

1886 in ACTION

Trustee Dennis Berting read the report from the mid-term audit which showed that council's financial affairs, under the guidance of Treasurer George Pratchler and Financial-Secretary Richard Kosokowsky, were in very good shape. The matter of four delinquent members and the question of whether the members' wives should be informed that a suspension was imminent, since a suspension meant a loss of insurance protection for them, was discussed. The question was left unresolved.

Trustee Dobmeier's recommendation to lend the cook shack to the Lake Lenore knights for the July 20 weekend was accepted. He also reported that the breakfast held for St. Dominic School had a profit of \$900.

In January council made the following donations: \$75 to Teri Lueke to attend the Encounter Canada Conference in Ottawa; \$200 to Bowling for Kids; \$150 to Jennifer Revering to attend a Catholic Christian Conference in Ottawa; \$75 to the Humboldt Safe Community Association, an umbrella group promoting safety in all areas in Humboldt and district; and \$100 to the world-wide marriage encounter movement.

As part of St. Augustine Parish's "Welcome Sunday", council agreed to treat, free of charge, at the April 20 breakfast all 36 new families that registered with the parish in 2007.

Warden Harold Korte officially resigned as Warden of the council at the February meeting because of ill health. Past Grand Knight Peter Gueguen, on behalf of all the grand knights Harold has served, moved a vote of thanks to him for the exemplary manner in which he executed his duties during all that time. It was carried unanimously. Harold promised to assist, as much as he could, Richard Lueschen who was appointed warden until the next election.

Council agreed to again offer a \$600 scholarship to any Humboldt Collegiate student who would continue their education at a Catholic College and whose father was a knight.



Breakfasts

March 30 - Special Olympics.
April 20 - St. Augustine Youth Group.
May 11 - Council Charities.

See You There!

District Deputy Fred Staniec informed council that March had been declared Membership Month by Supreme Council and he suggested that 1886 should organize something during that month to promote membership growth in the council. He urged council to try to get its first degree members to the Wadena second and third degree. He was gratified that the mid-term audit had been done and that council had elected delegates to the State convention.

The December 50/50 pot was not won by Mary Jane Revering since the Deputy Grand Knight was not at the November meeting. There was no pot of loonies in January due to the small attendance, consequently Nestor Trach presented his wife, Liz with a cheque for \$19 in February because he had attended the December meeting.

Big thanks to August Brons

August Brons has retired from the phoning committee and council owes him a big vote of thanks for his long and faithful service in helping to keep the members informed.

Anthony Nienaber has agreed to fill the vacancy. He transferred from Annaheim to Humboldt in 2007. He is a past Grand Knight and the former District Deputy, who developed the Naicam council during his term.

In Remembrance

Joe Hinz - December 2, 2007. Lovingly remembered by his wife Dolores, eight children, twenty grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Joe was a man who knew the needs of his community and church and responded to them generously.

Mike Suchan - January 7, 2008. Lovingly remembered by his wife Hedy, five daughters and five sons, 22 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Mike was a king pin in council's Monday Night Bingo organization for many, many years.

Willard Sarauer - February 18, 2008. Lovingly remembered by his wife Ruth, one daughter and two sons and four grandchildren. Willard is the son of Brother Walter and the late Laura Sarauer.

The Last Word . . .

When you reach out to the poor, the sick or the lonely, your hands become the hands of Jesus.



Humboldt Council, Knights of Columbus

1886 News

90 Years of Service
January - March 2008

"We can put chicken in the rice again"

"We can put chicken in the rice again", was the elated comment of Beverly Trach, a Scarboro lay missionary in Fortaleza, a city of 3.5 million in north eastern Brazil. Beverly is the daughter of Elizabeth and brother Nestor Trach.

The comment was evoked, when brother Nestor informed her by telephone, on February 16, of the generous response of the Humboldt community at a council breakfast to support her work.

The rice and chicken program, referred to, came about by accident when Beverly and her associates, the Order of Our Lady sisters, whose mother house is in Toronto, began offering crackers and juice to the street kids. They came to realize that many of these children had no other regular daily food and the program was expanded to a meal of rice with chicken. This of course was taken up by many more, in dire straits, who also came for the food to such numbers, that it came to the point that the chicken had to be cut out, because the cost was becoming too much for the group's finances to handle.

Beverly is a lay missionary affiliated with the Scarboro mission centred in Scarborough, Ontario, a society of priests and lay people dedicated to the global mission to the poorest of the poor.

Ladies' appreciation night revamped

The annual Valentines' Ladies' Appreciation Night held in the St. Augustine Hall, February 16 was revamped in several ways for 2008.

