

The Beacon

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Grand Knights Report March 2018

The Shrove pancake breakfast and our regular breakfast were a success. Thanks to those involved. Our sale of grocery cards also went well. We are hoping for your continued support in this fundraiser event. Weather has made attendance difficult for many people, so a special thanks to everyone. The next pancake breakfast is on April 8. Please remember that many hands make the work lighter. Volunteers are always appreciated. **Come out and meet your fellow parishioners, have a good breakfast and get your grocery cards all in one convenient location.**

We have entered the new Columbian year so if your dues are still owing, please send them in. You can make the job of membership much easier for everyone. Please remember to let us know if your information has changed. The annual meeting will be in May, so now is the time to think about how you can contribute by becoming involved in the club executive.

The annual Pizza, Pizza, Splash, Splash will be on March 18 at the Fountain Park pool. Please attend and bring your children and grandchildren. Proceeds go to charity. Remember, Knights support Knights events. We look forward to seeing you at the March meeting.

Vivat Jesus,

Br. Brian Wolbert

Your Executive!

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Br. Joel Thomson

March 2018 Meeting

Created in the Image and Likeness of God (Gen. 1, 26-27)

Opening Prayer

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

The Reading

(To be read by the Leader)

“God created humanity in His image and likeness, in His divine image He created him; male and female He created them....God looked at everything He had made, and He found it very good, (Gen. 1, 27, 31)”

Brothers, last month we spoke about the difference between an inclination and an action. Homosexual inclination and Heterosexual inclination are not sinful in and of themselves. In other words, it is not a sin to be gay. It does become problematic and sinful when one entertains the thoughts, homosexual or heterosexual. More to the point, it is a serious sin (disordered) to act on the homosexual inclination. It is also a serious sin when one acts on a heterosexual inclination outside the sacrament of marriage. Note the parallels. The universal commonality, we are all God’s children regardless of proclivity and therefore are afforded the inherent right to be treated with dignity and respect.

One of the challenges faced for those dealing with same gender attraction is that it is an inclination they did not choose, seeing it as an unwanted burden. The question then what can be done about this uninvited challenge. “There is currently no scientific evidence on the cause of homosexual inclination, (2006)” “Its psychological genesis remains largely unexplained, (CCC 2357).” So, what to do when faced with these issues or perhaps when walking with a loved one who is struggling in this area. Counselling from one who is supportive of the Churches teaching on homosexuality is certainly an option. This in collaboration with a regular confessor and the assistance of a spiritual director will no doubt be of benefit in the quest to lead a chaste life.

Training in acquiring virtue is one of the responses offered by the U.S. Catholic Bishops because this will assist us in all areas of our lives. “The acquisition of virtues requires a sustained effort and repeated actions. The more one repeats good actions, the more one’s passions (such as love, anger, fear) become shaped in accord with good action.” Of course, the opposite is also true as well. One way in which we the Church, we the Knights can assist persons who are experiencing homosexual inclinations is by nurturing healthy fraternal friendships. Friendship is an essential element for living a good life. “Friendships of various kinds are necessary, for a full human life, and they are likewise necessary for those attempting to live chastely in the world. There can be little hope of living a healthy, chaste life without nurturing human bonds. Living in isolation can ultimately exacerbate one’s disordered tendencies and undermine the practice of chastity (2006)”. Brothers though we are speaking in terms of walking with individuals who are living within the challenge of same sex attraction, the importance of

healthy life-giving relationships are key to living a good life for any one of us. Hence the intrinsic value of the Knights of Columbus as a fraternal organization of like-minded Catholic men seeking to serve the Lord and His people.

The Reflection

(To be read by the Leader)

“It is crucially important to understand that saying a person has a particular inclination that is disordered is not to say that the person as a whole, is disordered. Nor does it mean that one has been rejected by God or the Church, (USCCCB 2006).” “While friendship is indeed necessary for the good life of a human person, friendship with God constitutes our ultimate end. Every human person has been created to share in the communion of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The ministry of the Church to persons with a homosexual inclination must always have the overriding aim of fostering the greatest possible friendship with God, (2006).” So, encouraging active participation in our Catholic faith community is essential and a wonderful support to living a life of chastity and integrity, for those endeavoring to live a chaste life in accord with Church teaching. “Catholics who are living in accord with the Church’s moral teaching are invited encouraged to participate fully and regularly in the sacramental life of the Church, (2006).” Brothers, we have a moral obligation to treat all our brothers and sisters with dignity and respect, just as we ourselves have the inherent right to expect just treatment. Those of God’s children who are dealing with the challenge of same sex attraction or inclination need our support and our love not our judgement. We as brother Knights need to be the loving hands and feet of our Lord Jesus who clearly desired that; “all may be one, (Jn. 17, 22).”

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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 reading, meditation and prayers. If you are unable to attend please reflect on the readings in your own way.

While Jesus was in Cana in Galilee, a royal official who's son was dying came to Jesus asking him to come and heal his dying son. He begged Jesus to come and save his boy and because of his faith Jesus sent him on his way saying to him "Your son lives" and the boy was healed at that very hour. He and his family and his household became believers.

Like the official, we are called to have faith in God and his Son Jesus who came to redeem us. Like the official, we are called to have faith that God cares for us in the same way that Jesus cared for the official and his ill son. We are called to have faith in God and in the power of prayer, that, though God may not answer our prayer precisely to give what we have prayed for, God listens and answers our prayers because he is our heavenly Father who loves and cares for us. During these last weeks of Lent let us, like the royal official, take time to come to Jesus in prayer and faith with our burdens and cares, our brokenness, asking him to heal us.

I would encourage you to read the Gospel of John Chapter four verses 43 to 54, reflectively and prayerfully.

