



Grand Knight's Report

It goes without saying, we have a wonderful Council here. Working together for the greater good of our Parish and the Community. All the volunteer hours we put in. Supporting those in need. Working with Fr. Karam and making him feel welcomed as a new Knight and our Spiritual leader. Remember God and Jesus Christ lives in all of us. Let's continue to do his work.

To the best of my ability I plan to work with all of you to keep this Council strong. I think it showed by the turn out we had at the Sept. General meeting. So let us try and build our numbers, and remind other Knights of our meetings. Thank You for your support.

Over the next few months we have a challenge from State to earn a Council award for the 5th Sunday Rosary program. Before a Mass, i.e. the 10.30 AM, we try to get as many Knights' to gather in the hall or a meeting room and say the Rosary. November, January and May. We can also choose one in October as we missed August.

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

General Meetings are scheduled for the 1st Thursday of each month, except July. Meetings begin at 7.30 PM in the Church Hall.

Executive Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of every month, at 7.00 PM in the Church Hall. The next meeting will be held on Sept. 17th at 7.00 pm

Sunday 13th Sept; Team Two will host the **Pancake Breakfast** following the 8.30 AM and 10.30 AM Masses. We would encourage everyone to attend the superb breakfast presented by our Brother Knights.

The Council has been advised that only four (4) Pancake Breakfast events per Annum will be supported by the Parish.

Sept. 12th; Council 7991, Installation of Officers following the 5.00 PM Mass.

Thursday Sept. 17th. 7.00 PM, Council 7991 Executive Meeting.

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

Br. Misanchuk, has offered to handle the 2015/16' Life Style Book Program.

On August 20th, the Council welcomed three(3)new brothers to the membership. Job well done to our Membership Director and the Initiation Team.

Sept 27th 1.00 pm at the Holy Trinity Church in Nanaimo, Executive Officers of Councils will meet.

Br. Randy Schmidt, Funeral Dir. for Council 7991 would appreciate some assistance on his team. If interested please call Br. Randy at 250-248-6665



Pasta Knight is scheduled for October 17th, organized by Br. Gordon Johnston. This is a popular and major event for our Council. Please contact Br.

Gordon at 250-248-9778 if you would like to offer some assistance. Tickets will be available within the next two weeks.

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

Church News:

On Sunday Aug 9th, 2015 led by Most Reverend Bishop G. Gordon, the Parish celebrated the Installation Mass for Fr. Karam Alraban. Fr. Alraban was born in Baghdad, Iraq attending the minor seminary for Chaldean Patriarchate before joining the major seminary of St. Peter for Chaldean Patriarchate in Baghdad and Erbil. He graduated from the Pontifical Babel College in 2011 with a B.A. in Theology. Fr. Karam has considerable experience working with the poor Christian families in Baghdad and coordinated with the Min. of Human Rights in Iraq to offer financial endowment to some of the victims of an attack on the Parish of Our Lady of Salvation Oct 2010. Fr. Karam arrived in Canada in 2014 after being 'targeted' in Iraq.

Fr. Karam has indicated that he hopes to meet with all members of the Parish in the next few months.



HEALTH

To those of our members and their loved ones who may be suffering ill health 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.



Bro. Michael. Hanlon.
God Bless!



Thank God for Choir Members; Sweet sounds fill the air as God's gift you gladly share. What joy you bring as you praise God and sing. (1993 C.T.A.)

Also, it's a good way to say Thanks to our God for all we receive and When you Sing a Hymn You Pray Twice.

Call Leo at 752-4717 if you would like to join the Choir.



Item in the August 2015 issue of 'Knightline' suggests Council 7991 has won a 'Founders Award' among the Shining Stars Council Awards.

