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ARCHBISHOP DUKE COUNCIL 6855

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Message from the Grand Knight...

My Brother Knights

December is our Spiritual month of Joy when we Catholics welcome and celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. It's the month when we share our time, love and talents amongst our families, friends, and neighbors.

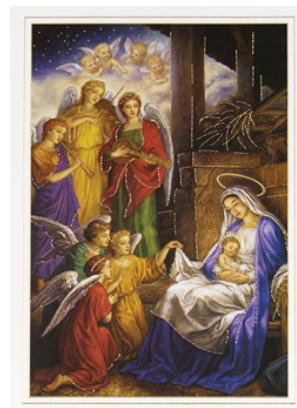
As Brother Knights lets not forget those who are suffering and are in desperate need of our love and comfort.

Throughout this year my Brother Knights, I was gifted with your love, support and goodwill from you and your families. My wife Maria and I are so much grateful to you all. It's wonderful to belong to a circle of friends like you.

My family and I take this opportunity to wish you all and your families a Blessed Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

God Bless

Americo Silva
Grand Knight
Archbishop Duke Council 6855





KNIGHT OF THE MONTH FOR NOVEMBER

Mel Ison

Brother Mel is a true unsung hero and a hard working member of our council since he became a member in 2002. This Brother coordinates the monthly collection of our community food bank drive. He is a member of our pancake breakfast crew.

Brother Mel took the initiative to design and build a portable kiosk stand to display pictures of our various council activities and at the same time became our roving photographer in most of our events.

He assists both Chairmen of our Council's Pennies for Heaven Wheelbarrow Drive and Charity Appeal Lottery Ticket sales. Beside his busy schedule, he still finds time to usher and sing with our Knight's Choir at Sunday masses.

He has truly displayed the virtues and values of true knighthood by tirelessly working for his council, community and the church. Our council is indeed fortunate to have a Brother like Mel Ison as one of its members. Congratulations Brother Mel!



Stan & Barbara Leong

FAMILY OF THE MONTH FOR NOVEMBER

Stan & Barbara are long time parishioners of St Paul parish. Since joining the Order in 1990, they have been involved in many activities over the years, with the parish, community and St. Paul School.

As Chairman of our Prevention Ministry (SARAH) Program, Brother Stan Leong was responsible in bring to our parish and council Mrs. Susan Match (guest speaker) from RAS, Parish Prevention Ministry founder Dr. Larina Reyes-Smith and Registered Public Health Nurse Joyce Nisperos-Henry for an Educational Session. For the past few years, he had annually traveled to Victoria, BC to give support to our State Pro-Life rallies.

Their long service and dedication to the Order in numerous executive positions, earned Brother Stan and Barbara Leong the 1993-1994 BC & Yukon "State Family of the Year" and Brother Stan the "State District Deputy of the Year" in 2004-2005. With their vast experience, Brother Stan & Barbara Leong sure enriched our Council immensely.



DID YOU KNOW?

Scott & Gerina Heathe



Brother Scott Heathe joined the Knights of Columbus in 1991 and has been a member of Council 6855 since 2002.

Brother Scott and Gerina met at the University of Saskatchewan where they were both studying. They were married in August 1994 and started out their marriage in Saskatoon, Sask. Scott's career with Sun Life took them to Winnipeg, Montreal and finally to Richmond in 2002 where they rejoined Scott's family and the parish of St. Paul.

They were blessed with two children, Christopher and Jillian, who are now, ages 13 and 9. Both children have attended St. Paul School. While attending the school, Christopher was an altar server, played piano for School Masses, and became a member of the choir. He graduated from St. Paul School last year. Jillian is in Grade Four and is active in a variety of extra-curricular activities such as intermediate choir and a musical theatre group.

