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Message from your Grand Knight:

As the Colombian year draws to a close I thought it appropriate to look back and reflect on the past 12 months.

The "Welcome Back Weekend" in Sept. and the monthly pancake breakfasts were great opportunities for fellowship with members of our parish.

Our 14th Blue Sunday Mass was well attended and allowed our faith community a chance to celebrate and thank First Responders who protect and serve us each and every day. Money was raised for charities such as the Marion Center, OMI mission, St. Vincent De Paul and Alberta Life Issues Educational Society (ALIES) from the sale of Charities Appeal tickets and Mother's Day roses.

Grocery Gift Card sales were a major source of income for our council with profits supporting our Seminarian, a medical mission to Central America, high school bursaries, and our parish youth. Please continue to be support this program over the summer by contacting Br. Gerry Buccini at 780-459-7384 or Br. Frank Polanski at 780-459-7941.

Our wrap dinner was a celebration of our council's past 60 years celebrated with a wonderful meal and great entertainment. It was a chance to remember amongst friends our past and recognize our achievements and milestones.

As my time as your Grand Knight comes to an end I ask that you continue to support our new leadership team. Help them and guide like you did with me.

It has been my pleasure to serve as this council's Grand Knight the past 2 years. The support and guidance that I have received has meant everything to me. I leave the position richer from the experience and a better person.

I pray that everyone has a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing you again in the fall.

Many blessings,

Bro. Brian Wolbert

Grand Knight Council 4742



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Lecturer	Darryl Tymchuk
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Trustee 1	Terry Sperling
Trustee 2	Gerry Buccini
Trustee 3	Kevin Paish

Good of the Order

Keep in your prayers those at the Youville and elsewhere: William Oshanyk, Ernest Sokolan, Rev. Louis Gendre 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 780-458-0065e-mail kofc@stalbertcouncil4742.ca.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Reminders: After the summer break

Next Pancake Breakfast is Sep 8

Next Executive Meeting is Sept 9

Next General Meeting is Sept 18

Vinay Ganta
Welcome to
the Knights
of
Columbus



Please join
us in
welcoming
our
newest
Knight.

REMINDER!

Our seminarian, Curtis Berube, will be ordained as a DEACON on THURSDAY, JUNE 27th. If you would like to attend (I have three responses so far), please contact me asap (780-459-7384) or write gbuccini@telus.net

**We will leave our Church parking lot about 6:00 and car pool to the Basilica downtown Edmonton. Following the ordination there will be a brief social in the basement of the Basilica. We should be home by 10:00.
Bro Gerry Buccini**

What a Blast!

The 60th anniversary celebration of Council 4742 took place on Saturday, June 15th. There was in excess of 140 people that attend the event. The meal was great, the entertainment was fabulous, and a great time was had by all. The Silent Auction and Table Centerpiece draws raised \$1,320 for the St. Albert Parish Capital Improvement Fund. We wish to acknowledge the efforts of all those that assisted in the event and brought items for the auction. Special thanks to those that assisted in the bar service and to Br. Terry Sperling and his committee for heading up the celebration and all those that assisted in the event. Photos on the following pages.











Congratulations to our Knight of the Year Award



Ken Gallagher with our
Worthy Grand Knight

Oblate Moment - Br. Bernie Hryciw



Pope John Paul II on Saint Eugene de Mazenod

December 3, 1995, Rome. *We are living in the second Advent of the world's history. Eugene de Mazenod was a man of Advent, a man of the Coming. He not only looked forward to that Coming, he dedicated his whole life to preparing for it, one of those apostles who prepared the modern age, our age.*

Eugene de Mazenod knew that Christ wanted to unite the whole human race to himself. This is why throughout his life he devoted particular attention to the evangelization of the poor, wherever they were found.

By patiently working on himself, he learned to discipline a difficult character and to govern with enlightened wisdom and steadfast goodness. His every action was inspired by a conviction he expressed in these words: "To love Church is to love Jesus Christ, and vice versa". His influence is not limited to the age in which he lived. But continues its effect on our time.

His apostolate consisted in the transformation of the world by the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. What Saint Eugene wanted to achieve was that, in Christ, each individual could become a fully complete person, an authentic Christian, a credible saint.

The Church gives us this great Bishop and Founder of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate as an example of heroic faith, hope and charity.

**Knights of Columbus Alberta-Northwest Territories
Formation Program-June-2019
Catholic in the Public Square**

Opening Prayer

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

The Reading

(To be read by the Leader)

Is it mandatory for Catholics to follow what the Pope or Bishops say on political issues?

Certainly, it is important to respect statements made by the Churches hierarchy. “It is the role of the Pope and the bishops to teach clearly on matters of faith and morals, including those touching on political issues, (p. 19).” However, there are some instances where Catholics may disagree with the hierarchy of the Church. This revolves around what the Church teaches and how what it teaches is applied to a specific situation. The examples used are “just war” and “capital punishment.” So, I may agree on the Churches teaching on just war, but I may not agree on a “particular situation” where the Church says a war is just. This is based on my informed understanding, and using my prudential judgement, that I disagree with the application of the term just war. “It should be emphasized, however, that despite these examples, there are other issues, such as abortion or euthanasia, that are always wrong and do not allow for the correct use of prudential judgement to justify them, (p. 19).”

Are all political and social issues equal when it comes to choosing a political candidate?

“Absolutely not! The Catholic Church is actively engaged in wide variety of important public policy issues including immigration, education, affordable housing, health and welfare, to name just a few. However, when it comes to direct attacks on innocent human life, being right on all the other issues can never justify a wrong choice on this most serious matter, (p. 21).” St. John Paul II wrote in *Christifideles Laici*, 38; “the right of health, to home, to work, to family to culture, is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination.” Brothers the right to life trumps all other issues. If we do not have the right to life, we really have nothing. That is why abortion can never be justifiable. Because the right to life is being taken from one who has no voice to speak for themselves.

Are there any non-negotiable issues for Catholics involved in politics?

The answer to this question is yes there are non-negotiable issues because they involve matters that are

intrinsically evil. In 2006, Pope Benedict XVI stated the following; “As far as the Catholic Church is concerned, the principal focus of her interventions in the public arena is the protection and promotion of the dignity of the person, and she is thereby consciously drawing particular attention to principles which are not negotiable. Among these the following emerge clearly:

- Protection of life in all its stages, from the moment of conception until natural death.
- Recognition and promotion of the natural structure of the family, as a union between a man and a woman based on marriage.
- The protection of the rights of parents to educate their children, (p.22).”

These issues named by Pope Benedict are all non-negotiable and are some of the most contemporary and from a Catholic standpoint, contentious issues in the political arena.

Brothers, to play a part in putting a political figure into office is an important responsibility. To fulfill our duties as ethical Catholic gentlemen we need to inform our consciences with what is good and true. (This is true for all areas of our lives.) We have an obligation to inform ourselves about the issues and about what the parties stand for. With these two pillars in place we can go to the polls and cast our votes with confidence. Is it right abstain from voting because of lack of knowledge or lack of time. No, it is not. Your vote is important and needs to be made use of so that the informed Catholic voice may collectively make known what is important in our families, our communities and in our greater society.

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 General Meeting so that you can more fully participate in the reading, meditation and prayers.