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The photo presents District Deputy W. Sapiuha, Ms. S. Digras, CWL and Deputy Grand Knight D. Belliveau. Council 7991 members placed wreaths at the Parkville, Qualicum Beach and Bowser Memorial Day events on Nov. 11.

Report from the Grand Knight;

Greetings Brother Knights;

The past couple of months have been extremely busy for many of us in our Council. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my Brother Knights for your participation and help with our events such as the Pasta Night and Toonie Auction; the Nov. 11th Cenotaph wreath presentations with 3rd and 4th Degree Knights salute to our 'Fallen'; 4th Degree Honor Guard for Fr. Mike's Installation, the CWL Fashion Show with our 4th Degree Knights acting as escorts for the 'models' and serving coffee and tea plus Knights attending and serving at funerals. In addition there were work crews formed by Knights and others in helping the Parish Building Committee with pews and furniture removal.

It is in this spirit of commitment and giving that Knights of Columbus are known for throughout the world ! Through the efforts of Brothers W. Sapiuha, P. Horsfield, A. Walsh and to a lesser degree, the writer, in organizing and manning the Recruitment table over 2 weekends in Oct. we were able to recruit 2 and possibly 3 new members into our Ascension Council. We are a busy Council as there is yet more to come with



our Appreciation Night later in December plus the CWL Christmas luncheon where Knights will be working the kitchen for this event plus more fundraisers and events in 2018.

It is completely understood and accepted that for many reasons we all participate in lesser or greater amounts during these events and fundraisers. This is and has been the order and it is how we carry on doing what we do. Where we can make the difference for those of us who are not always available for work crews or ticket sellers or kitchen crews is to make yourself available to attend the monthly meetings. It may seem like a small offering but to the Council as a whole it is very important. It shows your commitment as a Knight to the Order and a commitment to your fellow Brother as a Knight in good standing. We need your support and your voice even if it's just once a month at our General Meetings.

As your Grand Knight I ask for your support and your commitment in this regard. Through this kind of effort our Council will continue to stand strong and strive to carry through with all our objectives in the coming years.

Thank You!

Vivat Jesus;

Rum Hykaway, Grand Knight.



Keep Christ in Christmas

Bring in the yule and hang high the holly, Mistletoe, spangles and green cedar boughs, Christmas is coming; it's shining in faces; "Keep Christ in Christmas" the world to arouse. Bring in the tree that has grown for this purpose Trim it with tinsel and bright candy canes, Trim it with love and concern for our neighbor; "Keep Christ in Christmas" before the trend wanes. Bring in the basket heaped high for a feast time, Bring in that someone, neglected and sad' He is the Gift that has started the giving' "Keep Christ in Christmas' and keep Christmas glad.

(Farmer Almanac Ruth W. Bright)

Calendar of Events

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

Executive Meeting; Thursday, Nov 16th, 7.00 pm at St. Luke's Room

Events for 2017/18';

December 16th **(Date Change !)**- Appreciation Night

Feb 10th, 2018 Valentines Dinner/Dance

Sat. March 17th, 2018 - Irish Night

Sat. May 26th , 2018 Garage Sale

.November is the month devoted to the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

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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On Sunday Sept. 10th, the Council's Pancake Breakfast team held an excellent breakfast at the two Sunday masses for approx. 146 people. A great team effort was evident with a good menu and outstanding service.

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.

The 2018 Lifestyle Books are now available at \$27.00. Contact Br. Ray Misanchuk at (250)607-8950 or Br. Tony Antoniuk at (250)752-9152.



On October 21st, 17' some 16 of our Knights assisted in the preparation and holding of the Annual Pasta Night. This was a major event in our Calendar Year and we cannot fail to thank Br. Gord Johnston for organizing this grand affair. We also tip our hats to the many Knights who worked so diligently and of course we cannot forget our Master Auctioneer Br. Tony Antoniuk for his outstanding performance in making this an absolute success. Mention must be made of the Knights' Choir and the Special performance by the Director, Leo Pearson for his performance of the 'Rose of Trallee'. We are indebted to them all.

Nov 18th, 1791; The Jurisdictions of Upper and Lower Canada(Upper-Ontario / Lower-Quebec because of their positions along the St. Lawrence) were created.



The Annual Dues for 2017- 18' for \$35.00 have been assessed and are now payable to Br. J. Lewis.



Council 7991 currently has 92 members. We look forward to seeing more members attending monthly meetings. We would encourage Council members to consider finding new candidates interested in joining the Knights of Columbus. This is an organization that fills your heart and mind with joy of giving to others and the feeling that comes with making a difference. We strive to make this community a better place while supporting our Church. It is not only the camaraderie but being involved with the community, supporting our Church , enhancing our faith and protecting our family. 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).



Visit by good friends. Brendan O'Keeffe, a former Brother Knight and ex. GK and his lovely wife Helen came from Ireland for a visit. Needless to say they had a busy time trying to touch base with all their old friends at Ascension and Oceanside. It was wonderful to see them and have them join everyone at the Pasta Night celebrations.



A number of Brother Knights assisted the CWL ladies at their Annual Fashion Show on Nov 16th.

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.

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.

