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Special Social Evening

for new prospective members.
April 26, 2017 - 6:30 - 8:00 PM.

St Albert Parish Hall.

Come meet the new prospective Knights for a wine and cheese social.

Share with them what being a Knight of Columbus is about.

Call Gerry Buccini at 780 459-7384



He is Risen...

Easter Sunday

April 16



Blue Sunday, May 7, 2017. This special Mass honors the men and women who risk their lives on a daily basis for the betterment of the community. We invite you to join us for this mass especially if you are one of these special people. We also ask for your support to advertise this event. All active and retired First Responder personnel are invited to attend.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2017

April

- 16 - Easter Sunday
- 19 - General Meeting - 7 PM Grandin Room
- 26 - **Wine & Cheese Social for prospective new members - 6:30 - 8 PM**

May

- 1 - Executive Meeting 7 PM - Grandin Room
- 7 - **Blue Sunday Mass - 11 AM** Pancake Breakfast following 9AM & 11 AM Masses

June

- 17 - **Wrap-Up Dinner - Star of the North**

Principles of the Order

Opening Prayer

Lord, teach us to pray:
“Our Father...”

The Reading

(To be read by the Leader)

Our Principles: Charity-Unity-Fraternity-Patriotism

“So Faith, Hope and Love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love. (1Cor. 13, 13)”

None of us is as good as all of us. None of us are as effective or efficient as all of us. These are statements that we as practical Catholic gentlemen will agree with. However our unity is not just within our families and within our Councils. Unity is what makes the Church the Church. “Christian unity is the business of all Christians, regardless of how young or old they are. Unity was one of Jesus’ most important concerns. He prayed to the Father, “that they all may be one...so that the world may believe that you have sent me, (Jn. 17, 21).” (Youcat 131)

To give us a sense of the importance of unity we can look at the Church as the “Body of Christ.” Above all through the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Eucharist, an inseparable UNION comes about between Jesus Christ and Christians. The UNION is so strong that it joins Him and us like the head and members of a human body and makes us one, (Youcat 126).” Brothers, the analogy of Christ as the head and us as the body united very specifically through the Catholic sacraments should give us a reasonable perspective on the importance of unity in our relationships particularly those ones which are critically important to us.

Does this mean that to be in unity we have to see all things the same and agree on all things within the order or even within the Church? No, absolutely not. Again the concept of the Church, (us who are the body) as the body of Christ, is very good because we know that different parts of our bodies are responsible for different functions, but all are important to the well-being of the whole. Did you know that without that big old, ugly old big toe on your foot you would have a very challenging time keeping your balance? Yes I know, off topic, but important to show that all members of our order are important in the unity of the big picture.

The Reflection

(To be read by the Leader)

Catholic actually means universal, which can go back to Christ’s desire that all may be one. The beauty of our Universal (Catholic) Church is that there are those who would like to see the Latin back in the Mass and others who would say priests can be married, neither of which are on the discussion table. But the beauty of our Church is that despite our differences as part of the body of Christ there is room for all of us within this beautiful communion. “The character of universality which adorns the People of God is a gift from the Lord Himself whereby the Catholic Church ceaselessly and efficaciously seeks for the return of all humanity and all its goods, under Christ the Head in the UNITY of the Holy Spirit, (CCC 831).”

Brothers it is no different with the Knights, unity is critically important. But unity does not mean uniformity. As Knights we need to profess a unity of purpose and direction, a unity of faith and support for our Church. How we live that within the Order and within our families will be as unique as each of us are unique children of God. Remember, St. Augustine is credited with the maxim; in the unimportant things of life diversity, in the important things unity, but in all things charity.

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Meditation Period

(The Leader now invites the members to spend a few moments in silent reflection, as the above text is not meant to be a ready-made answer but a starter for personal reflection on the theme.)

Fraternal Sharing

(The leader now invites the members to share with their Brother Knights any relevant thoughts that came to them during the meditation period.)

Closing Prayer

(Recited by all)

Let us pray:

“Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Please bring a copy of this reading to the next regular meeting so that you can more fully participate in the readings, meditation and prayers. If you are unable to attend please reflect on the readings in your own way.



"Message from our Chaplain".

How are you going to live Holy Week?

We will be soon entering Holy Week the most sacred time of the year, for it is when we will commemorate and remember the last week of Jesus's life on this earth. These are the days leading up to the great Easter Feast. The Lenten season of sacrifice and self-denial is about to come to an end, but this coming week is extremely important for all Christians. The greatest focus of the week is the Passion (suffering) and Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the events that led up to it.

Especially important for Catholics is the Easter Triduum. This is the three days just before Easter. On Holy Thursday, we re-enact the Lord's Last Supper, which He shared with His apostles on the night He was betrayed and arrested. This is one of the most beautiful liturgies of the entire liturgical year. At the Mass, the priest will wash the feet of twelve people, just as Jesus did. Also on this night, priests all over the world will renew their sacred vows. This is because, at the Last Supper, Jesus not only instituted the Mass (Eucharist) but also the ministerial priesthood.

On Good Friday, the day of the crucifixion and death of our Lord, we have the veneration of the Cross. A service is held at noon and a second one at three o'clock in the afternoon (the hour He is believed to have died). We go forward and kiss the Cross in order to show honour and respect for Christ's sacrifice for our sake. There is no consecration of the Eucharist on this day, and the Communion we receive will be from the night before, which has been reserved in the tabernacle.

Holy Saturday is a vigil. We keep watch for the expectant rising of Our Saviour. This was the day He went down into the netherworld in order to bring back up into heaven with Him those who had died before His coming. Up to this time, the gates to heaven were closed and no one could go there because of the original sin of Adam. Jesus changed all that. By paying the price for our sins on the Cross, He gained for us our eternal salvation, and heaven was opened once more. Also on this night, persons who have spent months of preparation will be received through Baptism and Confirmation into the Catholic Church for the first time. It is a joyous occasion.

I encourage each of you to engage yourselves wholeheartedly in living the entire paschal cycle (Lent, Triduum and Easter's Fifty Days) and discover that it can change you forever. This is especially so of the Triduum which, standing at the heart of the Easter season, is an intense immersion in the fundamental mystery of what it is to be Christian. During these days, we suffer with Christ so that we might rise with Him at His glorious Resurrection. Holy Week is a time to clear our schedules of unnecessary activities. Our minds and hearts should be fixed on Jesus and what He did for us. Let us bear the Cross so that may be worthy of wearing the crown He wore. Wishing each of you and your loved ones a Blessed Easter season.

Good of the Order

Please include in your prayers the following Brothers who are ill:

William Oshanyk; Ernest Sokolan; Rev. Louis Gendre; Gerry Hartel and Leon Richard.

We will visit our fellow Brothers who are ill and in continuing care. Some members of our council will visit them, preferably in the mornings. If you are able to participate please contact Br. Brian Wolbert at 780-460-8294 or Br. Tony Csilics 780-458-0065 e-mail kofc@stalbertcouncil4742.ca.

If you are aware of a Knight who is ill or who has passed away please call Br. Tony Csilics.



Pizza, Pizza - Splash, Splash



Family Swimming Event
Sunday, March 26th

Great turnout of 126 Kids
Some younger & some older



Blue Sunday Mass - Please celebrate with us on May 7th.

