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 APRIL 13, 2016
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A tribute to my friend and Brother Knight, Lionel.

By Br. Don Turgeon.

I transferred to Ascension Knights of Columbus in 1999 and met Lionel shortly after. Lionel was a very personable and friendly, kind man, easy to talk to. We hit it off and became friends right away. Lionel and I had a number of things in common:

-1935 was a good year as Lionel and I were both born in 1935;

-We are Fellow members of Ascension Knights of Columbus and are both French Canadian Catholic boys raised with a strong farming background:

- The most treasured and beautiful part of our lives is our family;

-We both liked to golf and enjoyed the fun and fellowship. On occasion we helped with the Knight's State Golf Tournament and on Wednesday mornings enjoyed golf and fellowship with our Brother Knights; and

-Helping with the Stampede Sunday brunches over the years gave both of us time to



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The Scroll (legal literature and law) with sword (the power to defend and enforce the law).

compare our work experiences and our families' happenings.

Most Sundays we attended the same Mass. Lionel had a wonderful way to greet us as he went by after Communion (we usually sit on the aisle). He would shake my hand, and then Helen's hand as he walked by. He always had this great smile and twinkle in his eye. One Sunday Lionel on his way back from Communion said to me "I would like to see you after Mass". He was waiting for us in the narthex and as we approached him he teared up and told us that Paulette was not well. He was so concerned and heartbroken. We promised to pray for Paulette's recovery and when we saw Lionel at a Mass later on, he told us she was doing better.

It was not long afterward that we heard that Lionel was in hospital. We visited him on a few occasions. When he came home prior to Christmas, we talked on the phone. I spoke with Lionel again just after New Year's before we left on January 10 for Mexico. He told me he would be getting some treatment at the Foothills starting in late January. He also said he would send regular email updates as to his progress. That was the last time I spoke with my good friend. .

Helen and I returned from Mexico on the afternoon of March 1, Lionel's birthday. I pulled out Lionel's phone number and put it on my desk to call him. Unfortunately with so many things to attend to after being gone 7 weeks, I did not get to call. We were devastated when we received Joe's email that Lionel had died.

Paulette, Danielle, Lynne, Joanne and families, and all family members, Helen and I extend our most heartfelt sympathy. May God's mercy and the wonderful memories of Lionel help you at this trying time.

Lionel had a big love for life and will be missed by everyone who knew him. He had a deep faith in God and loved to work with his brother Knights. Thank you Paulette for giving me this opportunity to pay tribute to a dear friend and a truly fine man. God bless.

Fourth Degree Honour Guard and Brother Knights in attendance at Br. Lionel's Funeral.



Br. Wilfred:

" I remember Br. Lionel as a terrific family man. As a boy, he would walk a mile to our farm just to go skating with me. I recall his older brother would drive him to school in a horse drawn caboose."



Br. Pete:

"I first met Br. Lionel at a council meeting and later got to know him at the Wednesday morning golf game at Harvest Hills. He was a good man and a real gentleman."



Br. Joe:

"Lionel was always smiling and he was always kind and friendly towards people. I never heard him angry, ever, and he was always willing to help whenever he could, including at provincial golf and curling events our council hosted. He worked for many years at the monthly bingo halls before we had store cards and he served us 6 months of the year every year for many many years as a member of our 1st degree team (the other 6 months of the year Paulette and he were snow-birding)."

Ascension Parish Capital Campaign Celebration March 12 & 13

Thank you to all Brother Knights who volunteered their weekend to help support the Parish Capital Campaign. There was a tremendous amount of work accomplished by the renovation committee who organized this event and the support of our council was greatly appreciated. Events such as this pay tribute to our fraternal bond as not only are new friendships made but the bond shared between old friends is strengthened.







Parish News and Events - Br. Mark Holland

Ascension's Capital Campaign "Building the Future...Today" is well underway and has moved into the "Giving Stage." All parishioners are asked to return their Initial Offering and Commitment Cards by April 4th. For more information, please contact Jenn Pashula at dataentry@ascension.ca or 403-275-2240.

Ascension's Feast Day – The feast of the Ascension of the Lord. This is our day to celebrate!

The Ascension of Our Lord, celebrates the day that Christ, in the presence of His apostles, ascended bodily into Heaven. The Ascension occurred on the 40th day of Easter, so it falls on a Thursday. This year it falls on Thursday, May 5th. Ascension Parish is planning a big celebration for all parishioners the next day, Friday, with a family oriented event in the evening. More information will be provided during April.

"Life in the Spirit Seminar" coming to Ascension Parish. June 3-5.

