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**FEBRUARY 2025**

A reminder that the next **GENERAL MEETING** is **Tuesday, February 18th**



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# Grand Knight's Message

Hello Brother Knights

Lent is almost here, it will soon be time to cut back on all the things we don't necessarily need and reflect on all the things we should be humble about. But before that there is Pancake Tuesday and this year we are once again having our pancake dinner in support of St. Vincent de Paul Society. If you would like to come out and show your support, that would be much appreciated. The dinner will be on March the 4th. The exact details will be sent out to the parishes in the coming weeks. I Look forward to seeing everyone there.

Andrew Reaume  
Grand Knight

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# Deputy Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

February is officially upon us with cold and sometimes harsh weather. But for the ice fishermen of the area this is a very welcome change over the past couple years. Everything really boils down to perspective and how you look at or approach situations in your life. For most of us we've already forgotten about the New Year's resolutions we made but that's alright. There's no better time than the present to start new or start again. It's important to always look ahead and see the brighter side of things like the ice fishermen enduring the cold harsh weather for pure enjoyment and fellowship with their friends.

Our council just recently hosted our annual Wild Game Dinner which again was a huge success and was enjoyed by all in attendance. This event is our biggest of the year and takes an incredible amount of planning, time, and dedication by many of the Brothers for it to run as smoothly as it does. This year we had to weather the storm a little as some of the key Brothers were unavailable the day of the meal. The fortunate part is that we have such a great group of Brothers that were able to step up and fill the gaps to continue to make the dinner what it is. I personally would like to thank everyone for your assistance and efforts that you employ.

Being part of this group of gentlemen has shown me what it means to have great fellowship and people that you can lean on in times of need. As always we are continually looking for more Catholic gentleman that are interested in helping their community and joining the brotherhood to please reach out to us. We would love for you to join us and participate with us in all the things we do!

Oh and if you've already forgotten gentlemen. Valentine's Day is fast approaching. Don't forget to get some flowers and chocolates for the wonderful women in your lives cause I don't know about you but I wouldn't want to be out in the dog house in this weather...

Thanks,  
Brody Ryder

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# Financial Secretary Message

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

We are well into the second month of the year and just finished our annual Wild Game Dinner. We did very well again this year and I will have the final report for February meeting.

Speaking of the Wild Game Dinner, it turned into a very interesting event with a number of key people absent due to illness. My right-hand man on the day of the event, Brother Bob Phaneuf, came down with the flu Friday night and was out of action all day Saturday. Our worthy Grand Knight was also out of action due to illness. Brother Tom Lansdchoot, who normally is a main stay during the preparations on Saturday, was at a chemical handling course. To be fair, Brothers Bob and Tom were a huge help during the week with the predinner preparations.

Thankfully there were many people available to help make the day a success. I was going to try to name them all, but I am afraid to forget someone, and they were all important for that day. To the Knights, their wives and children, the friends who pitched in I thank you all from the bottom of my heart. I appreciate you all and I am always impressed with the teamwork required to pull this event off.

If you read the minutes of our last meeting, you will see that our council needs to get a number of reports done soon. Just a friendly reminder to our executive.

Also, in the minutes we have made a commitment to do the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. I will be just getting back from a weeklong trip, so we need someone

to take the initiative to head up this event. Its simple, go to Costco get plates, pancake mix, go to Lenovers and get a couple boxes of bacon and sausages, make sure we have enough syrup and ketchup. On the weekend before cook the bacon and sausage. Day of cook the pancakes. The proceeds for that day will go to The St. Vincent de Paul Society. Shove Tuesday is March 4<sup>th</sup>, Ash Wednesday is March 5<sup>th</sup>.

If you want to be in the draw for free dues this year, get your dues into me by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you to those that have already paid.

April will be when we should be accepting nominations for 2025-2026 Executive. May will be the elections.

Lots of events will be coming up quickly, I hope our executive is thinking about them.

That's enough rambling from me.

Next meeting Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, St. Patrick's Church, Mass 6:30 pm, meeting at 7 pm.

Stan Powell, Financial Secretary

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# Chancellor Report

Hello, It's February 2025.

I hope you are well and staying warm.

Now that covid is behind us, we resume our life with normalcy following those dark days. I think we just want to forget that time-period and move on. But we must learn from this event, so it does not happen again. If I was to do a deep dive into the events of that covid period, this would be a very long Chancellor Letter. But I will go thru a few main takeaways to us help in the future.

First, we must question things and be your own advocate.

Second, decisions made from fear are rarely correct when studied more closely.

Third, be wary of censorship. Man sharpens Man.

Fourth, listen to your gut/intuition. If something does not seem right its not. (free lottery tickets and donuts)

Fifth, exercise to reduce stress and tension when we a bombarded with negative news.

Now with the grace of God our elected officials can understand the decisions that were made that paralyzed our country and hurt many of our brother knights and their families because of illegitimate covid products. Many class-action lawsuits have been piling up and our military has been devastated with un-lawful orders. This truly was a dark period.

We should not forget about these events and safeguard it does not happen again.

Additionally, the following get well/sympathy cards have been sent out recently on behalf of the Knights of Columbus. Tom Landschoot, Gerrard Finlin, family of Ted Quenneville, Family of Darcy, Family of Darcy Rosseau.