Brother Scott and Gerina have been self-employed in the Internet, new media, and e-learning production industries since 1999. Some of their professional skills have been put to use for the St. Paul community. They built and continue to update the St. Paul Parish website (www.stpaulparish.ca), the St. Paul School website (www.stpaulschool.ca), and the Knights of Columbus Archbishop Duke Council 6855 website (www.kofc6855.ca).

The whole family is also involved in the five o'clock Saturday choir. Gerina is the director, Scott is a guitarist, Christopher is a fill-in pianist, and Jillian is currently the youngest vocalist.

St. Paul Parish has been blessed with a Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel for thirteen years. Scott and Gerina have shared a weekly early morning adoration hour since 2002. They both have benefited profoundly from those hours of prayer and want to do their small part to help keep the chapel open.

Last but not the least, Brother Scott is the son of Mr. & Mrs. John and Lynne Heathe (a family that is very active, stalwart and staunch supporter of our parish) also a Brother Knight. We are blessed to have Brother Scott and Gerina in our Council.

WELCOME & CONGRATULATIONS

Soon after taking their First Degree Exemplification, the first Brother Knights from St. Anthony of Padua Parish, right away, along side of Archbishop Duke Council 6855 started recruiting new candidates to form a new Council. Through their Faith and Courage and soon enough, they saw the fruit of their labour flourish last November 30, 2009 when at the First Degree Exemplification hosted by Council 6855 at their parish, they witnessed 17 new members taking their 1st Degree. Well done Brother's, congratulations to you all and to Fr. Mario Marin for his out pouring support.

CONGRATULATIONS

To all of you who did and are celebrating their birthday in November and December

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

This Month Council Community event was again a great success and our volunteer members keep on showing through their Faith how strong they believe to better serve our Community and Parish. There is no greater joy than to see all these families and friends' young and old united, and reinforcing old acquaintances as well building new ones. Keep it going brothers! you are doing a fantastic job.

SPORTS-2009

Due to my responsibilities, there was a little bit of ignorance in me about the importance of the family sports activities until Nov.20, when I decided to exercise my skills in volley ball, badminton. I ignored the world to join our knight's families and friends on this rewarding evening. What an experience indeed by connecting with these active families. I invite you all to try this great experience.

FOOD BANK NEEDS

Brothers, each and every day there are families in desperate need of our help in the Community. Let's open our hearts by giving whenever and whatever we can to make some one happy. Brother Mel Ison who is looking after our Council Food collection continue to bring awareness at our meetings on this matter but he feels we need to do better. At the entrance of our church there is a food deposit box if you wish to donate. Thanks Brother Mel for your dedication.

CHARITY APPEAL

Brothers, if you have already sold any Charity Appeal books please return them to Brother Kevin Mendonca. Otherwise, give your best effort to sell them all. Soon Brother Kevin will be calling on you to volunteer at the malls. Again please try your best to help fill in the assigned spots.

If you need any information Phone Kevin # 604-275-7426 or me Americo Silva @ 604-220-6846

PENNIES FOR HEAVEN DRIVE (FOR VOCATIONS)

Once again this year, we had a great success in collecting pennies for Heaven through the wheel barrow drive after masses. This fund goes to support our vocations. My great appreciation to all Brothers who volunteered before and after masses manning after the wheel barrows. Donations for Vocations continue throughout the Year. If you wish to donate at any time phone Brother Virgilio @ 604-277-2762

NECROLOGY MASS

This annual Ceremony dedicated to our deceased Brothers reminds us of our passed and present connections with these families and the good number of members present at this Mass. Again our council proved to me that you indeed continue connected by showing to our widows your presence at the Mass and taking them for brunch afterwards. Well done Brothers! Thanks to the Ursua family for their great choice of the hall and catering at reasonable price. Consensus all enjoyed it.