The Life in the Spirit Seminar is designed as an evangelistic tool, a formation experience, and an introduction to a life lived in the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. The weekend seminar helps participants realize the fire, the breath, the gifts, fruits and the charisms of the Spirit. Although we receive the life of the Spirit through the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, many of us need to fan this spark of life into flames. The Seminar invites us to gather and prepare for a very personal "Pentecost," a new release or revitalization of the Spirit's presence.

Visit www.ascensionparish.ca for more information on Parish activities.



Field Agent Report - Br. Joe Faubert

A sad but exciting good bye!

Though not yet, certainly soon. The contradiction of sad but exciting is even in the words Good Bye. Bye is the sad part, as Stella and I will miss so much and so many of you, good because the future for you and us is hopefully and expectedly good as our challenges are in God's hands and our best efforts.

For those that have not heard the recent news, I will be changing provinces, having requested and now accepted a position as a K of C field agent in the south Okanogan. That is something that was not anticipated when I started as a K of C field agent just over 9 years ago, nor when Ascension Council was assigned to me just 27 months ago. It is with regrets that Stella and I leave a parish and second home that our family has been a part of for almost 33 years in so many ways, including my being a Knight for 28 of those years. So many good friendships enjoyed that will not be forgotten, and many of them I am sure will still endure. My biggest regret was that after asking to be assigned Ascension Council when they closed St. John the Evangelist Parish and thus it's council and my field agent home base, taking some of you out of your long time relationship with the current top volume field agent in North America, Bill Lewchuk (my own field agent also for many years until becoming an agent myself, and still a good friend and mentor), I now have to leave you in the hands of another soon-to-be-trusted field agent, but whom that is I do not yet know.

Had I known I was going to BC back then, I would not have asked Ascension to be assigned to me and have now put some of you through two field agent disruptions. I am truly sorry for that, as much as I have yet enjoyed being back in the council for which I was a charter and long-time member.

Why now? We have always wanted to eventually retire many years from now in the south Okanogan or the Comox area of Vancouver Island, both places where we used to bring our children each summer, and we decided firmly upon the Okanogan this past August after being in both places again then. Wanting to get to know the area better before we retire (maybe 10 years from now when I am 70 if I remain healthy), I asked for an eventual transfer in the fall, expecting that a position might open up in a few years if we were lucky, and we also decided in August to sell our house to downsize, get out of debt, and have the flexibility to move on in somewhat short notice. But it soon became apparent that the moves would happen much sooner than anticipated. Sorry it had to be kept under wraps for these past few months, but there were many reasons for doing so.

The timing is still uncertain, but I am likely starting in BC at the beginning of May, or the beginning of June at the latest hopefully, the timing soon to be determined, but not known yet at the time of writing this newsletter. I do know two things – I will be back to host Monte Carlo Night for the last time on Friday 3rd of June, and I will be back to ride in the Airdrie-Olds MS Bike Ride on June 25/26 (and hopefully subsequent years). My 3 boys will also all riding in that MS Bike Ride this time (son Luke has MS, that's why we ride, for him and others with MS, and an example of why your children should get life insurance as children with guarantees to purchase insurance as adults without regards to any changed medical condition), and Stella and my daughter will be volunteering on their two feet rather than two wheels (sister Theresa and brother-in-law Tom volunteering too). So consider translating any thoughts of parting appreciation for good or bad into a donation for one of our team members (go to www.msbike.ca, click on donate at top right of the browser window, then search for riders with last name "Faubert" or for team "Pirate Ship"). If I raise \$5,000+ again I will again ride 240km instead of the regular ride of 160km over the two days, and if I raise \$10,000+, I will try to ride 320km in the two days.

Sad to be leaving, yet excited too for the new challenges ahead. I wish all of you good health and spirits, and success in this difficult economic environment, and I wish the council a continued strong and vibrant presence as an active part of the parish and the community. It is also time for many more Ascension K of C members to become more involved as the plans to ramp up the store card program hopefully occur in response to the request by Father Avi, and as the council continues to pursue the programs that serve our charitable purpose in unity with the church and fraternally as brothers. I hope a couple brothers soon will step forward to take over membership recruiting and retention and to encourage and assist members to advance through the major degrees and the 4th degree too. Please consider also joining our first degree team in it's essential service to our council and all councils in the Calgary area, and even consider becoming a member of the higher degree teams also, there being insufficient members involved in all degree teams in the city. And finally, if you are still an associate member, if you have all your needed life insurance in place, including permanent insurance and long term care insurance, please consider at least putting \$300 in with the Knights and become an insured member and thus help the

Knights to not only pay for publishing and distribution of your Columbia Magazine, but more importantly, helping the Knights of Columbus to endure for future generations.

Field Agent April Report – Changes Coming with regards to Insurance and Annuities

In my final report to you, I would like to touch briefly on several topics.

