council as strong as it can be.

Serving need not mean to always be there for the various work parties or kitchen duties or selling tickets or chairing committees. Serving can also mean to just attend our monthly meetings in support of those Brothers who are more able to give their time to do what must be done to succeed as a Council. To attend and work together in solidarity through our monthly meetings would be a huge psychological boost to all our Brothers. Again, I ask for your support in your attendance, one evening per month, on the 1st Thursday of each month to share thoughts and ideas and enjoy some camaraderie with each other .

Things have gotten off to a pretty good start already this year. Brothers' J. Lewis and D. Niwa have worked tirelessly to streamline our accounting and reporting systems and are pretty much there. Also, we have formed two new and important committees to improve our Council;

1) Visitation Committee; To visit any Brother who may be ill, in the hospital, recovering at home or in a care facility. I am pleased to report that 8 Brothers have put their names forward to serve on this Committee.

2) Funding Committee; Any ad hoc requests outside of our normal funding Budget coming into our Council will be passed on to this Committee to be decided upon and then presented to Council for furtherance.

In closing, it is my intention along with our Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Br. Dennis Belliveau to strive to make our meetings as interesting and informative as possible. To this end we will bring in guest speakers from time to time and in general enjoy a lot of camaraderie and fellowship. And also at the same time do some good work!

In this I humbly ask for your support.

Vivat Jesus;

Rum Hykaway, Grand Knight.



*On August 5th, 2017 the
Church of the Ascension*

*welcomed Fr. Michael Favero
as the new Pastor to the Parish.*

A Letter from Father M. Favero to the Knights of Columbus Council 7991.

Greetings Gentlemen Knights,

This is a short autobiography to introduce myself to you as Knights. Firstly, some of you will remember me from when I was first here at Ascension from 1998 to 2003 and now I am back here fifteen years later. It is not too often that as priests we return to a Parish where we were previously assigned. As I had mentioned the first weekend that I was here at the beginning of August, it felt like I was coming back home which is a positive feeling I would say.

To give some background. I am the oldest of six children with my parents both living in Comox along with a sister who is next door. I grew up in Vancouver attending St. Patrick's school for two years and Vancouver College for ten years. I thought I had a vocation while in Elementary school and years later in high school the principal suggested if the vocation was still there after high school to pursue it. I worked at Safeway for a few years and later as a cook in restaurants and while living in Comox inquired at the Parish for a vocation to the priesthood. My education then started with a University degree from St. Thomas Moore College at the U. of Saskatchewan and a Masters of Divinity degree from Newman College in Edmonton.

Since my ordination in June 1992 I have served in Campbell River for a couple of years as an Assistant, four years as a pastor in the North Island Parishes then here at Ascension for five and a half years. Next, I was at Holy Cross Parish in Saanich for three years followed by some time off and a sabbatical year. I then came back to St. Rose of Lima at Sooke, B.C. for seven years and for the past two years at Fort Nelson as a missionary in the diocese of Whitehorse.

I look forward to meeting the members of the Council and all the work that you do in the Parish and the wider Oceanside community.

Fr. Mike Favero.

My Brother Knights All;

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus, Ascension Council 7991, it is my sincere pleasure to welcome back Father Mike to our Parish as our Priest and as a fellow Br. Knight.

I have had the pleasure of a couple of visits with Fr. Mike and I'm pleased to report that Father is very interested in becoming one of us in Brotherhood as a Knight and to serve when he can, our Council as our Chaplain.

As the Priest of our Parish we can appreciate the time constraints that Father Mike must deal with on a continual basis and it is with this in mind that we will happily be satisfied with his support on his time frame.

As Knights of Columbus we can as a Council and individually, when called upon, serve our Priest in any capacity as may be required.

Welcome back Father Mike !

Vivat Jesus

Rum Hykaway, Grand Knight

Calendar of Events

General Meeting; Thursday September 7th 2017 7.30 PM at the Church Hall.

Executive Meeting; Thursday Sept. 21 , 7.00 pm

Events for 2017/18';

Sunday Sept 10th; Pancake Breakfast.

Sat. October 21st - PASTA NIGHT

December 9th - Appreciation Night

Feb 10th, 2018 Valentines Dinner/Dance

Sat. March 17th, 2018 - Irish Night

Sat. May 26th , 2018 Garage Sale



At the Christmas in July gathering, the Council presented a plaque to the outgoing Grand Knight W. Sapieha in recognition of his two years of dedicated service to the Knights of Columbus Council 7991. Making the presentation on behalf of the Council was Br. P. Horsfield and the new Grand Knight Rum Hykaway.

We have been advised that Br. Joseph Kong, FIC will be our temporary Field Agent until August . He is stationed in Burnaby, B.C.

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Associated Press; August 12, 17';
Pope Francis has ordered a Belgian Catholic charity to stop offering euthanasia in its psychiatric hospitals. The Brothers of Charity group had previously announced it would allow doctors to perform euthanasia at its 15 psychiatric hospitals in Belgium. The Catholic Church opposes euthanasia and the Holy See has began investigating the decision to allow

the procedure, which was made by the group's lay board of directors.