In January, a request was made on behalf of Abbott Bruno Doerfler Assembly of the 4th degree, asking if it would be possible to combine their Valentine celebration with the Humboldt council event. This would avoid date conflicts, and the need for many of the sir knights to attend two functions.

This was agreed to by the council and was a happy decision, in that the attendance rose from an average of 90 to 150 people, enjoying the celebration. It also gave the Humboldt knights an opportunity to enjoy fraternal interaction with knights from all over the former St. Peter's

Abbacy, since that is roughly the area the assembly encompasses. The other change was that of venue and menu. It was announced at the January meeting that the St. Augustine Hall Committee of the Parish council was ready to serve the meal in the St. Augustine hall instead of the Bella Vista, with a menu different from the usual. It was proposed that under the convenorship of Janice Dobmeier, wife of brother Glen Dobmeier, the gathering would enjoy a supper of Greek pork chops, Mennonite sausage, lemon potatoes, dilled carrots, a variety of salads, homemade buns and assorted desserts. And enjoy it they did.

Among the jobs she has are to work in a Children's AIDS hospital and a Children's Cancer Hospital by giving personal care to these unfortunates. Hospitals in Fortaleza provide beds and medical treatment only. Personal care such as changing bed linens, toilet breaks, etc., are the responsibility of the patients' family or friends. This is where Beverly steps in to help out when there is no one else. She also participates in the children's Sacramental preparations in her parish.

The breakfast for Beverly and her work, turned into a Trach family event when Beverly's brothers, Les and Audrey Trach and their two daughters of North Battleford and Ken and Nouvelle Trach and their three sons came from Melfort to assist in the serving and the cleanup at the breakfast.

The breakfast netted \$1000, plus \$170 in donations, to-date, for this cause. Nestor and Liz said they were very grateful to the family, the friends and the community who responded so generously.

It must be gratifying to the breakfast workers and their generous supporters in the community, to see that someone who has the least reason to expect it, will have, "chicken in the rice", at least for a little while.

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Humboldt again extended an invitation to the widows of

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Council Meetings 3rd Tuesday of the month - 8 p.m. - St. Augustine Parish Centre

Ladies' appreciation . . .

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knights to attend and 23 ladies accepted. Knights were also allowed to bring a non-member couple, which was also new, and a number of these were welcomed by all present.

The event was designed mainly to be one of fraternal visiting and so the formal programme was kept very short. The emcee for the evening, Deputy Grand Knight Revering, began the supper by asking Council Chaplain Father April to say Grace and closed it by asking Nestor Trach to propose the toast to the ladies. Nestor, who is a fourth degree member as well as a member of Humboldt council, did this in his usual competent manner.

Emcee Revering closed the occasion by calling for a tribute to Janice Dobmeier and her helpers for the excellent meal they had served, which was enthusiastically responded to by a hearty round of applause from all present. Brother Paul finished the programme with a few humorous remarks and a tribute in poetry to the ladies.

The event, termed a job well done at the February 19 meeting, was under the direction of Leo Altrogge with the assistance of Cliff Albers, Art Klassen and Nestor Trach with refreshments being handled by Dennis Berting.

Congratulations

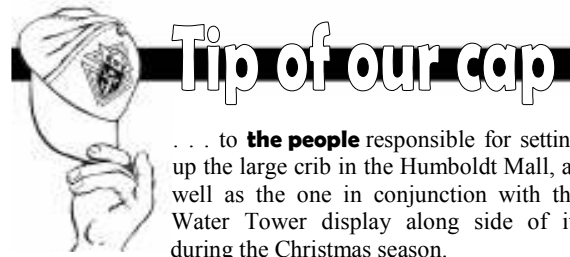
. . . to Brother **Walter Sarauer and Marcella Pomedli** on their marriage on Friday December 28, 2007. We wish you many happy years together.

The grass isn't always greener on the other side

We all know the old adage – the grass seems greener on the other side of the fence. When it comes to replacing your existing Knights of Columbus life insurance with coverage offered by another company, the adage holds true. Perceptions are deceiving. A move to the *other side of the fence* might seem like a good one, but it can leave you with less *green* in your wallet – in some cases, a lot less. That's why it pays to remember another old saying – *Read the fine print*.

There are many reasons to keep your existing coverage in force, whether that coverage is with the Knights of Columbus or with another company. I'll focus on the potential pitfalls of replacing coverage here – pitfalls that an agent trying to convince you that the grass actually is greener might neglect to mention.

First, all life insurance contracts contain a *contestability period*, which allows the insurer to contest claims made for a period, typically two years, after the contract is issued.