SARAH-PREVENTION MINISTRY

Addiction of any source as we all know is the source of destruction amongst all generations. Through Faith, Education and Good Will, we all can help prevent such disastrous societies. Last November 16, with his good efforts our Prevention Program Chair brother Stan Leong was able to bring to our parish and council Mrs. Susan Match (guest speaker) from RAS, prevention Ministry Founder Dr. Larina Reyes-Smith and registered Public health Nurse Joyce Nisperos-Henry for an Educational Session. Those who attended did find it very worthy the time spent that rainy evening at this useful Session. Most attendees were supportive for its return at later date. Thanks to all participants.

POPE JOHN PAUL I

4th Degree Pope John Paul 1 Assembly annual Christmas Party on December 17 will be held at the Sacred Heart Parish monastery in Ladner. If you wish to attend, call Brother Kim Ng or Maurice Fernandes.

PATRIOTISM

Nov 20, was a great experience for our DGK brother Edgar Ursua and myself to be amongst invited guests at a Public forum Round Table with the Federal Opposition Leader Honorable Michael Ignatieff and other civil dignitaries, to represent our Council on Seniors Housing Issues for the future well being of our seniors.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FAMILY ROSARY

This Month family Rosary prayer will take place at Edgar and Priscilla Ursua residence on December 8. If you are planning to go please phone Edgar at 604-270-4260

ANNUAL SING ALONG CHISTMAS PARTY

On December 7, you and your families are all invited to attend our council evening Christmas sing along. There will be goodies and finger food available to all. Every one is welcome to bring finger food to share with others. Please come and bring your children and visiting relatives. Our Lord is waiting for our spiritual happiness.

ORDINATION to the DEACONATE

We are happy to announce the ordination to the Deaconate of seminarian and our own Brother Knight Swann Kim on Wednesday, December 9, at 7:30 pm at the Holy Rosary Cathedral in Vancouver. I encourage you all to attend this special occasion.

SENIORS LUNCHEON

Brothers, again this year our council is going to provide a Seniors Luncheon for our Seniors at the Parish Center, and I would like to have our council most recent members and their wives to volunteer to serve our Seniors on Saturday December 12, at 1:00 pm. It's an experience of a life time. I understand that all volunteer slots are all filled. Thank you. I look forward to see you at the set up on December 11.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

It's hard to believe that this is the last month of the Year. Again we are celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus. Brothers let's not forget our responsibilities as Catholics and as Knights to respond to the needs of our Parish Priests and be there to help in this Festive Season, Furthermore remember it is the year for Priests.

BLOOD CLINIC

Brothers, the blood bank is in desperate need of blood for our hospitals. On December 4, the mobile blood clinic will be at the St. Paul Center if you wish to donate blood. The clinic hours are from 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm. With one donation you can save three lives. A Great Christmas to those in desperate need of this life saving gift.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER DANCE

Join us at St. Paul Parish Center December 31st to say "farewell" to 2009 and "welcome" 2010. Tickets are \$40.00 per person. Contacts: Americo: 604.278.8031; Edgar: 604.270.4260; Alberto: 604.275.7426.

SHROUD OF TURIN

To celebrate the State Council 100 Years Anniversary, District # 23 Joint Councils are going to bring this most beautiful Exposition replica of "Man of the shroud", A Centennial project to be hosted at St. Joseph the Worker on April 8 – 15, 2010. Again take notice of these dates we are going to need help.

PARISH-SCHOOL-ANNIVERSARY

My Brother Knights, mark on your calendars the following dates: May 21-22-23. Our St. Paul Parish celebrates 75 years, St. Paul School 49 years, Msgr. Dennis Luterbach 40 years of Pastoral Service to the Church. Various programs are to take place for these important occasions. If you have any photos or other memorable items that you can lend to our K of C Council Exposition at that time, please let our Exposition Chair Brother Kim Ng or I know. Also pass this information to anyone you know that were part of this parish family in the past. All items will be returned to you after the event.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Members without email please pick up your newsletter after mass on the first or second week of the month at the entrance to the church. The newsletters will be in the envelope with your name.