News of the New Fourth Degree Uniform.



In early August 2017 the KofC board of directors voted to adopt a new uniform for the Fourth Degree. The decision was made with the good of the entire Order in mind. Several factors led the board to reach this decision. The Ceremonial swords will continue to be part of the Fourth Degree along with gloves. Colored patches will be worn on the beret behind the 4th Degree emblem to identify the different rankings. The old uniforms may continue to be worn until the end of the current fraternal year (June 30, 2018). The change was decided by the board of directors after a three year period of testing and discussion. It had previously been discussed with the vice supreme masters at the Supreme Assembly. To the question of members input it was noted that "for years supreme officers and directors received comments from members and prospective members that the old regalia was a barrier to membership overall, or to membership in the Fourth Degree. Bringing the change to better understanding the KofC stated "During the

convention, the Good of the Order Committee stated, "We commend all of the faithful Sir Knights who have proudly worn the Fourth Degree regalia, bringing much respect to the Order. With the new Fourth Degree uniform, recently approved by the Board of Directors, this honor and respect associated with Sir Knights will remain, and it will open the door more widely for a new generation to join their ranks. In the spirit of unity, let us assist with a smooth transition to this new uniform and encourage it to be worn with great dignity and pride."

The New Executive for Council 7991



Council 7991 - Welcomes the 2017-18' Executive Council. Installation of Officers took place on June 4th following the 10.30 AM Mass.

Grand Knight - R. Hykaway
 Dep. G.K. D. Belliveau; Chancellor - R, Stothers,
 Warden - J. Chambers, Advocate S. Fraser.
 Recorder -P. Clarke, Treasurer - D. Niwa;
 Inside Guard A. Waldie; Outside Guard G.
 Johnston; Trustee 3 yr - T. Cuniffe Trustee 2nd
 Yr. R. Primeau; Trustee 1 Yr. P. Horsfield.
 Financial Secretary (Supreme Appointed) J.
 Lewis; Past GK. W. Sapieha.

Br. W.L. Sapieha our Past Grand Knight was installed as the new District Deputy for District #2 on July 8th, 2017. Congratulations to our Br. Wayne !

The 2017 Lifestyle Books are now for Sale at a reduced price of \$15.00. Contact Br. Ray Misanchuk at (250)607-8950.



The Councils' Pancake Breakfast team performed with great success on Sunday, June 25th. The menu was met with positive comment from many clients including motor-cycle enthusiasts attending the special 'Blessing of the Bikes' service. Br. Sandy Fraser and his troupe of volunteers did a great job and are to be commended.

Another Breakfast is planned for Sunday, Sept. 10th.

In 1529, Clement VII and Holy Roman Emperor Charles V signed the "Peace of Barcelona", which ended attacks on Rome by the Lutheran armies.



Council 7991 currently has 92 members. We look forward to seeing more members attending monthly meetings. We would encourage all Council members to consider finding new candidates interested in joining the Knights of Columbus. 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.

'Actions speak louder than words' "The Attraction of Action" The best way to recruit is to implement programs that are going to help the community and the Church. You don't have to reinvent the wheel. When the church

community sees that your council is active-hosting a blood drive, serving coffee and donuts after Mass, or involved in all the beautiful Masses of Holy Week-then they want to be part of it. You can give them all the literature you want, but they want to be part of something that's active and successful.

All Talents Welcome, When men join the KofC I make them aware that every one of them has a talent. It's like St. Paul says; we all have different gifts, yet we are all one in the Body of Christ'. So, if you are thinking, "What can I bring to the Knights of Columbus?" then you should know that there is a place for you If you're willing to step forward and accept the challenge, there is a program where you can fit in" (An excerpt from a 'Columbia' June 2017, article by R.J. Alonzo, Past Gr. Knight Corpus Christy Council 1202).

Council 7991 once again participated in the Sandcastle Beachfest Competition and Exhibition at Parksville. A number of Knights and their spouses took part as Goodwill Ambassadors. Their volunteer work was highly appreciated not only by the Council but also, undoubtedly, by the Beachfest organizing Committee.

The Council will take part in the Annual Charity Appeal. Br. P. Horsfield has begun the task of registration. Further details will follow in due course.

State was asking for volunteers and/or donations for the wild fire victims in the interior of B.C., particularly the Williams Lake and 100 Mile House areas. Councils in the region are providing logistical support, housing etc.



A LOOK at the BUDGET

The 2017-18' Annual Budget has been reviewed and was to be presented in final draft at the August General Meeting for approval. This is a very important feature of the Councils' operations and we hope all member Knights made a conscious effort to look at proposals and plans for the coming fraternal year.

Vacation; Two weeks on the sunny sands, and the rest of the year on the financial rocks" (S. Ewing)



Catholic groups are mobilizing to help in Hurricane Harvey's aftermath.