. . . to **the people** responsible for setting up the large crib in the Humboldt Mall, as well as the one in conjunction with the Water Tower display along side of it, during the Christmas season.

. . . to **the Bier Tent Gang** for their donation of \$2000 to the St. Augustine Parish Centre. The money was raised by the performances of the popular local entertainment group and by sales of their CDs.

. . . to **all the people** who help put on the soup and sandwich lunches for the parish centre. They are great moments of community, yummy and well worth everyone's support.

Chances are, this is no longer an issue with your current coverage. Second, it's unlikely that you can obtain the same amount of coverage, for the same premium, that you were able to obtain with your existing contract. The two factors that determine how much you'll need to pay for life insurance coverage are age and health. Certainly, you're older now than you were when you took out your current coverage. There's no way around that one. And you have to ask yourself, has your health changed during that time? Is your blood pressure the same? Your cholesterol? Have you gained weight? All these factors affect the amount of coverage you'll get for your premium dollar.

If someone encourages you to replace your existing coverage, please call me. I'll show you how your existing coverage is working for you and why replacement is not in your best interest. — *John Boskill, phone 306-665-5899 (work); 306-384-4836 (home); or 260-9672 (cell).*

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December:

Council received Christmas greetings from St. Peter's College and the City of Humboldt. It was noted that the St. Peter's message offered "Season's Greetings", while the City wished council a "Merry Christmas". Good for the City of Humboldt!

A letter was read from the Saskatchewan Pro-Life Association thanking council for the donation from Jerome Angelstad. In lieu of not having a wife he had donated his 50/50 winnings in November to the association on behalf of council.

Chaplain Father April said he was pleased by the turnout at the Advent reconciliation service with over 300 attending. He also urged the knights not to get so involved in the preparations for Christmas that the real meaning is lost. "We are not just celebrating a birthday, but the incarnation of the Son of God in everyone of us who is open to Him", he said.

In December the following donations were made: \$200 to Ronald MacDonald house; \$200 to The Prairie Messenger; \$200 to the Catholic Christian Outreach movement; \$100 to Kerry Ann Weber to assist her in getting to Dublin, Ireland, to participate in the International Run for Diabetes; and Council pledged \$400 to the parish council's proposed purchase of a Power Point projector

A breakfast is planned to help the St. Augustine Youth group send some of their members to a summer conference at Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio, in July on a motion from Peter Gueguen and a second from Ed Perry.

Grand Knight Leonard presented KofC caps to Clifford Albers and Ivan Dale for recruiting new members.

January:

Because of a blizzard, the January meeting with a mere eight knights in attendance, only dealt with the correspondence and bills.

The Financial-Secretary announced that the council rebate from the provincial charity appeal was \$3,370.70. This had been allotted toward the St. Augustine Hall fund in September.

The group was informed that there was to be a major degree held in Wadena on March 2. Council has two first degree members eligible for the exemption.

The group approved an annual on-going donation of \$100 to the Pro-Life Association.

Trustee Dobmeier reported that the breakfast held on behalf of the Korte family had netted \$1,200.

A discussion on council's sign by the St. Augustine School was held. It is becoming difficult to use, as it is beginning to wear out. Parts are difficult to find and it was decided that Richard Kosokowsky and Glen Dobmeier should do some research with a view of finding a new one to suit council's needs.

For the first time in anyone's memory the Monday Night bingo was cancelled. Because of a storm on the night of January 21, at which only about 20 hardy people showed up, the bingo was deemed to be unviable.

February:

All but two of the executive were in attendance at the January meeting and Grand Knight Leonard took the opportunity to present honorary life memberships to Anthony Nienaber, Nestor Trach and Albert Wempe, who were also present.

Chaplain Father April spoke on Parish Animator Marie-Louise Ternier's program on, "Forgiveness and Healing as a Faith community", held every Wednesday during Lent. He said it was a great opportunity to grow in the faith.

He also asked the knight's for guidance in what they would like him to speak about at either the Mass before or at the meeting itself. This stimulated a discussion on whether the third Tuesday evening Mass might or should be turned into an KofC Mass with knights serving, reading and presenting the gifts. Church Chair Leo Altrogge said that he would discuss the matter with Sister Loretta, who is in charge of the smooth operation of all the Masses.

The request for transfer by Brother Clarence Meschishnick, from Anaheim to Humboldt council was accepted.

It was reported that the Saskatchewan State council convention would be held in Regina, April 4 to 6. It was moved by Nester Trach with a second from Peter Gueguen that Grand Knight Leonard and Deputy Grand knight Revering be delegates to this meeting. In the event that they were unable to attend they were to find alternates.

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