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Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights;

As we reach the end of the Columbian year, I would like to first thank everyone for all your help and support this year. I really was not sure what I was "getting into" when I was asked to become the Grand Knight for Council 4742. Indeed, it has been a very special year with God asking all of us to renew our commitment to the Church and to the Order. Together we will all become better Christians and better Knights.

Father McGivney our founder has moved one step closer to sainthood. Pope Francis has approved a miracle attributable to Father McGivney and later this summer he will become Blessed.

Supreme has provided us the "Leave No Neighbor Behind" program that certainly has brought us together to serve the poor, the lonely and those in need. I am so happy to report that our phoning committee is in the second round of phoning all our members. All those contacted were thankful for the call but so many wished that we could be meeting in person. Additionally, food collections are being held every two weeks. Our next collection is on Saturday June 20 between 10:00 and noon in the church parking lot. Donations are made to Sacred Heart Parish and Lac St Anne Parish and then in two weeks we will hold a collection for St Albert Food Bank. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

I am also happy to report that at the food collection, we are now able to sell our grocery gift cards that were normally available at the pancake breakfasts. You can now purchase Sobseys, Safeway and/or Save On Food gift cards at our food collections in the church parking lot (every second Saturday).

You may be aware that Fr. Ignacy is now able to hold weekday and weekend masses at our church. Please be aware that only up to 50 people can attend each mass. If you would like to attend mass you must register at the parish office (780)-459-6691. Please note we will still be live streaming the 11 o'clock mass on Sundays.

Another highlight is that at our May General Meeting, a full slate of nominations were presented for our Executive positions. Thank you so much to all who put themselves forward to serve on the Executive for the next Columbian year.

Yet more great news – Deacon Curtis Berube, and others, will be ordained as new priests on June 29 by Archbishop Smith. Due to the limited attendance we are planning to have a mass celebrated for us by Curtis at our parish sometime in July or August. As soon as details are finalized, more information will be provided.

In the meantime, I am wishing you all a very enjoyable summer and ask that you take time to give thanks for all our blessings.

Stay Safe

Brother Bernie Hryciw

During the month of June, the church focuses with loving reverence on the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This devotion stems in part to church-approved private revelations our Lord gave St. Margaret Marie Alacoque, (who's relic we have in our church) a French Nun in the 17th century, in which He made known to her His desire for us to show love and devotion to His Sacred Heart. And He desires our love us *just as intensely!* Christ sees us in HD and loves us in HD! We can requite our love for Him through partaking of his graces in communion and confession, and through prayer, fasting, and following His commandments.

If this sounds like too tall an order as you deal with life's daily struggles and vexations, remember that you can always say a short prayer to God, in your own words, just talk to Him as you would a friend. Tell Him you love Him. Ask for His help in doing His will. Express your gratitude for His blessings. Or tell Him about all your frustrations over everything going wrong in your life or in this crazy world!

Mother Teresa once said that God did not call her to be successful, but rather faithful, that applies to all of us as well! The main thing is to keep in touch with Him and keep trying to live in His love! in them, and that the fire that consumes Mine should fortify and enkindle theirs!"

In both public and church-approved private revelations, we get a sense of the intensity of God's love for us. Jesus told his apostles in His Last Supper Discourse to "love one another as I have loved you" (John 13:34 and 15:12). And His love is anything but lukewarm or indifferent. He reproaches the church at Laodicea for its tepidity (Rev. 3:16).

Never forget that you were born with a God-given soul, one that our Lord values and loves no matter what your circumstances in this life! It is also prime real estate in the battle between Christ and Satan. Despite what atheists and some materialistic free thinkers might claim, there is indeed an afterlife, and each of us will either spend it the unspeakable joy of Heaven or misery in Hell, depending on how we've responded to God's graces in this life.