Catholic dioceses and charities are quickly organizing to help in the aftermath of a Cat 4 hurricane that made landfall with heavy rains and 130 MPH winds on Aug 25th in Texas. The National Weather Service estimate the expected rainfall after the hurricane and storm

are over "are beyond anything experiences before". The KofC, Knights of Malta and (Catholic Charities USA are involved in coordinating with rapid-response teams. (Aug 28. Washington CNS)

135th Supreme Convention St. Louis - Aug 17'

More than 2,000 Knights and their families gathered in St. Louis for the Convention. The Supreme Knight announced the " KofC Campaign to Save 1 Million Children" - Ultrasound Initiative has already provided 829 ultrasound machines. The new campaign aims to reach the goal of 1,000 machines so that by 2019 we will have saved an estimated total of 1 million lives.

. 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.

OPEN FORUM;

FROM THE NATIONAL FRONT;

A new bill before the House of Commons has triggered religious freedom concerns because it removes Criminal Code of Canada(CCC) sanctions against disrupting or obstructing worship services. Bill C.51 would remove section 176(1) of the CCC that protects clergy from being obstructed by force or threats from conducting worship services, and applies sanctions against those who would disrupt or obstruct worship services. As commented by Conservative MP Cathay Wagantall who said the Gov't is sending a mixed message when it comes to religious freedom and on June 15 told the House of Commons, "The Liberals were

very supportive of Motion No.103, which protects Muslims from an undefined term, 'Islamophobia', yet, Bill C.51 proposes to remove the only provision in the Criminal Code that protects all religious communities and all religious officials". (catholicregister.org July 2-9, 17')

The Canadian Human Rights Act has been amended with the addition of gender identity and gender expression to the list of prohibited grounds of discrimination. On June 19, royal assent was given to Bill C.16 and it is now law. The Catholic Civil Rights League (CCRL) feels these amendments will no doubt serve as guidance for human rights commissions and tribunals along with other governing bodies to decide against those who believe that the two genders are Male and Female. (CCRL June 20)

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS NOT PERMITTED BY THE POPE! In a letter from Pope Francis to the Bishops, the hosts must not be 'gluten free'. The bread may well be made from genetically modified organisms. (<http://www.mediahuis.be/surf-policy>)

Cardinal Fernando Filoni in his book "The Church in Iraq" comments, 'to understand the current situation in Iraq, the evolving and complex conflicts there, one has to understand its past which is often ignored or unknown in the West. The book is 'a testimonial ' to the victims of the 'Islamic terrorism of ISIS' he told the Christians and non-Christians he met when Pope Francis sent him as his personal representative to encounter and pray with these shaken communities that fled the Islamic State. The Italian cardinal lived in Iraq during a time of great tension and turmoil. St. John Paul II made him the apostolic nuncio to Iraq and Jordan in Jan 2001. St. JP II firmly opposed military intervention and, despite the fact that he sent peace-seeking missions to Washington and Bagdad, the United States attacked. Not even the stern warning of the St. Pope could deter Pres. George W. Bush, the cardinal wrote. In his book, Cardinal Filoni speaks to the daily contact between Christians and their Muslim

neighbors which led to a sharing of ideas. He recalls when he lived in Bagdad, he visited a church dedicated to Mary in a predominantly Muslim neighborhood. "I was astounded by the fact that the walls of this church were dirty" with what looked like handprints smudged everywhere he said. When he asked Church members, "Why don't you clean this? They said "No! Because these are the signs of the Muslim women who come to pray to Mary, mother of Jesus, and as a sign of their prayer, they leave an imprint of their hand." Since Mary is revered by Muslims, he said many expectant mothers visit this church to pray to her for protection. (Vatican CNS July 14, 17').

We encourage care with the Internet and e-mail operations. A recent comment by a computer expert who said; "If You can write it - We can Hack it!" Another reminder for all of us to remove any addresses from your email before sending. Use 'Bcc' if sending your emails to multiple addresses.

Considering the many hours of labour and dedication we see by those of our Council 7991, who constantly stand up and volunteer to organize and help at the many projects in our Community we raise our hats, give a loud cheer and a Big Thank You! Well Done Lads !



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.

"Why do we only Rest in Peace? Why don't we Live in Peace too?

Mrs. I. Murphy advised that Br. Mike Murphy's ashes were taken to Ireland and buried with members of his family in accordance with his wishes.

We hope you and yours had a pleasant holiday and stayed safe while travelling.

On the Lighter Side;

The Garden Party; A wealthy woman is giving a garden party and several well to do guests attend. While the party ensues, two gardeners are working on the back lawn. One guest is watching the gardeners do their thing and while one gardener is busy weeding the other jumped up and did graceful swirling dance movements. Taken by his grace, the guest remarked to the host, "That man is such a talented dancer that I would pay him a hundred dollars to demonstrate his dancing before my aerobics class!"

When the host asked the first gardener about such an arrangement, he yelled; "Hey Fred! Do you think for a hundred bucks you could step on that rake again?"

Watch Your Grammar! The Upper Canada Village blacksmith hired an enthusiastic new apprentice willing to work long, hard hours. He instructed the boy, "When I take the shoe out of the fire, I'll lay it on the anvil. When I nod my head, you hit it with the hammer". The apprentice did exactly what he was told, and

now he's the new Upper Canada Village Blacksmith.



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