



### Grand Knight's Report

As my 1st year in the roll of Grand Knight comes to an end, I would like to thank all of you for your support. Words sometimes cannot express the thanks I have for all of you. We have had a wonderful year. Our membership grew. Some Knights moved on to get their 2nd and 3rd Degrees. The support we gave to the other Parish Ministries. Wonderful social evenings and fellowship. All the work and help to Fr. Karam as our new Parish Priest and induction to the Knights as our Spiritual Leader. For the outgoing executive members, once again thank you, we look forward to you help in supporting roles for our annual functions. To the new Executive, thank you for letting your name stand and to continue the great work this council does. We look forward to hearing from Supreme to see if we made Star Council. I would also like to thank the CWL for their help and support during the year.

On behalf of Cheryl have a wonderful summer and safe travels on your holidays.

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

### 2016 / 2017 Elections held on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Grand Knight	Wayne Sapieha
Deputy Grand Knight	Rum Hykaway
Treasurer	Dale Niva
Recorder	Paddy Clarke
Warden	Jack Chambers
Chancellor	Dennis Belliveau
Advocate	Sandy Fraser
Inside Guard	Matthew Morrison
Outside Guard	Gord Johnston
Trustee One Year	Tony Dunn
Trustee Two Years	Tom Cunniffe
Trustee Three Years	Bob Primeau
Financial Secretary	Dave Nenzel
Lecturer	Paul Tellier

### Calendar of Events

**June** is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

**July 1<sup>st</sup> 2016**, Council 7991 will have participation in the Parksville/QB parade with a float and several 4th and 3rd Degree members.

**Christmas in July** celebration will be hosted by Br. Ben and Mrs. Cartmell on Sunday July 24th at 1.30 PM at 1370 Terrace Road, Errington, BC. The Council will supply salads, potatoes and desert with members asked to bring your preferred main dish, utensils, plates and chairs.

**July / August 2016** Council 7991 has been chosen to participate as Ambassadors at the 2016 Sandcastle Beachfest Competition and Exhibition held in Parksville.. Br. D. Belliveau will co-ordinate the programme for Council members and provide details in due course.

**September 10<sup>th</sup>** - Installation of Officers following the 5 pm Mass

**October 15<sup>th</sup>** - Pasta Night and Toonie Auction.

**December 3<sup>rd</sup>** Knight's Appreciation Dinner.

The Annual Appreciation/Christmas Dinner recognizes our Brother Knights for their endless work and efforts in supporting the K of C. Some of the projects are very demanding in time and labour, some less however, small or large, we know the commitments our Brother Knights are making each day to help the Council and the Community. The Appreciation event is but one way to let all those who contribute, know they are not 'lost in the shuffle'.

## Past Events

**May 5<sup>th</sup>** Twelve Council members assisted at the CWL Fashion Show and Tea. Job Well Done!



**May 28<sup>th</sup>** saw the Annual K of C **Garage Sale**. This was a tremendous operation organized by Br. D. Belliveau and several Council members.



Brother Paul Tellier noted the successful participation at the **March for Life in Victoria**.

**June 11<sup>th</sup>** The 4th Degree Colour Guard took part in the Confirmation Mass at 5.00 PM with Bishop Gary Gordon in attendance.

Bishop Gary Gordon spoke of his younger days as an aspiring hockey player and shook hands with Gordie Howe. It was interesting to hear that Gordie Howe was a Catholic.



Council 7991 donated \$500.00 to the Fort McMurray Relief Fund. This donation will be doubled by the Gov't of Alberta.

Some changes have been made to the Pancake Breakfast operations. The latest presentation was on April 10, 16' and from all reports the breakfast was a success once again.



Brother Joe Arimare receiving his 3rd Degree Certificate.

The **Council welcomed** a new member Brother Peter Dembicki who transferred from Mill Bay, BC.

Council 7991 recognizes the importance of seeking new members to the K of C, but also feels concerned with the number of Knights who do not attend meetings or participate in Council activities.

