



Ascension Council 7991

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Grand Knight's Report, Brother Knights,

Words alone cannot express the way I feel about being Grand Knight for this Council. We have a very good group of men who dedicate so much of their time for the better of the Community and the Parish. So far, for 2017, the events and functions have been a great success. All the Brother Knights who helped out with the Basketball Free Throw, working with over 100 kids, the St. Valentine's Dinner and Dance, the meal was wonderful as always. The St. Patrick's Day Dinner was another wonderful event. Between the 2 functions we raised just over \$500.00 with 50/50 draws. This month (March) we welcomed a new Knight, Congratulations to Br. Alf Randall for joining the Council. Thanks to Fr. Karam

for being our Pastor and Spiritual Leader. We wish him all the success in his new Parish in Victoria. Bless you and God be with you.

*Wayne Sapieha, Grand Knight
Council 7991.*

Calendar of Events

General Meeting; Thursday April 6th, 7..30 pm

Executive Meeting; Thursday, April 20th, 7.00 pm

The Council will hold a 'Recruitment Day at the Church on Sunday March 26th. Coffee and Cake will be served.

Due to other commitments the General Meeting scheduled for May will be held on Wednesday Mary 3rd.

March 31st the Council will host 'Stations of the Cross'.

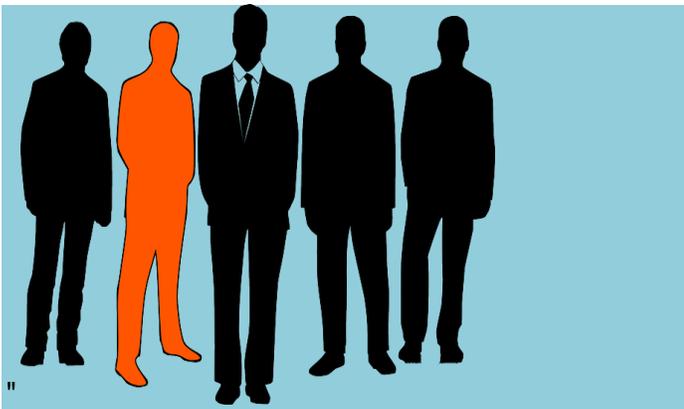
Plans are afoot for a Special Mass to include the Blessing of the Bikes followed by a Pancake Breakfast to be hosted by Council 7991 in May 2017. St. Columbanus, the Patron Saint of Bikers will be remembered at this Mass.

State has circulated some information regarding the Wheel Chair Program. A DVD explaining the program and previous operations may be available.

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

We have been informed that our Council Chaplain Fr. K. Alraban will be transferred to the Holy Cross Parish in Victoria, B.C. effective April 23rd, 2017.

Fr. M. Favero who previously served at the Church of the Ascension has been named to become the Pastor at Ascension Parish on August 5th, 2017.



Council 7991 currently has 94 members. We look forward to more members attending monthly meetings. We would encourage all Council members to consider finding anyone 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

Consideration is being given to holding a 'October - Fest' in the Fall of 2017.

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

"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 Knights of Columbus (Supreme) donated \$75,000 to support families of victims of the Dec. 11th Cairo Church bombing.

"When facing criticism, a sense of humor and the grace to remain at peace is always the best response" Pope Francis said during an interview with Germany's DIE on March 12th (Vatican News, CNS)"

Slavery in all of its modern forms, sex slaves, forced labor, child soldiers, child brides and other victims of trafficking, continues to grow, fueled by conflicts, intense poverty and the migration and refugee crisis. Says Archbishop Bernardo AUZO the Vatican's UN Rep. (CNS March 12, 17'

IRAQI Christians celebrated when Trump won. Archbishop Bashar Warda of Erbil, said the US President's Executive Order brings renewed hope to persecuted minorities. "I wonder why all of these protesters were not protesting in the streets when ISIS came to kill Christians and Yazidis and other minority groups. They were not protesting when the tens of thousands of displaced Christians my archdiocese has cared for since 2014 and received no financial assistance from the US Government or the U.N." (BC Catholic Feb 6th)

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.

August 2018. The World Meeting of Families will be held in Dublin, Ireland. This event is held every three years to celebrate family as the cornerstone of our lives.