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## **GENERAL MEETING CORPUS CHRISTI COUNCIL 11891 TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by at 7:12pm. The opening prayer said by all. The roll call was conducted. 10 members were in attendance, including the District Deputy, and two visiting officers. Mike Kovacs, District Warden and Dan Pergolesi, the Territory Membership Information officer.

Brother Stan Powell forwarded a donation request from Lori Herman of \$293.18 for refillable cannisters for candles at St. Peters - Brother Ray made motion for the donation to St. Peter's Church and Brother Bob Phaneuf seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Brother Stan brought forward the mail. St. Vincent DePaul was requesting the Knights cook Shrove Tuesday dinner on March 4<sup>th</sup> at St. Peter's Hall, as we normally do. Brother Stan was looking for assistance as he will not be available prior to the supper. The supper will be starting at 4pm.

A discussion was held regarding the Knights mailbox in Merlin. The whereabouts of the key to the mailbox is unknown. Anyone with information about where the key is, please see Brother Stan or Brother Sebastian.

The minutes from the last meeting were accepted with no changes or additions. Motion by Brother Stan seconded by Brother Bob – Motion Carried.

Brother Sebastian van Nooten gave the Treasurer's Report, providing the balances of the bank accounts.

The Financial Secretary's Report was provided by Brother Stan. The collection of dues is going well, and please see Brother Stan if you have not yet paid. If you submit your dues before March 1<sup>st</sup>, your name will be entered into a draw for free membership for a year. Brother Stan submitted bills for payment. A motion was made to pay the bills, and the motion was carried.

District Deputy Ken Bosse requested the reports that are over due. Both Brother Sebastain and the Worthy Grand Knight have reports due to the DD. A report of the evaluation of the District Deputy is due by the end of February. A list of members who became deceased over the past year is due March 1<sup>st</sup> to the DD.

A discussion was had regarding the State Convention – Brother Brody Ryder has been planning on going.

The District basketball free throw tournament is being held on February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9am to noon in Tilbury. The Regional Basketball Free Throw is being held at the Atlas Tube Center on March 8<sup>th</sup> from 2pm to 5 pm. The Heart of Jesus Icon is coming to District 23 from July 13 to August 9<sup>th</sup>, and coming to Merli from August 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>. A discussion was held regarding a possible District Euchre tournament. The Comber council is interested.

Brother Bob provided his report on the turkey dinner held in December at St. Peter's Hall. All reports came back indicating it went very well. There was left over turkey that Brother Bob made into pies and sold the pies. The income from the dinner was \$3136 + \$300 (sale of pies). The expenses were \$1565.03, which included expenses incurred to make the pies. The net profit was \$1,870.97.

It was brought up that Lori Herman bought materials for the hall and sent expenses of \$159.13.

District Warden Dan Pergolesi discussed with the council the necessity to submit reports and a discussion was held regarding members.

It was brought up that Brother Ted Quenneville passed away in November. No one was made aware at the time.

A discussion was held regarding the Wild Game dinner, led by Brother Stan. The Water Buffalo is coming in one big piece. The Elk trim has been ordered – sausages will be pure elk – 35 dollars per ring, and being shipped on Friday to Foodland. We currently are not sure if beaver will be available to be served. Goose meat has been provided. Right now the menu is looking like bison ribs, wild boar, kangaroo, quail, venison pie, shotguns – made from venison, pinwheel (venison roll), and rabbit. 180 tickets have been sold. There will be no sliders – just pies. Brother Stan will need help next week. The Health Unit has been notified. Brother Stan mentioned that we have done it 26 years and it is unlikely they will turn up

A report from St. Patrick's was provided. It was mentioned by Brother Jules that calls from high schools for tours of the Shrine are being fielded.

A report from St. Peter's was provided by Brother Stan. The roof is paid for, thanks for all the donations.

The soup, prayers and mass on Tuesdays are a success. A discussion was held regarding the need for a handicap access for the church.

A discussion regarding the Chatham Barnstormers and their need for a commitment for volunteers was had. Every council that participated last year received 5,000 dollars. A discussion was held regarding the process and commitment.

The 50/50 draw was held - \$12 in winnings. Brother Greg Sharp name was drawn for the membership draw, but he was absent.

Prayers for the good of the order were said.

The meeting was adjourned after closing prayers.

# FROM OUR SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

## The “Off Season”

Since the last newsletter, we have switched to the colour green in the church which is a sign of ordinary time in the church calendar. I am not sure what “ordinary” means in my life, but I know that it does not mean things are boring. It is a time when we are not in Advent, Lent or Easter but we are still called to be connected to God and connected to each other as a community of faith. The “Regular Time” season is a good time to be less distracted by festivities (at least in the church) so we can concentrate more on our faith - the same faith that is needed to help get through the next season or next challenge in our lives. Since we never know when things will change, to be like an athlete in the off-

season with our faith conditioning, training until the next thing comes up in our life.

Ordinary time is also a great time to encourage others to rekindle their connection with God through family and friends. To get back into a healthy prayer routine and to be ready.

“Pray like everything is dependent on you, Trust that everything relies on God!”

Blessings to you and your family.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

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