

The Beacon

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 4742 2017-18 WRAP-UP BARBEQUE & SOCIAL

Saturday, June 16th, 2018

Mass at 5:00 p.m. in Main Church
Champagne Reception from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Dinner at 6:45 p.m.

After Dinner Social

Tickets go on sale in May!
Star of the North Retreat Centre



LET'S GET SOCIAL!

End the 2017-18 Columbian Year with a Party!
Tickets just \$30 each or \$60/couple

Knights Support Knight 's Functions

UPCOMING EVENTS 2018

May

- **16 - Pizza and Pops 6 PM** followed by the General Meeting at 7 PM,
Grandin Room - **See ad on page 5**

June

- No pancake breakfast in June
- 16 - June - BBQ - Star of the North
- 20 - General Meeting

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

Grand Knight's Report

We are approaching the end of the Knight's season and look forward to the summer weather. It is also the time to prepare for the coming year which starts with the Annual meeting on May 16, 2018.

New executive positions will be available and although you must be a third degree member in order to compete or to apply to run for office, there will also be many committees on which you will be able to serve.

You may get the impression when joining any clubs that there is a clique amongst those who are on the executive and that you must be part of the group in order to qualify. This is most often not true. The reason the people know each other well is because they work closely together on different projects to solve problems that may come up. A great way to be involved is to join one of the many committees which run several activities during the year. This does not require that you be a third degree member and you can become familiar with how things run while coming in closer contact with the other members.

I would ask that all knights to please come to the general meeting in May to listen to the results of the past year. If you can't make it but wish to help in some way, please feel free to contact me at any time so we can discuss the opportunities that will fit your situation.

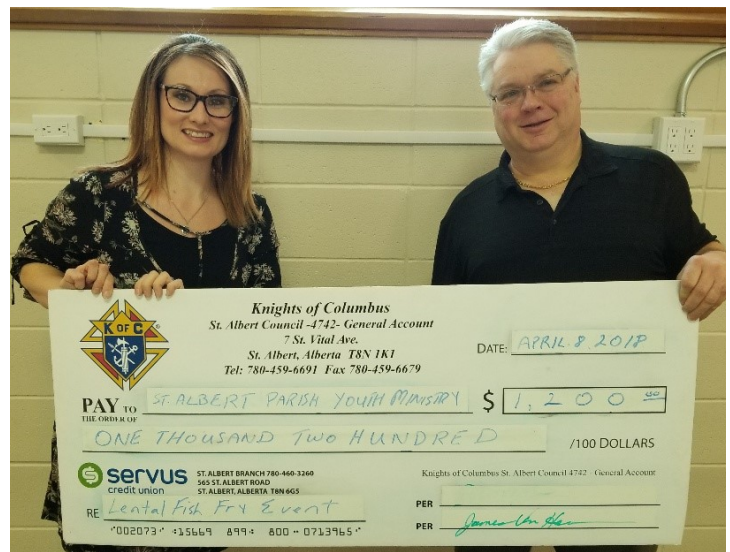
Vivat Jesus,

Bx. Brian Wolbert



Visit from our MP Michael Cooper

Presentation to Anne-Marie Switzer
St. Albert Parish Youth Ministry.
Proceeds from the Fish Frys.



May 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 inherent danger of humanity taking charge. The conversation centered around our secular society today, telling us that we are in charge of our sexual identity. That same sexual identity that was established by our Creator God while we were still within our mother's wombs. The complementarity of man and woman that is so essential to God's creative plan is now in dispute. If natural law and the complementarity of man and woman is not considered valid, then the family itself, our societal cornerstone no longer has a place of priority. "When the freedom to be creative becomes the freedom to create oneself, then necessarily the Maker himself is denied and ultimately man too is stripped of his divinity as a creature of God, as the image of God is at the core of his being. The defense of the family is about man himself. And it becomes clear that when God is denied, human dignity also disappears, (Pope Benedict Dec 21,2012)."

Science only finds two human genders or sexes, male and female. Where are all these other gender definitions coming from? They are not coming from science and they are not coming from the Scripture of any world religion. Sr. Burns notes that "there are conditions when people men and women genuinely feel like they are a "man trapped in a woman's body" or vice versa. This is called "gender/sexual identity disorder" or "gender/sexual dysphoria," and the confusion is real, (Sr. Burns)." Dysphoria means the opposite of euphoria, meaning "serious psychological discomfort with one's gender/sex. Various forms of "body dysmorphia" exist also, where someone's perception of their body does not match the reality. There are sexual and non-sexual forms of body dysmorphia, (Sr. Burns)." A very tangible example of this is anorexia where a person who is dangerously thin looks in the mirror and sees a fat person. There are very real challenges faced by individuals facing these disorders.

Brothers, our gender is the same as what sex we are. If we have a male body, we are a man and our gender body and soul is male. This of course is the same for women. Suffice to say, it is our total self that defines who we are. We cannot separate our souls from our bodies. There is nothing supported by science that says we become other than who we are simply because of how we dress or act, what hormones we take, or what

surgeries we have. We are who we are and for most of us this is self-evident. We must be cognizant however that this is not so in every situation. There are some who struggle with their sexual identity and because of the challenges they face, they will decide to undergo hormone therapy or surgical sexual reassignment. Difficult as this is for us to process, these are children of God making these decisions and we need to do what we are able to help them know they are loved, by us and by God. The sexual identity confusion is very real.

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, (USCCB 2006)."

