



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

ASSUMPTION COUNCIL 6899 Stratford, Prince Edward Island

Grand Knight's Report of Council 87th Annual PEI State Convention April 20-21, 2007

Worthy State Deputy Don Evans, Reverend Fathers, Worthy Supreme Representative Gary Nolan, Worthy State Officers, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Master of the Fourth Degree Sir Knight Ralph Dunn, Worthy Grand Knights, Brother Knights, Ladies and guests, it is with honor and pleasure to submit this report of Assumption Council 6899 for the fraternal year 2006 - 2007.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Members of Council 6899 are involved in various liturgical ministries throughout the year. They serve as lay ministers, lectors, choir members, ushers, greeters, altar servers (funerals and weekday masses), and camera operators at the 10:30 am Sunday Mass. This mass is televised to Eastlink Television Viewers in PEI at 1 pm Sunday afternoons. On the fourth Sunday of-the-month, the Knights fill the ministry roles at the 10:30 mass, including our "Knights Choir"!

The Knights as well prepare the church for Remembrance Day by displaying "War-time" memorabilia, etc. and honoring the men and women who served during war and peacetime.

The Knights present Confirmation Candidates with a special gift at the Confirmation Celebration.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Our major activity consisted of our annual Christmas Tree Sales project. Members involve themselves in setting up our tree lot and providing hours of selling trees to local residents. This provides funds for local charities including: The needy of the Parish, fire relief funds for a local family, appreciation to parish staff at Christmas, Birthright PEI, assistance to Crossroads Fire Company National Curling Team expense, youth participant(s) in Dominican Republic experience, Catholic Family Services, Assumption Parish Salvadoran Family project. Callbeck's (Southport) Home Hardware generously donates space and electrical power at their retail store.

Other council activities include an annual member's social get-together in the Parish Hall usually held in January. Sing-along's, card games, story telling are among the happenings. Our Council is proud to call themselves the winner of the latest State Golf Tournament. In June we hold our annual "Awards and Appreciation Night" which includes council awards, barbeque, sing-along, etc.

At Christmastime, two nativity scenes are erected in the Stratford area. One is located at Callbeck's (Southport) Home Hardware and the other in front of Assumption Church.

FS Br. Louis MacDonald publishes newsletters throughout the year which are mailed to council members to keep them informed of past and up-coming events, etc.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Two major community projects sponsored by our council are the Annual Stratford & Area Seniors'

Christmas Tea and Carol Sing and the Annual Easter Sunrise Ecumenical Service. The Eleventh Annual Seniors' Tea was held in December. At this ever-popular event, seniors from the area are invited to the Parish Centre on a Sunday previous to Christmas at no-charge to enjoy carol singing, step-dancing, fiddling, etc. including tea, sandwiches, sweets, and a visit from Santa. We provide free transportation to those upon request. Donated door prizes are given out at this event. Entertainers donate their talents as enjoyment to the gathering.

At the time of this writing, our Eleventh Annual Easter Sunrise Ecumenical Service is in the planning. At sunrise on Easter Morning, we gather at Pondsides Park in Stratford for a 25-minute service including scripture reading, reflection, and a hymn sing. Thirteen + Charlottetown and Stratford area churches and denominations are welcomed at this event. Usually a representative from a Protestant congregation presents one of the readings. Following the service, all are invited to Assumption Parish Centre for coffee, treats, and fellowship. We have had "regulars" from as far away as Antigonish and Yarmouth in attendance.

A wreath for Remembrance Day was laid at Stratford's new War Memorial on November 11, 2006. **YOUTH**

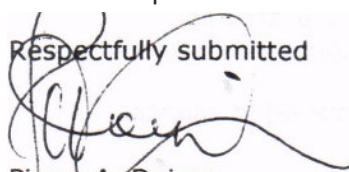
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We sponsor the annual Free-Throw Competition in conjunction with the Stratford Winter Carnival. Planning is underway for a presentation to area youth on Crime Prevention and Substance Abuse Prevention. Presentations are made at the Parish Confirmation Celebration.

It was with great sadness that our council lost two members due to death. Brother John W. MacDonald passed away suddenly in December. Br. John was very active in our council and held various positions including Grand Knight and Membership Chairman. Brother Cyril MacPherson passed away suddenly in March. Brother Cyril was also active in council. Gail McCormack, wife of Brother Leonard passed away in January. Council members participated in prayers for our late brothers at the funeral homes.

In closing, as Grand Knight, I wish to thank in a very special way: Members of Council 6899 for the trust placed in me to act as Grand Knight for the 2006-07 fraternal year. A special thank you to the executive for their co-operation and dedication. Thank you as well to Supreme, PEI State, and the community.

Respectfully submitted



Pierre A. Doiron
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