Admittedly, many of us are in the throes of various spiritual and emotional trials, especially these days! Mother Teresa herself felt both a dryness and emptiness in serving God at various times throughout her life. That is by no means uncommon, both for religious and the laity alike. Our prayers don't get answered. Trouble seems to be brewing all around us. There are pressures at work, or with the family or such, that are just too much to bear!

God allows us to undergo trials to strengthen our souls or cleanse them of sinful habits or inclinations. Yet, as hard as it may be to believe, God is very much there with us through these struggles and wishes us to help Him bring whatever good we can out of bad situations, as well as out of evil.

We are living in increasingly difficult and perilous times, both for our faith and for the world, and there's probably a link between those two! It certainly *feels* these days as if we're living in the times our Lord predicted when men's hearts would grow cold (Matt 24:12). However, that could have been said during any number of brutal epochs in human history and always remember Satan doesn't have the last word. He didn't at Calvary and he won't now or ever. Stay close to Jesus in prayer and in partaking of His sacraments, even when, perhaps *especially* when, it seems he's nowhere to be found.

Each of us must try to help our Lord be a light that the darkness cannot and will not overcome, as St. Margaret Mary herself once wrote: "The adorable Heart of Jesus wills to establish Its reign of love in every heart, so as to overthrow that [reign] of Satan. In spite of all opposition, this divine Heart will eventually triumph. Satan with all his adherents will be confounded. Happy will they be who have been the means of establishing His [our Lord's] empire.

God bless you all and have a great summer.

Fr. Ed Kosa OMI

Sunday Mass

You can attend the Sunday Mass again, however there are strict new guidelines and you must apply to attend. Please refer to <https://www.facebook.com/SaintAlbertParish/> for instructions how to apply. Changes to the guidelines are changing so please check the parish bulletin.

In the meantime, Fr. Ignacy is broadcasting the Mass every Sunday.

Grocery Gift Cards

Dear Brother Knights,

As you are aware, every second Saturday in the parish parking lot, there is a collection of items for the food bank and the Sacred Heart Church campaign.

Starting Saturday, JUNE 6th, we have been given the OK to sell our Grocery Gift Cards while food collections are occurring. This is a chance to "stock up for summer" and to continue this very worthwhile fundraiser. SALES ARE SUBSTANTIALLY DOWN because of the situation we find ourselves in. Even if we are able to raise a couple thousand each week, it is better than nothing.

Please consider dropping by on the Saturdays and tell your friends and neighbors (other parishioners are being notified via the parish newsletter). Remember that cash, checks AND DEBIT/CREDIT will be accepted for sales.

God bless you all. We hope to be seeing you again soon.

Fraternally, Bros Gerry Buccini, Scott Venne, Christopher Murphy

Good of the Order

Keep in your prayers those at the Youville and elsewhere:

Rev. Louis Gendre, William Oshanyk and Leon Richard;

Those Brothers who are sick; Brothers Paul and Gerry Buccini

Those who have recently passed away - Roland (Brian's friend)

Those who are sick or are expected to be operated - Fr. Ed's brother Ernest, Bob Pampu's granddaughter, Mickey Casavant's wife Astrid, Bernie McCracken's wife and Liam Connelly's wife, Lorna.

We cannot visit our fellow Brothers who are ill and in continuing care however the visits will resume when possible. If you are aware of a Knight or spouse who is ill or if you a Knight or their spouse who has passed away, please call Br. Tony Csilics. (780) 458-0065

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Please check your membership card.

If you do not have "DUES PAID TO: DECEMBER 31, 2020", then you have not paid your dues and they are due now. If you are unable to make this commitment, please contact Br. Tony so alternative arrangements can be made.

Our Council's regular membership dues are \$50.00 per year and most of this money is used for activities within our Parish. Some of the dues are used for administration and various charities of the Knights of Columbus administered through State and Supreme Councils. These State and Supreme expenses become due upon receipt of their statement, whether or not membership dues have been received. Thus, a timely collection of membership dues lessens the financial burden on our Council.

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