Catholic News Service;
Nov 8th, 17; Pope Francis said "it's an awful thing" for people to take cellphone photos at Mass. "The Mass is not a Show, but a beautiful, transformative encounter with the true loving presence of Christ. That is why people need to focus their hearts on God, not focus their smartphones for pictures during Mass..It makes me so sad when I celebrate(Mass)in the square or in the basilica and I see so many cellphones in the air. And not just by the lay faithful, some priests and bishops too." he said.

Prayer to St. Michael
St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defence against the wickedness and the snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou. O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

OPEN FORUM;

FROM THE NATIONAL FRONT;

Nov 16, 2017; The Catholic Civil Rights League(CCRL) joins many parents, independent schools and the Alberta Catholic School Trustees Assoc. in opposing Bill 24. An Act to Support Gay-Straight Alliances which must be established in all of Alberta's schools.(CCRL Nov. 16TH.17')

At the Annual In Defense of Christians Solidarity Dinner in Washington The US Vice Pres. M. Pence pledged that the US government will provide direct aid to Christians in the Middle East. V. Pres. Pence singled out the KofC for their 'extraordinary work caring for the persecuted around the world.'



Considering the many hours of labor 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 !

"I'm the Life of the Party -even if it lasts till 8 pm!"

On November 18th, 1626 The newly-rebuilt Basilica of St. Peter was consecrated in Vatican City, Rome.



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.

Poem; How could I have come so far
(And always on such dark trails!)
I must have travelled by the light
Shining from the faces of all those I have loved.
(T. McGrath)



On Nov 8th, 17' we lost a good friend and Brother Knight, Hans G. KRATZ. Br. Hans had been an active member of the Oceanside community and will be missed. A Mass was scheduled to be held on Dec. 2nd at 10.30 AM at Ascension Church.

Another Side of the Coin ?

A story prepared exclusively by Prof. Emeritus Univ. of Manitoba Rodney A. Clifton a parishioner of St. Margaret's Anglican Church, Wpg. Mb

"Mukluks and Giggles" My Year in an Indian Residential School by Rod. Clifton.

"The letter arrived at..the Anglican Residential School on the Blackfoot Reserve in early August 1966. I ..had been offered a position as the Snr. Boys' Supervisor at Stringer Hall, the Anglican Residential Hostel in Inuvik, NWT for the 1966-67' school year." .."When I arrived in Inuvik, I was told that I would be caring for 85 Snr. boys from 12 to 21 in 3 dorms, 6 days a week and for about 22 hrs a day. Most often the boys were in school for 5 hrs a day, but if any of them were too sick for school but not sick enough to go to the infirmary, they were my responsibility. Within a few days, students began arriving from along the Mackenzie River

and across the Arctic coast and by early Sept. 280 students were in residence; 73% Inuit, 16% Dene and 12% White. A similar number resided at Grollier Hall, the nearby Roman Catholic Hostel. Many children arrived at the hostel wearing the same institutional clothing they wore when they went home in the Spring, not having bathed or changed. Many of them had been standing in smudge fires all summer trying to keep away from the hordes of blood-sucking bugs. A number arrived with infected insect bites in their scalps and some arrived with ear infections so bad that pus was running down their necks. Fortunately, Stringer Hall had a young nursing sister, Ms. Rosalind Malick, who just arrived from England to do her Christian service. She treated these children with antibiotics and compassion.

In early December, I saw a man cross-country skiing with a group of children on a trail behind Grollier Hall. The trail had electric lights strung through the trees, which were needed because at that time of the winter, the sun was below the horizon. A couple of days later I walked over to the ski hut and met Fr. Jean Marie Mouchet, (RC) the fellow who was teaching the children to ski. When I told him that I was the senior boys' supervisor at Stringer Hall and I skied cross-country, he asked me to bring any Anglican students who would like to ski, and he would equip them. That was my introduction to a ski coach that Canada would soon hear more about. My parents sent my skis to Inuvik and a number of children from Stringer Hall joined the ski club and began learning to ski. This was truly ecumenism in action. I will never forget something Fr. Mouchet told me one afternoon as we watched the kids returning from a couple hours of training on the circle ski trail he had built; "All those children need is to learn to overcome themselves and then nothing can stop them." He was correct. In a few years, a

number of these skiers became members of the Canadian national ski team, winning medals across N. America and around Europe.

At Stringer Hall, two of the six supervisors were young Inuit women, Annie and Lucy, who, contrary to the common myth, spoke to the young Inuit children in their mother-tongue.

It is now recognized that some children were abused in residential schools both by other students and by supervisors. I think that all people who brutalized children, should be tried, and if convicted, they should be punished for their crimes. So should administrators who covered up these crimes. Nevertheless, the people I knew working in residential schools wanted to help the children receive a good education to prepare them for the modern world. Most of them also wanted to fulfill the calling of committed Christians; to help the poor, tend to the weak and treat the sick.

Today, as we say our prayers, we should remember the many committed Christians who worked tirelessly, for long hours with very little pay, helping 'their children' so they could take their rightful place in Canada "

(Prof. Clifton can be reached at Rodney.Clifton@UManitoba.ca)



On the Lighter Side

I very quietly confided to my best friend that I was having an affair. She turned to me and asked , "Are you having it catered?" And that, my friend, is the sad definition of "OLD" !

I'm sure they are making adults much younger these days..and when did they start letting kids become policemen and doctors?"

"I'm not really grouchy, I just don't like traffic, waiting, crowds, lawyers, loud music, unruly kids, barking dogs, politicians, economists and a few other things I can't seem to remember right now"



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