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Grand Knight's Report.

First of all, let me say Thank You to all the outgoing Executive Members who served with me in my 1st year as Grand Knight. It was an honor and a pleasure to work with you with all the things we accomplished. Congratulations to all of us and the work we did. Many volunteer hours were put in, events covered to the fullest. Finding out that we made Star Council for all our efforts. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and safe travels on their holidays. Congratulations to Fr. Karam for his first year with us and the renewal and extension of his contract as Parish Priest and our Spiritual Leader for the Council. Year 2 is off to a good start with the Sand Sculpting competition. Thank You to Bro. Ben Cartmell and his wife, Rosario for opening up their home for the Christmas in July BBQ. Well Done ! to all the members of our Council who moved up to the 4th Degree. Now we look forward to the new calendar year of events starting with Pasta Night and the Toonie Auction.

To the incoming new Executive Members, Thank You for letting your name stand and joining the Executive for 2016/17'.

One more note of Thanks to all the Ladies for their help and support through the year as well. SK F.S. Bro. Dave Nenzel, may you rest in peace

God Bless, Vivat Jesus.

W. Sapiuha, Grand Knight.

Calendar of Events

General Meeting' Thursday, Oct 6th, 7.30 PM



Sunday September 11th; Pancake Breakfast following both Masses.

Plans are being made for the upcoming Pasta Nite on October 15th. Details will be available in due course. Volunteers to assist this event are welcome.

You may wish to mark your calendars for the following events;

October 6th, 7.30 PM General Meeting

October 20th, 7.00 PM Executive Meeting

February 11th, 2017 Valentine's Dinner/Dance'

March 18th, 2017 St. Patrick's Feast

The 2016/2017 Elections were held with results as follows;

Grand Knight; W. Sapiuha Dep. GK R. Hykaway, Treasurer, D. Niva, Recorder P. Clarke, Warden J. Chambers, Chancellor D. Belliveau, Advocate, S. Fraser, Inside Guard M. Morrison, Outside Guard G. Johnston, Trustees, 1st. Yr T. Dunn, 2nd Yr. T. Cuniffe, 3rd Yr. B. Primeau. The Financial Secretary, Br. D. Nenzel, appointed by Supreme. The Lecturer, Br. P. Tellier, appointed by the Grand Knight.

Council 7991 currently has 94 members.

The Council urgently needs to fill two important positions, a Financial Secretary and a Webmaster. The Grand Knight and the District Deputy will be available to provide training and transition to the Financial Secretarial post. Please contact the Grand Knight should you be interested or know of a Brother Knight who might be capable of handling the work.

On September 2nd, the Council presented cheques to Manna, the SOS, Arrowsmith Justice and the Parksville District Assoc. for Community Living.

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Br. D. Belliveau reported that the 2016 Parksville Sand Sculpting Beachfest competition and subsequent Exhibition was a success with approximately 133, 400 visitors. A good number of our Council Knights and their spouses assisted at the presentations for several weeks.

At the General Meeting held on Sept. 1st, the District Deputy, Br. P. Horsfield congratulated the Council for achieving 'Star Council' status for fiscal year 2015/16'. This is a well deserved recognition for the work and support carried out by Council 7991.

Fr. Karam informed the Council that the Iraqi Refugee family selected for sponsorship by the Ascension Parish has been accepted by the Canadian Immigration Dept. The family is currently living in Lebanon and will be processed in the next few months. The Parish Refugee Committee is seeking housing for the family along with employment.

Knights of Columbus; 4 Principles/

Charity; Our Catholic faith teaches us to "Love thy neighbor as thyself" Members of the KofC participate in many activities in support of their Communities. Knights recognize that our mission, and our faith in God, compels us to action. There is no better way to experience love and compassion than by helping those in need, a call we answer every day.

Unity; None of us is as good as all of us, we stick together and support one another. That doesn't mean we always agree or that there is never a difference of opinion. It means as a KofC you can count on the support and encouragement of your Brother Knights as you work to make life better in your Parish and community.

Fraternity; Fr. McGivney founded the KofC in large part, to provide assistance to the widows and children left behind when the family breadwinner died. The Order's top-rated insurance program continues to do this today. In the KofC we watch out for and take care of one another.

Patriotism; Members of the KofC are patriotic citizens, proud of our devotion to God and country and believe in standing up for both.

The Supreme Knight delivered his annual report at the 134th Supreme Convention in Toronto on Aug 2nd 2016. The Supreme Knight noted the Order's record levels of charity with over \$175 million in donations and over 73.5 million hours of volunteer service.

He recalled the words of Pope Francis who "has called Catholics to a new sense of missionary discipleship and fraternal brotherhood. The Supreme Knight mentioned the impressive growth of the KofC in Ukraine, 566 members and 13 Councils, Lithuania and, Poland where nearly 90 Councils have formed with nearly 4,400 members.

Since 2014 the Knights have raised more than \$11 million for Christian refugees. Contributions received by the Knights have helped fund, Erbil, Iraq (\$800,000 for food to 13,500 families). Medical clinics in long-term infrastructure projects. Support to all Syriac Catholic Priests exiled from Mosul after it fell to ISIS in 2014. Catechetical classes for Syriac and Chaldean Catholics. In Syria, assistance has been given to besieged Christians in Aleppo. In Jordan, with Catholic Relief Services, support for educational initiatives for refugees. In Lebanon, support for a variety of programs. The Supreme Knight also mentioned the KofC worked to have the American Government recognize that the persecution of Christians and other minorities in the Middle East by ISIS is genocide. The KofC compiled a nearly 300 page report documenting conclusively that the genocide perpetrated by ISIS against Christians is a reality. As a result, both chambers of the US Congress as well as the Sec. of State declared that the targeting of Christians is genocide.

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 Another Islamic Massacre; 27 JUL 16; Fr. Jacques Hamil was murdered while giving a Mass at his Church in St. Etienne de Rouvray in NW France. ISIS claimed responsibility and promises more attacks on churches.

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 'WHAT IS GOING ON WITH US?' In a June 17, 2016 article, Catholic Civil Rights League, Charles Lewis wrote; :What is going on with us? How is it the Catholic voice has been suppressed to a whisper? Why is it we lose battle after battle, including the recent fight to stop euthanasia from becoming legal? How is it so many Catholics have become afraid to stand up for their faith? Lewis comments that "we are nearing the state of living with a dangerous ideology called atheistic secularism. He noted a myriad of incidents of pro-life clubs being

kicked off of Canadian university campuses where very few ordinary Christians came to the rescue of these people. We let it happen." He states that many of our doctors will soon face the harsh choice of standing by their religious beliefs by refusing to have anything to do with medicalized murder or lose their right to practice medicine. Will we help them". Lewis adds; "It is also our duty to stand up for what we believe rather than worry about the odds of victory. If you need reminding of what true sacrifice looks like, think of your fellow Christians in the Middle East who are being slaughtered for refusing to renounce their love of Jesus Christ"

 St. Teresa of Calcutta - On Sept. 4th, over 100,000 people attended the canonization of St. Teresa at the Vatican, St. Teresa established the Missionaries of Charity in 1950.

 On June 10th, Pope Francis declared that St. Mary Magdalene will have a well deserved feast day on July 22nd. She was the first person to see the risen Christ and belied He was risen.

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.

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

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest"
(Matthew 11.28)

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The Council said Farewell and God Bless to our Brother David Nenzel. A great Knight and friend to us all.

" Oh, for the touch of a vanished hand and the sound of a voice so still"
