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Brothers:

As your newly elected Grand Knight, I welcome you back to a new Columbian year. There are many old and new activities we are involved in our parish and community. The attached Faith In Action Plan (identifies the Directors and activities planned for the coming year). Please get involved by contacting the Director or the person most responsible for the activity. To become a more vibrant and faith-filled council your support and action is urgently needed.

Our May Mother's Day roses sales netted a profit of \$736. At our May 22 General Meeting a decision was made to forward these proceeds to the "Back Porch". This is a service organization run by volunteers who provide counseling and support to those considering abortion. Please read the attached letter we received. Knights of Council 4742, you should be proud of your work and decisions.

I would like to end by asking all members of Council 4742 to please come to our next General Meeting to be held on September 18 at 7pm. We have decided to "reinvent" our council by limiting the meeting to one hour. We will spend the hour with time to address the business items, time for faith development (honored speaker) and a time for fraternity (fellowship and refreshments).

Vivat Jesus

Bernie Hryciw, Grand Knight

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date

September

18 General Meeting - 7PM Wednesday, Grandin Room
29 Parish Expo - following the Sunday 11AM Mass

October

4 Archbishop's Dinner, Friday, 6PM. Edmonton Convention Centre.
6 Pancake Breakfast, Sunday 9 & 11 AM
7 Executive Meeting - Monday, 7 PM Grandin Room
16 General Meeting, Wednesday, 7 PM Grandin Room
24 Padre Night, Thursday OLPH Sherwood Park

Faith in Action Plan

FAITH - Director Scott

	Responsibility	Date
Seminarian	Gerry B	Jan & Jun
Grade 4 bibles	Bernie	Sept
OMI Mission	Bernie	Oct
Pilgrimage	Mark L	Aug
Padre Night - OLP, Sherwood Park	Bernie	Oct. 24
Recruitment & Retention Committee	Gerry B & Kevin P	yearlong
Blue Sunday	Gerry K	May. 3

COMMUNITY - Directors Bernie & Gerry K

	Responsibility	Date
Sacred Heart Church	Bernie	yearlong
Coats for Kids		
Parish Expo	Shannon / Tony	Sep. 29
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	Ken	yearlong
RS Ed Scholarship	Bernie	Oct. 23
Pancake Breakfast Committee	Ken / Kevin	yearlong
Grocery Gift Cards Committee	Gerry B / Scott	yearlong
Phoning Committee	Gerry B	yearlong

FAMILY - Director Terry

	Responsibility	Date
Archbishop Lori prayer		yearlong
Pizza Pizza Splash Splash		Mar
Memorial Mass	Gerry B	Nov
Fish Fry		Mar / Apr
Country Fair		June
Welcome Back	Bernie B	Sept 21 & 22
Christmas dinner	Terry	Jan. 4
Year End BBQ	Terry	June
Christmas Parking		Dec. 24

LIFE - Directors Tony & Brian

	Responsibility	Date
Mothers Day Roses	Brent	May
Marian Center	Brian	May
Youville Home Visits	Tony	yearlong
Charity Appeal Committee	Brian	Oct - Feb



May 24th, 2019

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To the St. Albert Knights of Columbus,

Thank you on behalf of ALIES & The Back Porch, and the clients we serve, for your generous donation of \$736 from the Mother's Day roses fundraiser. With your support, we are able to lovingly present women and men in unplanned pregnancy situations with information and resources to assist them in choosing life for their preborn children.

Ivy and Ian first came to The Back Porch by mistake, thinking it was the abortion clinic. They were young, new to the city, and afraid of being pregnant at this point in their lives. They did not want any information, and they quickly left our office. We thought that was the end of the story, but God had something else in mind.

A little while later, Ian returned seeking information on adoption and parenting. They had run into an unforeseen situation, and could no longer pursue abortion. Our staff and volunteers were able to connect them with support from a local parenting centre. In addition, our community of supporters stepped up in awe-inspiring ways. This young couple received furniture for their home, baby supplies for their child, and gift cards for groceries – **Through this support, Ivy and Ian feel empowered as parents. They expressed deep gratitude for how our community has rallied around them in their time of crisis.** We praise God for working in a miraculous way! He has an amazing plan for Ivy and Ian and their preborn child. We are blessed to have met them, and to support them in the ways they've needed – by way of generous and sacrificial donors like you!

