



Ascension Council 7991

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Grand Knight's Report.
As I approach my final 6 months as Grand Knight, I want to thank you all for all your hard work, support, mentoring and dedication to make my job that much easier. All the functions were fulfilled with 100% effort and more knowing that with this hard work, we also achieved Star Council status.

Congratulations to the Knights who moved up to the Fourth Degree. Here is hoping that 2017 will be just as successful. The Annual Knights Appreciation Dinner was a very good evening.

Thanks to the Ascension Knights Choir led by Leo and accompanied by Michael on the keyboard for our entertainment. The Awards go to Br. George O'Connor.

(Appreciation Certificate). Family of the Year Award went to Br. Dennis Belliveau and his lovely wife, Beverly. Br. Sandy Fraser was selected as our Knight of the Year. A job well done and well deserved.

*We also want to thank Br. Jim Lewis for accepting the position of Financial Secretary for our Council. On behalf of Cheryl and Myself, we want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and all the best for 2017 ! God Bless, Vivat Jesus, Fraternally,
Wayne Sapieha, Grand Knight*



Calendar of Events

Executive Meeting; Thursday Dec. 15 at 7.00 PM
General Meeting' Thursday ,Jan 5, 2017 at 7.30 PM.

February 11th, 2017 Valentine's Dinner/Dance'
March 18th, 2017 St. Patrick's Feast

The 2017 Lifestyle books are available at \$27.00. Contact Br. Tony at 752-9152 or Br. Ray at 752-8950.

"Your Mind is a garden- Your thoughts are the seeds. You can grow flowers or You can grow weeds"



Meet your new Executives for 2016/2017;
Grand Knight; Wayne Sapieha
Deputy Grand Knight; Rum Hykaway
Financial Advisor; Jim Lewis
Treasurer; Dale Niwa
Recorder; Patty Clarke
Warden; J. Chambers

Chancellor; Dennis Belliveau
Advocate; Sandy Fraser
Inside Guard; M.Morrison
Outside Guard; G. Johnston
Trustee 1st Yr. T. Dunn
Trustee 2nd Yr. Tom Cuniffe
Trustee 3rd Yr. B. Primeau
Lecturer' P. Tellier

Council 7991 currently has 94 members.



Council reports the 2016 Pasta Nite was successful and Thanks all those members who contributed so well to make this an enjoyable evening for everyone. Consideration is being given to holding a 'October - Fest' in the Fall of 2017.



Deacon Brian West has joined the Church of the Ascension. Deacon Brian was ordained to the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Calgary in 2006. He retired to settle in Parksville with his wife Jean following a 34 yr career as a teacher and school principal in Banff and Canmore, Alta.

"The Church's mission cannot manage without the laity" - Pope Francis

Br. D. Belliveau reported that the 2016 Parksville Sand Sculpting Beachfest competition and subsequent Exhibition was a success with approximately 133, 400 visitors. A good number of our Council Knights and their spouses assisted at the presentations for several weeks. Council 7991 may re-apply to assist at the 2017 Beachfest.

At the General Meeting held on Sept. 1st, the District Deputy, Br. P. Horsfield congratulated the Council for achieving 'Star Council' status for fiscal year 2015/16'. This is a well deserved recognition for the work and support carried out by Council 7991.



District Deputy and Brother Knight P. Horsfield presented the 'Star Council Award' to our WOK W. Sapieha. This is a remarkable achievement for Council 7991 and recognizes the outstanding performance by our members for the past year. Job Well Done !



On Saturday Dec. 3rd Council 7991 held it's Annual Appreciation & Awards Dinner. The Event served to present Awards to our fellow Knights for outstanding performance during the past year. The Knight of the Year Award was presented to Br. Sandy Fraser for his assistance to the Council in many areas. Brother Dennis Belliveau and his wife Beverly were chosen as the Family of the Year and Br. George O'Connor received the Certificate of Appreciation for his work in the Oceanside Community. An excellent dinner prepared by Quality Foods was enjoyed by all in attendance.



Just a friendly reminder that Dues are now being collected for 2016-17. Please renew your memberships.

"When GOD solves our problems, we have faith in HIS abilities. When GOD doesn't solve our problems HE has faith in our abilities"



The 2016-17' Annual B.C. Charity Appeal is now in full swing and tickets are available at various locations in Oceanside or, by contacting the WOK.