September is dedicated to 'Our Lady of Sorrows' whose memorial is celebrated on Sept 15th

In a Sept. 4th letter from the office of the Supreme Knight Carl Anderson it was noted that the Knights of Columbus is committed to assisting our Christian brothers and sisters who are suffering in the Middle East. The Supreme Knight stated that violence in the Middle East has led to many deaths and the greatest refugee crisis since WWII. Over four million people have been displaced. Among the most affected are

Iraqi and Syrian Christians who are victims of ongoing systematic cleansing and persecution. The Supreme Knight stated that to date (Sept.4th) the KofC have donated more than \$4 million in relief efforts in Iraq and Syria through the KofC Christian Relief Fund. A website, christiansatrisk.org has been launched to raise awareness of the crisis. (Excerpts of the letter from the Supreme Knight).

Catholic Bishops from the Middle East say "If you Won't Help our People Stay - Help Them Leave" (Cath. Pulse Aug 6th)

Sept 1st - Iraqi Chaldean Archbishop of Barra said "20% of Christian families emigrated from Barra in 2014. Claims Christians seek political asylum due to persecutions and leave because of economic reasons, caused by kidnappings, plundering and theft" (Cath.Culture News)

"After the Islamic State group, ISIS overran the city of Mosul and smaller towns in June 2014 they gave Christians 3 options' 1) Convert to Islam 2) Pay 'jizya' (tax) 3) Leave. Otherwise they would be slain. With little more than the clothes on their back, nearly all Christian families abandoned the cities and villages where their roots could be traced back thousands of years.

On May 8th, Redemptorist Archbishop Bashar Matti Warda of Erbil explained the KofC donation is being used to help create permanent low-cost housing for those Christian families who choose to stay in Iraq, but who will decide not to return to their original homes and who cannot afford to pay market prices for housing in Erbil.

(see <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/columbia>)
2015/09/03)

15/09/02 Catholic News Agency ; Vatican City announced a new set of pastoral guidelines for the Upcoming Holy Year of Mercy. Pope Francis will allow all priests to forgive the sin of abortion and granting SSPX (Society of St. Pius X) priests the faculty to forgive sins.

Normally we do not include 'Letters to Editors' of Media outlets however, the following interesting letter was submitted by one of our Councils' Knights. The Sept 3, 2015 Parkville-Qualicum News

"The Bible Inspires and Infuriates. Recent letter writer Robert Rock seems convinced that biblical accounts of Jesus' life were based on ancient myths and pagan rituals. Such claims are hotly contested and hardly conclusive. For Rock's sake, let me be as plain as I can be. Attempts to link Bible passages to ancient mythical characters such as Horus (Egypt), Mithras (Roman) or Enki(Sumerian) are so dismal that they are laughable. Pagan attempts to counter the growing influence of Christianity by imitating it are clearly apparent in measures instituted by Julian the Apostate, Roman Emperor from AD 361 to 363. Further claims that Judaic and Christian beliefs came about as a plagiarism of other belief systems sprang up again in 19th century Germany "Religionsgeschichtliche schule" or the History of Religions school of thought. As a result of real research and scholarly review, these claims were dismissed. Add to that the popular YouTube video "zeitgeist" and Dan Brown's Da Vinci's Code, and you have a meal made for rabid anti-Christian conspiracy theorists. The Bible, if nothing else, is the history of human nature - at times selfish, violent and horrifying, like many other historical accounts. The difference lies in its attempt to break this cycle with lessons that focus on an unselfish path, reflected in a transcendent being whose goal for humanity is unconditional love. Getting to this point is

an evolution to say the least, or more accurately, a maturation. This is why context is everything. We cannot compare Leviticus to Luke or Judges to James as proof of contradictions. Whether or not you believe Jesus was more than just a flesh and blood man depends on whether or not you believe his message and his example made him extraordinary, heavenly even. Prophets were sent, prophets were rejected. So a Son was sent, and although his body was killed, his message lives on and became the cornerstone of our civilization. To this day the Bible continues to both inspire and infuriate, and we are better for it.

(by Permission from Br. J. Chambers Council 7991)



A father was reading Bible stories to his young son. He read, "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and

was turned into a pillar of salt."

His son asked, "What happened to the flea?"

Sign seen outside of a church. "We're not Dairy Queen, but our Sundays' are terrific!"