Congratulations Brother Bernie!

In February, Brother Bernie Hryciw became an Oblate Associate. He is providing some history to help us understand and appreciate the background of the Oblates. This information is named "Oblate Moment".

Oblate Moment

Charles Joseph Eugene de Mazenod was born in Aix-en-Provence in the south of France on August 1, 1782. The turmoil of the French Revolution changed his life. When Eugene was just eight years old, his family fled France and started a long and increasingly difficult eleven year exile in Italy. In 1802, Eugene was able to return to his homeland. France was a changed world; his parents had separated. He entered the seminary of St. Sulpice in Paris, and on December 21, 1811, was ordained a priest in Amiens. Returning to Aix-en-Provence, he started to exercise his priesthood in the care of the truly spiritually needy: prisoners, youth, servants, country villagers. Soon he sought out other equally zealous priests. From village to village they went, instructing at the level of the people. In between these parish missions, the group joined in an intense community life of prayer, study and fellowship. In 1816 they called themselves "Missionaries of Provence". On February 17, 1826, Pope Leo XII approved the new Congregation, the "Oblates of Mary Immaculate". Eugene was elected Superior General.

Good of the Order

Keep in your prayers those at the Youville and elsewhere: William Oshanyk, Ernest Sokolan, Rev. Louis Gendre, Father Felix Labat, Leon Richard, Dan Boivert and Norm Dust's wife Jesse.

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 has passed away please call Br. Tony Csilics.

Bro. Anthony Council 10014 is having a dinner, dance and silent auction.

Your kind support is requested for *~ALL You Need is Love~ 2018!*
Live Entertainment by a *Beatles Tribute Band* with
Dinner, Entertainment, Dance and Silent Auction
Holy Family Parish Hall, St. Albert April 7, 2018, 6:00 PM



Hosted by the Knights of Columbus, Brother Anthony Council.

Your donation of product or services to our Silent Auction will help us with our major roof repairs at Holy Family Catholic Church, the details which can be found here: www.holyfamilyparish.ca and click on "Parish Roof" under Latest News

Your support and generosity is important and valued! All supporters will be recognized at the event. If you choose to provide a monetary donation, you will receive a tax receipt for the amount.

To donate to the Silent Auction - or for tickets to All You Need is Love - please contact Brother Anthony Council:

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State Deputy, Ron Schuster, advised that **IPSD Charles Russell** fell down a flight of stairs on March 8th. He was taken to the Rocky View Hospital in Red Deer. He broke his hip and is awaiting surgery and he is doing well and resting but he has asked for NO visitors until he comes through surgery. They will apprise us of his recovery and when he will be taking visitors. Please keep him in your prayers for a speedy recovery.
Shauna - for Ron Schuster



Fish Fryday. March 23.

1 piece meal ticket - \$12; 2 piece meal ticket - \$14. (battered cod)

Includes fries and coleslaw.

5:30 PM in the Parish Hall.

Tickets must be pre-purchased after Mass in the foyer. Tickets are not available at the door.

This is a fundraiser for the SAPYouth and co-sponsored by the Knights.

Next Pancake Breakfast is April 8th.

We need you to help at the pancake breakfasts. Please advise either Ken Gallagher or Kevin McClean and come help with the set-up and serving.

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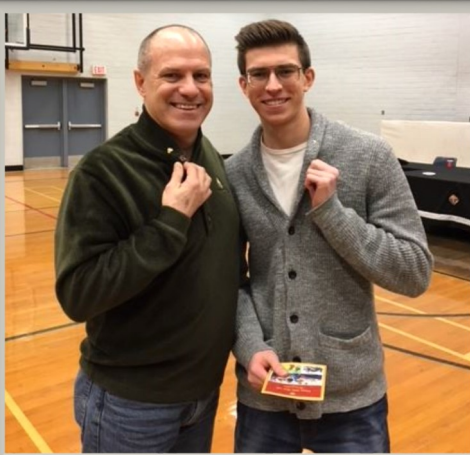
"In service to One. In service to All.

Knights Support Knight 's Functions

We need you to support and attend the events we sponsor like the upcoming Pizza Pizza Splash Splash and monthly Pancake Breakfasts.

Welcome and congratulations to three new Knights.

On the left, proud father and son. Br. Jacob Sperling and Br Terry Sperling.



On the right is Br. Fadi Salloum and Br. Christopher Malayko. Also in that photo are Br. Marc Lambertus and Worthy Grand Knight, Br. Brian Wolbert.

Message from your Financial Secretary;

Thank you Brothers for submitting your 2017 Annual Fraternal Activity information.

Our Council's 2017 Fraternal Commitment was:

Total visits to sick & bereaved ----- 358

Blood donors----- 6

Total Community volunteer service hours-- 4035

Total hours of Fraternal service-----1448

**Please track your 2018 Fraternal Activity and submit at the end of the year –
THANK YOU!**

UPCOMING EVENTS 2018

March

- 17 - St Patrick's Day
- 18 - Pizza Pizza Splash Splash
- 21 - Wednesday - General Meeting 7 PM, Grandin Room
- 23 - Fish Fryday
- 25 - Palm Sunday
- 30 - Good Friday

April

- 1 - Easter Sunday
- 8 - Pancake Breakfast after both the 9 and 11 AM Masses.
- 9 - Executive Meeting, 7 PM, Grandin Room
- 14 - Top-Up Dinner
- 18 - General Meeting, 7 PM, Grandin Room
- 21 - Spring Wing Ding, Parish Hall
- 27 - 29 Knight's Convention in Calgary



We are planning the June BBQ at the Star of the North. Pencil June 16h into your calendars.