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

TEN THINGS TO REMEMBER ABOUT LENT.

An Irish Friendship Wish;
 May there always be work for your hands to do; May your purse always hold a coin or two; May the sun always shine on your windowpane; May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain;
 May the hand of a friend always be near you; May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you. And may you be in heaven a half hour before the devil knows you're Dead"

 On March 18 following the 5.00 PM Mass, the Council hosted it's Annual Paddy's Day Fest. Led by Br. W. Latremouille, the kitchen team prepared a typical Irish Stew which was enjoyed by our many guests.
 Well Done ! as always "Thank You !"

1. Remember the Formula - 10 Commandments 7 Sacraments, 3 Persons in the Trinity. Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.
2. It's a time of Prayer
3. It's a time to Fast - with the fasts of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, meatless Fridays, Lent is the only time many Catholics actually Fast these days.
4. It's a time to work on discipline. In addition to giving something up, we should try to do something positive.
5. It's about 'dying' to yourself'; The more serious side of Lenten discipline is about more than self control. It's about finding aspects of yourself that are less than Christ-like and letting them die.
6. Don't do too much; Though tempting to make Lent some ambitious period of personal re-invention, it's best to keep it simple..
7. Be aware of our weaknesses.
8. Be patient with yourself. God is calling us to be patient and see ourselves as He does, with unconditional love.
9. Reach out in Charity;
10. Learn to love like Christ; Lent is a journey through the desert to the foot of the cross on Good Friday, as we seek him out, ask His help, join in His suffering, and learn to love like Him.

17 THINGS YOU MIGHT CONSIDER GIVING UP THIS LENT;

1. **GUILT**; I am loved by Jesus and He has forgiven my sins, Today is a new day and the past is behind me.
2. **FEAR**; God is on my side. In Him I can conquer all.
3. **THE NEED TO PLEASE**; I can't please everyone anyways, God is the only one I need to strive to please.
4. **ENVY**; I am blessed. My value is not found in my possessions, but in my relationship with my Heavenly Father.
5. **IMPATIENCE**; God's timing is the perfect timing.
6. **SENSE OF ENTITLEMENT**; The world does not owe me anything. God does not owe me anything. I live in humility and grace.
7. **BITTERNESS AND RESENTMENT**; The only person I am hurting by holding onto these, is myself.
8. **BLAME**; I am not going to pass the buck. I will take responsibility for my actions.
9. **GOSSSIP AND NEGATIVITY**; I will try harder to think constructively when it comes to other people.
- 10; **COMPARISON**; I have my own unique contribution to make and there is no one else like me.
11. **FEAR OF FAILURE**; You don't succeed without experiencing failure. Just make sure you fail forward.
12. **A SPIRIT OF POVERTY**; Believe with God that there is always more than enough and never a lack.
13. **FEELINGS OF UNWORTHINESS**; Believe you are loved by God. You are here for a reason. You have a purpose to influence others for Christ.
14. **DOUBT**; Believe God has a plan for you that is beyond anything you could imagine.
15. **SELF-PITY**; God comforts us in our sorrow so that we can comfort others.
16. **LACK OF COUNSEL**; Wise decisions are rarely made in a vacuum.
17. **PRIDE**; Blessed are the humble.
18. **WORRY**; God is in control and worrying will not help.

(cns March 17')

OPEN FORUM;

DID POPE FRANCIS REALLY CALL FOR MARRIED MEN TO BE ORDAINED AS CATHOLIC PRIESTS ?

As we know Catholics already have married clergy - deacons and priests. On March 8, 17' during an interview with a German newspaper. Pope Francis was asked, once again, on the issue of married men being considered for priestly ordination for the Latin Rite of the Catholic Church. His response was nothing new. He reaffirmed the gift of consecrated celibacy and does not favor making it optional. He also affirmed the possibility of considering *Viri probati* , a Latin phrase for older, proven married men, for ordination to the priesthood in the Catholic Church. He suggested that this possibility merits further, prayerful reflection, in limited pastoral situations, if the Holy Spirit revealed a need in the Church.

