

The Beacon

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NO General Meeting in December

Are you ready for Christmas? Grocery cards make excellent stocking stuffers.
They do not expire and every family needs food.

"LET US ALWAYS MEET EACH OTHER WITH A SMILE, FOR THE SMILE IS THE BEGINNING OF LOVE."
Mother Teresa



UPCOMING EVENTS 2017 - 2018

December

- 25 - Monday - Christmas Day
 - 31 - Sunday - New Year's Eve Gala - St. Basil's
- ### January
- 6 - Saturday - Advent Dinner & Social after the 5PM Mass
 - 7 - Sunday - Pancake Breakfast following 9 & 11 AM Masses.
 - 8 - Monday - Executive Meeting 7 PM, Grandin Room
 - 17 - Wednesday - General Meeting 7 PM, Grandin Room



Your Executive!

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Br. Joel Thomson

Advent is a time of waiting. To wait is not popular in our culture of instant gratification, but it creates in us a new kind of self-discipline that helps us to appreciate the present moment and to look ahead with peaceful anticipation.

How do we wait for God? We wait with patience. But patience does not mean passivity. Waiting patiently is not like waiting for the bus to come, the snow to stop, or the sun to rise. It is an active waiting in which we live the present moment to the full in order to find there the signs of the One we are waiting for.

Waiting patiently is suffering through the present moment, tasting it to the full, and letting the seeds that are sown in the ground on which we stand grow into strong plants. Waiting patiently always means paying attention to what is happening right before our eyes and seeing there the first rays of God's glorious coming.

We all know that advent is a very busy time in our lives. Keeping a balance between spiritual and secular will need some planning on our part. Make a list of things that need to be done. Then set-aside some time every day for personal prayer, spiritual reading and reflection.

You will find that as you go through Advent you will begin to relish those quiet moments of the day. They will become like spiritual port in a secular storm. This prayer time will restore your spirit. The spiritual insights will help keep you focused, on what Christmas is about.

Some things that you could do during Advent:

- Receive the Sacrament Reconciliation in your parish and take the opportunity to cleanse your soul in preparation for the coming of Jesus.
- In St. Albert, parish Vespers (evening prayer) will be celebrated on Friday evenings. One could take part in this form of prayer.
- Do a kind deed for someone who needs some help.



**+KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL 4742
ADVENT MASS & DINNER**

Saturday, January 6th, 2018

Mass at 5:00 p.m. in Main Church
Reception from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m.
Dinner at 6:45 p.m.
Entertainment from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Tickets go on sale in December!
Star of the North Retreat Centre



Start off the New Year with a Party!
Tickets *still* just \$25 each or \$50/couple
Win a prize from the Gift Card Tree!

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 Csilies 780-458-0065 e-mail kofo@stalbertcouncil4742.ca.

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

New Year's Eve Gala - St. Basil's Cultural Centre

10819 71 Avenue - Edmonton - Sunday, December 31, 2017

The Knights of Columbus, Father Hannas Council, and St. Basil's Men's Club are co-sponsoring a New Year's Eve Gala. Last year's gala was a resounding success with Chef Joe Simpkin creating a superb salad bar and buffet dinner and we expect even better this year.

Cocktails at 6:00 PM; Dinner at 7:00 PM; Music by Emerald's Band. Tickets are \$85.00 per person, phone 780-434-4288.

If you need any further information please call Jerry Dubyk at 780-922-2943 or Orest Eveneshen at 780-438-2728.

**NEW
YEAR'S
EVE**

There are still more tickets available for the Charities Appeal. Contact Br. Brian Wolbert to get your ticket booklets. Proceeds this year will go to the Marion Center and the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

St. Albert Catholic High School Awards Night was held on October 25th at the Arden Theatre. The Knights of Columbus Catholic Youth Ambassador Award was presented to Grade 10 student Jordan Sperling and Grade 11 student Emily Willette. This award recognizes committed and inspiring students who demonstrate Christ-centered behaviour and who effect positive change at St. Albert Catholic High School and the community. The presenter was our newest Knight Br. Troy Bontus. The November Beacon incorrectly identified the Grade 10 recipient as Jacob instead of Jordan Sperling.



Next Pancake Breakfast is January 7th.

To be successful with the pancake breakfasts, and to get more knights involved, we need to get more confirmed names to fill the assignments on the attached

spread sheet. The current long time volunteers are getting

old and could use a break sometimes. It would be nice to have confirmed trained backups for the key assignments. Several Knights will be away for various durations during the winter months and we will need fill ins. Also, it is especially hard for the older knights to setup tables. Please advise if you can assist

by notifying Br. Ken Gallagher at of your availability at 587 341-5711 or kennethgallagher@gmail.com

and add your name to the list of volunteers. Dates available are Jan 7, Feb 4, Mar 4, Apr 8 and May 6.

"In service to One. In service to All."



Assignment	Start	Finish	# Req.	Name	Phone #	Dates Avail
Table setup	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	4			
Pancake Mixer	7:30 AM	11:00 AM	1			
Pancake Cooker	7:30 AM	11:30 AM	1			
Sausage Cooker	7:30 AM	11:30 AM	1			
Sausage Helper	7:30 AM	11:30 AM	1			
Scrambled Eggs	7:30 AM	11:30 AM	1			
Coffee/Tea	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	1			
Food Servers	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	8			
Food Servers	Noon	1:00 PM	8			
Dish Washer	Noon	1:00 PM	1			
Table Takedown	12:30 PM	1:30 PM	8			