Life Style Books for 2017 are now available from Br. T. Antoniuk or Br. R. Misanchuk for \$27.00.



Council 7991 delegated representatives to attend 2016 memorial day ceremonies in the Oceanside area. Br. R. Hykaway and Br. J. Enright laid a wreath at the Parksville Memorial. WOK W. Sapieha and Br. D. Belliveau represented the Knights at Qualicum Beach while Br. R. Stothers laid a wreath at the Bowser Memorial.

OPEN FORUM;

Effective Jan 25, 2016, six Mission Dioceses will no longer be under the Roman Curia. The Archdiocese of Keewatin - Le Pas, Grouard-McLennan, Churchill- Hudson Bay, Moosonee, MacKenzie -Fort Smith, Whitehorse, have been transferred to the competency of the Congregation for Bishops and will pass over to the jurisdiction of the Common Law of the Church. (Missions of Canada)

Dec 6, 2016; Speakers at a Dec. 5th panel discussion in New York said; "Christians in the Middle East face extinction because of genocide, wars and international indifference to their plight. (CNS Dec 6th)

ISIS has announced the launch of a holy war on the same day US Republican nominee, Donald Trump will step into the Presidency on Friday, Jan. 20th, 17'. (Catholic Online -Cal. Sect)

At a mid-year convention in Orlando, Fl. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson told State leaders that Membership is key to the growth and stability of the KofC. He encouraged the focus on membership, recruitment and retention. (KofC.Org Nov 28, 16')

The KofC donated more than \$500,000 in support to the victims of flooding in Louisiana.

We would encourage care with the Internet and e-mail operations.

A scam has been growing with an e-mail suggesting it originates with the 'Canadian Revenue Agency' demanding payment via Interac. This is fraudulent as the CRA does not request payments through Interac.

Another reminder for all of us to remove any addresses from your email before sending. Use 'Bcc' if sending your emails to multiple addresses.

Here's a hint if you're travelling and will be away from home for several days or weeks.

-You may notice you digital clocks flashing which indicates there has been a power outage during your absence. But, it's difficult to know when it occurred or how long it lasted, therefore impossible to tell how long the food in your freezer may have thawed, was destroyed, then froze again.

Here's a helpful hint; all you need is a cup, a coin and some tap water; **Put a cup of water in the freezer, let it freeze solid then put a coin(quarter) on top and leave it in the freezer.** That way, if the coin fell to the bottom of the cup, it means the food defrosted and should be discarded. But, if the coin is either on top or in the middle of the container your food might still be OK. Thus, **BE SAFE!**

A Comment from Cst. Saddlesore;

Winter is upon us, **STAY SAFE!** Maintain your vehicle and keep some survival gear in the car. Put on **WINTER** tires, the **MUD & SNOW** tires will not be sufficient and may not be acceptable travelling in certain areas, i.e. the Alahat, the Hump to Port Alberni, etc.

To those Brothers and their families who may be travelling during the next few weeks, **Please, be Careful!**



From the Catholic Civil Rights League; Toronto, Nov. 2, 16', reports the BC Court of Appeals unanimous decision 5-0 in favour of Trinity Western University in its struggle against the BC Law Society. The Law Society had revoked the accreditation of the TWU School of Law after complaints by members of TWU unlawfully discriminating against the LBGTQ community. The Catholic Civil Rights League intervened in the case alongside the Faith and Freedom Alliance and the BC Archdiocese of Vancouver.

Quoting the CCRL report of Nov. 2nd, 16', the Court provided a summary of its ruling which may be a worthwhile passage. "(193) A society that does not admit of and accomodate differences cannot be a free and democratic society - one in which its citizens are free to think, to disagree, to debate and to challenge the accepted view without fear of reprisal. This case demonstrates that a well-intentioned majority acting in the name of tolerance and liberalism, can, if unchecked, impose its views on the minority that is in itself intolerant and illiberal."

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



Our WOK is pleased to announce the arrival of Luke Morrison who was to be Baptized on Sunday Nov, 6th.

Our Congratulations to Br. Morrison and his family for this wonderful event and what a Christmas this will be for the family!



Here's wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Joyeux Noel et Bonne Annee

Frohe Weihnachten und ein Gluckliches Neujahr

Prolijk Kerstfeest en Gelukkig Nieuwjaar.