A side note at this moment. Many of us are older and remember when there was not a world wide web. Your best way of staying current with worldviews and events was to watch the daily news, which might be twelve hours or more out of date. You may ask, how come I never heard about this sexual identity stuff when I was growing up? The reason, the world wide web. Now we hear news good and bad news literally within seconds of it occurring. Literally from the entire world, not just our own continent, or city. Suffice to say, there has always been folks who have struggled with their sexual identity. Today the web makes this phenomenon and much more, vividly present to us. It also provides a world-wide platform for special interest groups to share their thoughts and ideologies, healthy or otherwise. It seems the more we accomplish with God's creative genius, the more we think we are in charge somehow. Yikes, that is an attitude will not end well. We have spoken about Catholic teaching on Homosexuality, both inclination and action. So, what does the Church say about transgender? See you next month.

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

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

Blue Sunday 2018



Photos by Wayne Krauskopf

Pizza and Pop

The next General Meeting for May is scheduled for May 16th. Please plan to attend this event. Pizza and Pops will be supplied prior to the meeting. Great time to socialize and get to know your fellow Knights. Start time will be 6 PM with the meeting scheduled for 7 PM. See you there.

There are no Pancake Breakfasts in June - August

The Next Pancake Breakfast is September 9th .

Please advise either Ken Gallagher or Kevin McClean and come help with the set-up, serving and clean-up.

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Kevin (780) 418-5676 kmclean@telus.net.

" In service to One. In service to All.



Spring Wing Ding!



Brothers:

Message from our Chaplain

This Month we celebrate two important feasts; the Ascension of the Lord and Pentecost. On the feast of the Ascension our Lord, before ascending into heaven gave his disciples a mission, this same mission was not only for them but also for us, his followers.

“Go out into the whole world and proclaim the good news to all creation...” Christ himself evangelized through his words, works, sufferings, and complete offering of himself. Now he calls us to do the same, because the same spirit that sustained and resurrected him is with us. Surely, we cannot afford to fail Christ in this call. So, as we rejoice that Christ has ascended into heaven, in the hope of his second coming to take us with him, we must work hard to fulfil his mandate to us. This is what will merit us to be eternally with him.

At Pentecost we recall the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles, this spirit set them aflame to carry out the mandate He gave them at his Ascension. We to, at our baptism and confirmation, received that same spirit that inflames us to continue the mission of evangelisation. May that same Spirit enflame your hearts and minds brother Knights, in your words and actions.

Oblate Moment - Br. Bernie Hryciw

The Diocese of Marseille had been re-established in 1823. After a period as Vicar General of this diocese, in 1837, Eugene was named Bishop of Marseille. As pastor of a Church undergoing a time of significant growth and simultaneously Superior of a fledgling group of missionaries, Bishop Eugene de Mazenod truly had to be “all things to all people”. As Bishop, Eugene greatly increased the number of parishes and religious associations in the diocese. He not only welcomed the return of Religious institutes such as the Jesuits, but also personally encouraged the founding of several new religious families. Special programs were undertaken for youth, workers, immigrants and the needy in rapidly developing port city of Marseille. The construction of a new cathedral, the shrine of Notre Dame was initiated. Simultaneously he played a prominent role in the in the major political and religious questions of the day such as religious education and the rights of the papacy. In 1854, he journeyed to Rome to participate enthusiastically in the proclamation of the Immaculate Conception on December 8.

Good of the Order

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

Upcoming KofC Charity Golf Tournaments

The Catholic Parish of Corpus Christi is hosting its 2018 Charity Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 23, 2018 at the Leduc Golf and Country Club starting at 1:00 p.m.

This is our second-year tournament and we would like to request your Council's support by being a HOLE SPONSOR in the amount of \$300.00. Your council, company, business or personal donation would be recognized on a specific course tee box poster with your logo and an official receipt and photo at the conclusion of the tournament. Please make your cheque payable to CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH.

This year's golf tournament net proceeds will go towards the Church Building Fund.

Your generous contribution would make a huge difference to our parish and its parishioners.

Thank you very much in advance for your generosity.

Saturday, JUNE 23, 2018 @ 1:00 P.M. LEDUC GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB 5725 Black Gold Dr, Leduc, AB T9E 8C4

Phone: 780-986-4653 Website: <http://www.leducgolf.ca/>

REGISTRATION FEE: \$200.00 (\$100 tax receipt) includes TEXAS SCRAMBLE, 18 holes of golf, shared cart, use of driving range with bucket of range balls before tournament, proximity hole contests, prizes, an excellent keepsake for each registered player, Dinner at Executive Royal Hotel Edmonton Airport 8450 Sparrow Dr, Leduc, AB.

Registration opens @ 11:30 a.m. Shotgun starts @ 1:00 p.m.

Deadline to register: June 9, 2018 (First Come, First Served – Maximum of 144 Golfers Only)

Contacts for Registration Form & other golf tournament information:

Joseph Duenas – (780) 440 -0427 G. (Ardie) Korte – (780) 983-4431
Deacon Gem Mella / Ingrid Frigon – (780) 466 - 7576

1. Saturday, June 2. Hosted by Westlock Council #3948.

- Westlock Golf Club
- Texas Scramble tee-off time at noon.
- Includes 18 holes, cart, supper and prizes.
- Tickets are \$120 each.
- Contact Ed Kallal (780 349 4590), Trent Muller (780 349 0000) or Noel DaCunha (780 349 6637)

2. Saturday, August 18. State Golf Tournament - Hosted by Brother Anthony Council #10014.

- Edmonton Garrison Golf Club, Lancaster Park, Registration by August 1
- Texas Scramble - Shotgun start at 8:30 AM.
- Includes 18 holes, cart, supper and prizes.
- Tickets are \$135 each.
- Non golfers \$25 for the dinner.
- Contact Guy Fortier 780 217-7251; Joe Becigneul 780 460-8710; Denis Haylk 780 459-9336; Steve Horvath 780 458-0066; Bob McKenzie 780 459-2679