I first point out that in a recent issue of Columbia that much of the emphasis was on the Knights of Columbus reaching \$100 Billion of insurance coverage in force, and noting the continually growing volume and number of contracts in place, not emphasizing the financial profits of our order, which again are excellent, but profits not being the point of offering our insurance, since the Knights of Columbus primary purpose when created in 1882, in addition to our charitable service, is to protect as many Catholic families as we can, not to earn as much money as we can, and yet in providing that coverage well we are one of the most ethical insurance companies in the world and also one of the strongest companies financially in our industry.

I would also like to note that the taxing of life insurance value separate from the death benefit is expected to change at of the beginning of 2017 (and corporately the taxation of the death benefit too). This affects primarily permanent insurance, but existing contracts in force prior to 2017 are in most cases expected not to be affected unless certain elements of the coverage are changed by the client after 2016. Thus now is the time to consider acquiring additional or initial permanent life insurance coverage for you and your wife and minor children.

Keep in mind that we are still perhaps the only company offering RRSP-registered life insurance too. Note also most of you under-estimate the expectation that many of you will need long term care later in life and should insure you and your family against the high personal burdens of those caring for a family member and the high financial costs of that very possible reality too.

My final words of advice are to consider opening up annuities now rather than after 2017 to take advantage of current mortality tables used in guaranteed annuity settlement factors in those contracts, as newer mortality tables will result in longer longevity being a factor in such settlement factors, and also to put in place guaranteed interest for the future if needed, that, even though maybe seeming so very low at this time, may seem very good if we ever get into a “negative interest” situation as has already happened in parts of the world. For arrange to further review with me in the short term any of the above items, call

or text me on my cell, 403-510-5667.

Joe Faubert

Cardinal Dolan told a fundraising reception for Catholic schools a joke about a nun who went to a baseball game. Three Protestants were sitting behind her, and decided to have some fun. One said, “I was thinking about going to Ireland for vacation, but there are too many Catholics there.” Another said, “I was considering Italy, but there are too many Catholics.” Another said, “I was going to go to Mexico, but there are too many Catholics.” Whereupon the nun spun around and said, “Why don’t the three of you go straight to hell? I hear there are no Catholics there.”
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St. George - Feast Day April 23

It was uncertain when Saint George was born and historians continue to debate to this day. However, his death date is estimated to be April 23 303 A.D.

George was one of several names listed in historical texts, and Pope Gelasius claimed George was one of the saints "whose names are justly revered among men, but whose actions are known only to God."

George's parents were Christians from noble families and George, Georgios in the original Greek, was raised to follow their faith. George served in Diocletian's army. By his late 20's, George became a Tribunus (a position used as a stepping stone for a future Senator) and served as an imperial guard for the Emperor at Nicomedia.

On February 24, 303 A.D., Diocletian, who hated Christians, announced that every Christian the army passed would be arrested and every other soldier should offer a sacrifice to the Roman gods. George refused to abide by the order and told Diocletian, who was angry but greatly valued his friendship with George's father.

When George announced his beliefs before his peers, Diocletian was unable to keep the news to himself. In an effort to save George, Diocletian attempted to convert him to believe in the Roman gods, offered him land, money and slaves in exchange for offering a sacrifice to the Roman gods, and made several other offers that George refused.

Finally, after exhausting all other options, Diocletian ordered George's execution. In preparation for his death, George gave his money to the poor and was sent for several torture sessions. He was lacerated on a wheel of swords and required resuscitation three times, but still George did not turn from God. On April 23, 303 A.D., George was decapitated before Nicomedia's outer wall. His body was sent to Lydda for burial, and other Christians went to honour George as a martyr.

Saint George and the Dragon

There are several stories about George fighting dragons, but in the Western version, a dragon or crocodile made its nest at a spring that provided water to Silene, believed to be modern-day Lcyrene in Libya. The people were unable to collect water and so attempted to remove the dragon from its nest on several occasions. It would temporarily leave its nest when they offered it a sheep each day, until the sheep disappeared and the people were distraught.

This was when they decided that a maiden would be just as effective as sending a sheep. The townspeople chose the victim by drawing straws. This continued until one day the princess' straw was drawn. The monarch begged for her to be spared but the people would not have it. She was offered to the dragon, but before she could be devoured, George appeared. He faced the dragon, protected himself with the sign of the Cross, and slayed the dragon. After saving the town, the citizens abandoned their paganism and were all converted to Christianity.

Knight's Reflection: Prayer for St. George

St. George,

Heroic Catholic soldier and defender of your Faith, you dared to criticize a tyrannical Emperor and were subjected to horrible torture. You could have occupied a high military position but you preferred to die for your Lord. Obtain for us the great grace of heroic Christian courage that should mark soldiers of Christ. Amen.

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