It is only with your support that we are able to provide the resources, support and encouragement that parents like Ivy and Ian need in order to choose life for their preborn children. Something powerful happens when a couple realizes that they are not alone, that we care for them, and that we will fight for them. When they recognize their strength and worth, they are then able to recognize the infinite value of their preborn child. You are an indispensable part of this heart-changing, life-saving ministry. Your support truly does make a world of difference for the women, men, and preborn children we serve. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Samantha Williams
Executive Director
ALIES & The Back Porch

Donations made in 2019 will receive a tax receipt in early 2020

Names of people in our client stories are changed to protect their privacy



Annual Knights of Columbus
Padre Night
Edmonton and Area

Sponsored by Edmonton Chapter of Knights of Columbus
Host Council: Archbishop MacDonald Council 6083 Sherwood Park

Thursday October 24, 2019
OLPH Parish Hall
13 Brower Drive
Sherwood Park, Alberta

Cocktails 6:00 pm

Dinner 6:30 pm

Special Guest Speakers
Evening Entertainment

Tickets \$50.00 per person

For Tickets Contact
Brother Brian Wolbert at (780) 690-4938 or
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Dear Brother Knights:

Chaplain 's Corner

As we begin a new Columbian year, may it be a year of many blessings, a year of growth in our membership. Above all I pray that we grow in our faith and become true disciples of Jesus.

I challenge each member of our council to make a commitment to be present as much as possible at our monthly gatherings.

Welcome and blessings to all

Chaplain Edward Kosa, omi

Good of the Order

Keep in your prayers those at the Youville and elsewhere: William Oshanyk, Ernest Sokolan, Rev. Louis Gendre, Leon Richard and Phil Dumontier.

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 passed away please call Br. Tony Csilics.

**Knights of Columbus Alberta-Northwest Territories
Formation Program-September-2019
Faith in Action**

Opening Prayer

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

The Reading

(To be read by the Leader)

“So also, faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead, (James 2, 17)”

My dear brothers in the Lord; **“Faith in Action”** is our mantra and our mandate during this Columbian year and perhaps for many years to follow. In his letter, St James affirms the critical importance of faith as an integral component of our journeys and our relationship with the Lord Jesus. He also notes that works is an integral expression of this faith that is so critical to who we are as Catholic men whose role it is to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our families and with our community at large. St. James draws an important distinction and an important parallel within these two precepts of faith and action.

The extension of chapter 2, verse 17 follows. Indeed, someone may say, “you have faith and I have works.” Demonstrate your faith without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works, (James 2, 18).” An important distinction for us as Catholic men to note here is this. There are some that would say that our works demonstrate our faith, but the reality is that our works need to come about as an expression of our faith. Does this seem like we are splitting hairs? I say no it does not. We, as Catholic men, as Knights of Columbus, do not do what we do to demonstrate or show our faith. We do what we do as expressions of our faith, as expressions of who we are and what we believe. Brothers, St. James tells us that our faith is our inspiration our reason for being, our reason for doing what we do. Put another way; the love we have for our God, our faith in the love of our God for us His children, is expressed in the actions we embrace in order to live our God-given commandment. “This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you, (Jn. 15, 12).”

The Reflection

(To be read by the Leader)

The distinction for our organization whose mandate is “Faith in Action” is really very important. We do not do what we do (action) to show our (faith), we do what we do, because our (faith) impels us to do what we do, our (action). Our faith leads/impels/draws us to action. Hence the critical importance, as “those men called Knights,” of us growing in our faith at every opportunity. The stronger and more robust we grow in our own faith the greater the motivation will be for us to express, to live out our faith in concrete actions, spiritually and practically for the benefit of all our brothers and sisters. It has been said about the charitable works that our Knights engage in throughout the world; we do not do what we do because they are Catholic, we do what we do because we are Catholic. Our love of God, our faith in God’s love for us His children inspires us to desire to live that love, that faith out in word and most importantly in action.

Brothers, as we enter another Columbian year, may we desire to grow in our faith. May this continued growth on our faith journeys, lead us to further action. I believe strongly, the more we focus on growing in our faith, in understanding our faith, in sharing our faith with one another, that the charitable activities and actions that we engage in as Catholic men become simply, practical expressions of the faith we are engaged in, lived out and benefitting our brothers and sisters throughout our world.

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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