Report from K of C Headquarters, New Haven, CT indicates that the Knights of Columbus have set a new record in Charity for the 16th year. Charitable donations reached **\$175,079,192** with 73.5 Million

On the **National Scene**, much controversy continues regarding **Bill C-14**, Canada's Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide Legislation. If passed, this law will amend the Criminal Code of Canada to make euthanasia / assisted suicide legal in this country. The Archbishop of Toronto, Thomas Collins stated on April 14th, "At a time when our priority should be fostering a culture of love, and enhancing resources for those suffering and facing death, assisted suicide leads us down a dark path. At first sight it may seem an attractive option, a quick and merciful escape from the suffering that can be experienced in life, but fuller reflection reveals its grim implications, not only for the individual but for our society, and especially for those who are most vulnerable. Such fuller reflection is sorely needed now. Just days ago, Pope Francis stated, "Care and concern for the final stages of life is all the more necessary today, when contemporary society attempts to remove every trace of death and dying. Euthanasia and assisted suicide are serious threats to families worldwide. " Cardinal Collins encourages all those who are troubled by the prospect of assisted suicide to continue dialogue with their members of parliament, both at the federal and provincial levels. (see [ccrl@ccrl.ca](mailto:ccrl@ccrl.ca) CCRL April 14, 2016. for more details)

The Catholic Civil Rights League (CCRL), On May 9th, 2016 announced that it had chosen Alex Schadenberg, anti-euthanasia / assisted suicide activist as the winner of the Adam Exner Award for Catholic Excellence in Public Life.

### Vatican News



"Euthanasia is a Triumph of Selfishness, not an Act of Compassion"  
**Pope Francis.**

**Pope Francis** decries Doctors who 'hide behind alleged compassion to Justify killing a patient'

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**John 3.16 "For God so Loved the World, that He gave his Only Son".** One of the better known lines in scripture.

We customarily think this only refers to humans 'that God so loved'. But, it's much larger, God loves the whole world, meaning all of nature and all of creation. This leads us to re-consider the traditional idea of dominion from the Book of Genesis that mankind has 'dominion' over all of creation. What if, in light of the real meaning of John 3.16 we consider mankind as having more of a stewardship over the world, a more relational, shared way of being, rather than a 'dominion' which implies more of a lordly ownership.

In light of this, we are all tasked with doing something to be good stewards of our world, which is God's glorious creation. As Mother Theresa once said, "We can't all do great things, but we can all do small things in a great way" So many of Jesus' teachings and proverbs also, relate to the planting of seeds, to crops and harvests, to water and birds.

We can be good stewards, honouring and thanking God for the gift of the beautiful world that He has given us.



**News, June 16;**

After the Orlando Florida shootings, attorneys of the American Civil Liberties Union pointed their fingers toward Christians in blame. Leading Christian organizations across the USA rejected this strongly, stressing that while they disagree with gay marriage, they promote the dignity of every human life, no matter the sexual orientation.

**Time for a Smile?**

A young woman brings her fiancé to meet her parents. After dinner the mother tells her husband to find out about the young man. "So, what are your plans?" asks the father. "I am a Torah Scholar" He says. The father asks "Fine, but what will you do to provide a nice house for my daughter to live in, as she is accustomed to". "I will study and God will provide for us" says the man. "And how will you buy her a beautiful engagement ring, such as she deserves?" asks the father. "I will concentrate on my studies" the young man replies "God will provide for us" "And children, how will you support them?" asks the father. "Don't worry, God will provide" says the fiancé. As the conversation continues to each question the young idealist insists that God will provide. Later on the mother asks her husband "How did it go, Dear?" The father answers, "He has no job and no plans, but the good news is, he thinks I'm God!"

**June Birthday's**

John F Smart	06-02-1933	83
Cornelius J Hendricks	06-04-1947	69
Peter R Kucey	06-10-1931	85
Drazen Filko	06-11-1974	42
Martin E Shaddick	06-12-1958	58
Hans Kratz	06-20-1936	80
Dr Francis J LaCouvee	06-21-1961	55
Wayne L Sapieha	06-22-1961	55
Tom P Yaremko	06-26-1941	75
Paul E Tellier	06-30-1940	76



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.