-Sadly as always, the global press had a field day but showed a lack of understanding on the subject of married clergy in the Catholic Church.
 (Catholic Online 3/10/17 Deacon K. Fournier)

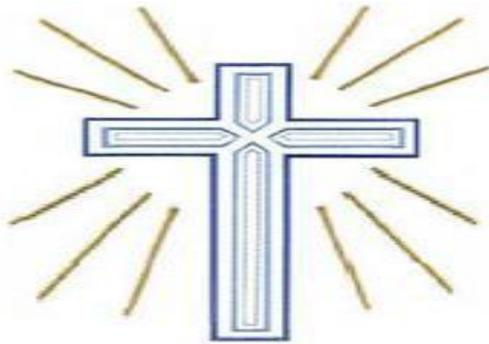
 We encourage care with the Internet and e-mail operations.
 A recent comment by a computer expert who said; "If You can write it - We can Hack it!"
 Another reminder for all of us to remove any addresses from your email before sending. Use 'Bcc' if sending your emails to multiple addresses.

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



Rest In Peace

On February 17 we said Farewell to one of our Brothers, a proud son of the Emerald Isle who supported our Council for many years in various capacities. Michael V. Murphy was a mariner, he had a dedicated career in law enforcement before retiring to Qualicum Beach where he and Isobel enjoyed a wonderful life. Michael was a strong member of the Church and the community and will be missed by his many friends and Brothers of Council 7991. Mass cards for Br. Michael have been arranged for 10.30 AM Masses, August 13 & 17th, Sept. 17 and 24th and Oct. 15th.

NB; 'Murphy's Pub' was officially introduced at the St. Paddy's Day Dinner.

LIFE

Life is like a journey - Taken on a train .With a pair of travelers, At each window pane. I may sit beside you - All the journey thru, Or, I may sit elsewhere Never knowing you. But if fate should mark me, To sit by your side, Let's be pleasant travelers It's so short a ride. (Anon.)

WANT TO VOLUNTEER ?

Three things to ask.

1. What cause is important to you? Do you want to solve a problem? Who are the people you want to connect with.
2. The organization ? The nonprofit sector is growing daily. Look at the leadership structure, is it friendly, open, willing to give opportunities ?
3. How much time can you commit? Be realistic about the amount of time you can spend volunteering. (Christ.Sc.Monitor Feb 17.)

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 must all raise our hats and give a loud cheer and Thank You!.

On the Lighter Side;

Word from the Wise Old Inuit Woman -
"Vegetarian - is Inuit word for Bad Hunter"

Signboard outside a Prayer Hall;
 "Please Do Not Leave Your Bags, Wallets, Cell
 Phones Unattended..Others might think Those are
 the Answers to Their Prayers"

Sign Outside a Driving School;
 "If Your Wife Wants to Learn To Drive, Don't
 Stand in Her Way.."

Signboard at St. Mary's, Nanoose Bay.

'WHAT' S MISSING FROM CH..CH? -
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 and.

"BE WHO YOU NEEDED - WHEN YOU
 WERE DOWN"

Sean is the vicar of the Protestant Parish in
 Southern Ireland, and Patrick is the Priest at the
 Catholic Church across the road.

One day they are seen together, erecting a sign which
 says; "~~THE CAR IS NEAR, TURN
 YOURSELF AROUND NOW BEFORE
 IT IS TOO LATE~~", As a car speeds past them,
 the driver leans out his window and Yells, "Leave
 us alone, you religious mutters. We don't need your
 lectures! "

From around the next curve they hear screeching tires
 and a big splash. Shaking his head, Fr. Patrick
 says, "Dat's da terd one dis mornin!". Sean agrees,
 then adds, "Do yo tink maybe da sign should just say
 "~~BRIDGE CLOSED~~"

'Socrates was a Greek philosopher who went
 around giving good advice. They poisoned
 him." (Farm. Almanac)

Nowadays they spend \$100,000
 for a school bus to pick the kids right up at the
 door so they don't have to walk. Then they
 spend \$1 million for a gym so they can get
 some exercise. (Farm. Almanac)

"And there was a strife between the herdmen of
 Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's
 cattle..And Abram said unto Lot; Let there be no
 strife, I pray thee..between my herdmen and thy
 herdmen, for we be brethren. Is not the whole
 land before thee? Separate thyself, I pray thee,
 from me; if thou wilt take the left hand, then I
 will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right
 hand then I will go to the left": Genesis 13.7-9