Brothers without email, can you please let me know if you prefer to receive the news letter by mail or pick it up at the church? It's getting to be a big expense to the Council please advise.

- Keep a close look at your daily calendar and emails for schedules on Sports, Meetings and other activities related to Church, Parish and Community



Americo Silva

Grand Knight

Archbishop Duke Council 6855

Knights in Action



**K of C Merit Award
to Ms. Mary Wozney**



**K of C Appreciation Award
to Mrs. Maureen Macken**



**K of C Merit Award
to Mrs. Lupina Kover**

AT THE KNIGHT'S “FALL BRUNCH”



“FALL BRUNCH” W/THE LADIES

- REMEMBRANCE DAY - “LEST WE FORGET”



PREVENTION MINISTRY SIMINAR



SPORTS NIGHT

Council 6855 Class of 17 Candidates First Degree Exemplification at St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Vancouver, BC
Not in order: w/ State Deputy Michael Yeo, State Advocate Arcie Lim, District Deputy #23 Kevin Pinto, Rev. Fr. Mario Marin, Council 6855 Grand Knight Americo Silva, District Deputy #26 Peter Siglos & 3 other Priest.



GK AMERICO SILVA HANDING OVER \$2000.00 PHILIPPINES DISASTER RELIEF FUND TO STATE DEPUTY MICHAEL YEO, FLANKED BY DISTRICT WARDEN #23 ALBERTO NISPEROS AND DISTRICT DEPUTY #23 KEVIN PINTO

December 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Choir Practice @ 8:30 pm Room # 5	3 4th Degree Executive Meeting @ St. Joseph At 7:30 pm	4 BLOOD CLINIC @ St PAUL'S From 1:00 – 8:00 pm	5
6 Choir Mass @7:45 am	7 Sing along In the Gym from 7:30 pm	8 Family Rosary @ Edgar & Pricilla 8:00 pm	9 Volunteer for Canadian Blood Services @ W C B	10	11 Set up for Seniors Dinner At 7:30 pm	12 SENIORS LUNCHEON @ 1:00 PM in the Parish Gym
13	14 GENERAL Mtg. @ 7:30 pm Room # 1 & 2	15 District Deputy Mtg. TBA	16	17 4th Degree CHRISTMAS PARTY	18	19 Pancake set up @ 11:30 am Parish Gym
20 Pancake Breakfast	21	22	23	24	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26
27	28 EXECUTIVE MTG @ 7:30 pm ROOM #4	29 Set up For New Year?	30 Set up for New Years?	31 NEW YEARS DINNER DANCE		

January 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 New Years Clean up time TBA	2
3 K of C Choir Mass @ 12:00 noon	4 JOINT COUNCIL MEETING TBA	5 Parish Council Anniversary Committee Meeting	6	7 4th Degree Meeting A @ ST. Joseph 7: 30 pm	8	9 Tennis @ Steveston
10	11 GENERAL MEETING ROOM # 1 & 2 @ 730 pm	12 Family Rosary @ Americo & Maria Silva's Residence @ 8:00 PM	13	14 6855 Council Parish Anniversary Committee Meeting TBA	15 Family Sports Night @ ST Paul's Gym 8:00 pm	16 Tennis @Steveston SET FOR PLAN. B. At 2:30 pm
17 Pancake Breakfast From 8:30 – 11:00 am	18 EXECUTIVE MTG. Room # 4 @ 7:30 pm	19 PPC Meet. Audit meeting	20	21 4 th Degree General meeting	22	23 FREE THROW BASKETBALL STARTS @ 11:00 am
24 31	25 First Degree Exemplification @ St. Paul's Rm # 1-2	26 4 th Deg. Committee Meeting @ St. Paul Room # 7, 7:30 pm	27 K of C Choir Practice @ 8:30 pm	28 St. Patrick's Day Joint Council Committee Meeting T B A	29 BLOOD CLINIC @ ST. PAUL'S From 1:00 – 8:00 pm	30