



Grand Knight's Report

As we closed out 2015 we wish to thank and Congratulate the 8 children from the Catechists who entered the Keep Christ in Christmas coloring contest. The 8 pictures are now on their way to be judged by State Officials. Judging will be done and winners announced at the Annual State Convention in April. February saw the St. Valentine's Dinner and Dance. A very successful evening, well done Br. Wayne Latremouille and his team. Judy Palipowski and Br. G. Despin provided wonderful dance music. We are now preparing for Irish Night. We Thank all our volunteers for helping at these events. Let us keep going in our membership drive and along with other programs we are very close to obtaining Star Council status. We wish to Thank Br. M. Morrison for his time as our Insurance and Financial Adviser. We wish him well in his new position at the T.D. Bank. With this we welcome back Br. Shawn Fetter. Remember, "Yesterday is History, Tomorrow is the future and Today is a Gift, that is why it's called the Present"

*God Bless You All, Vivat Jesus
W. Sapieha. WGK Council 7991*

K of C. General Meetings:



*Get Involved !
Decisions are made by those who show up! Let's try to increase attendance from 25% of the membership to 50%. The*

next General Meeting is scheduled for March 3 at 7.00pm The Executive will meet on March 17 at 7.00pm

Charity Appeal; *It looks like we failed to get lucky again but the 3rd prize, a 2016 Ford C Max Hybrid was won by someone in Nanaimo.*



Thank You to Council members for their grand efforts organizing the Valentine's Day Evening. Well Done!

Generally, Fasting binds all persons who have completed their 18th birthday through those who have completed their 59th year, unless prevented by poor health. On days of fast, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's own needs. Eating between meals is not allowed although fluids may be taken. Lent is a penitential season and as such, religious practices such as daily Mass, the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the Stations of the Cross, works of Charity and Justice, and acts of self-denial are highly encouraged.



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The Council is now preparing for the Grand Annual St. Patrick's evening to be held on MARCH 12th starting at 6.30 PM. Tickets are available following each Mass at

\$12.50 P/P. The Knight's Choir will perform and Br. George and Judy will entertain with their fine selection of Irish tunes.

Many will have noted mention of our Council in the local media where a photo of a participant of the basketball free throw was shown on the front page. Tip of the Hat to our Council members

who organize and help at the various events in our local schools.

Stations of the Cross will be held on March 4th, at 7.00 pm, Knights will be reading.



The Holy Week Last Supper will be held on March 7th. Volunteers are needed for both latter events.

Financial Notice: It was announced that Br. Matthew has stepped back from his position as Field Agent for our area. Br. Shawn Fetter will once again take over responsibilities for KofC Insurance and financial interests.



Father Karam has informed that a Syrian family of three with a newborn child has been identified for sponsorship.

A Director for the Pro-Life Committee is urgently required. Anyone interested may contact our WGK.

Br. Misanchuk (250)752-8950 and Br. Antoniuk (250)752-9152, are looking after the 2015/16' Life Style Book Program.

Br. D. Belliveau informs the next Garage Sale is scheduled for May 16th, 2016.

Charity Appeal 2016; No winner to the Early Bird Draw from our Council 7991!

HEALTH



We know a number of our brothers and their loved ones are suffering ill health at this time and we wish you all the best and a speedy recovery.

Please notify the Worthy Grand Knight should you require any assistance or favor hospital visits.



.Pope Francis recently completed a successful visit to Mexico where he celebrated his first Mass before Our Lady of Guadalupe.

During a brief stop-over at Havana, Cuba, Pope Francis met with Russian Orthodox Patriarch Kirill of Moscow at the Havana airport for a long awaited discussion after two decades of Vatican overtures to bring a Pope and a Russian Patriarch together. Both signed a joint declaration emphasizing issues the two churches have in common.



Much discussion has taken place in recent months regarding the Pancake Breakfasts organized by the Knights' Council 7991. Due to budgetary restraints the Parish can only support 2 Breakfast events for this year. As a result our Council has decided to consolidate the 3 breakfast Teams into 2. It is anticipated the breakfasts may still provide an opportunity for parishioners to get together and have a social forum at minimal costs. While it was agreed to maintain the cost as a donation it was suggested that a \$5.00 p/p amount be introduced.

A combined breakfast with the CWL in support of Church needs is planned for April 24th after the 10.30 AM Mass and, June 12th was

suggested as a possible date for another breakfast.



Visiting Ireland ?

Brendan and Helen O'Keeffe of Bantry, Ireland offer B and B facilities with 3 rooms, 2 ensuite and 1 single with Bathroom

access. They can be contacted at helenokeeffe59@gmail.com



The Council has donated Children's education Bibles and the GK presented the Bibles to the children. The Bibles were authorized by the Diocese of Victoria.



Supreme Knight C. Anderson has proposed the Order's new initiative, "Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parish. Further information and discussion will be distributed in the coming fraternal year.

EUTHANASIA PREVENTION COALITION:

The issue of Assisted Suicide continues to be a major concern for our Church and Community. Representation to the Minister of Justice is being made to insist the Federal Government ensure that laws and regulations protect the conscience rights of individuals and institutions that cannot participate in any form in assisted suicide legislation.

The Catholic Civil Rights League (CCRL) strongly opposes recommendations of the Report of the Special Joint Committee on Physician-Assisted Dying. According to the CCRL, the Joint Committee's majority recommends the practically unfettered and immediate implementation of death on demand for Canadians. The League fears for the elderly, the disabled and those with mental health afflictions, that they may experience increased pressure to take their own lives rather than gain access to treatment or palliative care. Catholic health institutions cannot and will not participate in the intrinsically evil act of assisted suicide/euthanasia. (The CCRL founded in 85' as an independent non-profit lay organization)

Feb 25th. www.ccrl.ca

The Catholic Civil Rights League (CCRL) has made representation to PM Trudeau and the Min. of Foreign Affairs to urge the Government to continue supporting the Office of Religious Freedom.



Not long ago someone asked why we have such events as an 'Appreciation Night' for our Knights. It doesn't take a genius to take a look at the activities our

Brothers in this Council are involved with to help our Church and Community. We need only check the current pages of www.kofc.org to see what our brothers worldwide are accomplishing. Here are but a few for the year ending November 2015.

- \$500K donated to the Catholic Relief Services to support the education of Syrian and Iraqi refugees in Jordan.

- One months' supply of food to more than 13,500 Iraqi Christians in the Middle East

- In August 2015 the KofC Insurance Program earned the highest financial strength rating A++(Superior) from A.M. BEST rating agency for the 40th consecutive year.

- Aug 4-6, at he Supreme Convention, Supreme Knight C. Anderson pledged to double the KofC

humanitarian efforts to help persecuted Middle Eastern Christians.

- May 2015 Knights and their families were among the nearly 25,000 gathered on Ottawa's Parliament Hill to participate in the March for Life.

- Mar 2015 Founder's Day, prayers were offered at Supreme offices for the canonization of Venerable Father M. McGivney



Five to seven year olds receiving their Keep Christ In Christmas coloring contest certificates.



The GK and children who participated in the coloring contest.



Best Sermons are Lived -
Not Preached

What is Celibacy? Celibacy can be a choice in life, or a condition imposed by circumstances. While attending a Marriage Weekend, my wife and I listened to the instructor declare, "It is essential that husbands and wives know the things that are important to each other.." He then addressed the men, "Can you name and describe your wife's favorite flower?" - I leaned over, touched my wife's hand gently and whispered, "Robin Hood All-Purpose, isn't it honey ?" And thus began my life of celibacy!