

The Beacon

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 4742 ADVENT MASS & DINNER

Saturday, January 5th, 2019

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

Dinner at 6:45 p.m.

Social time after dinner.

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



Start off the New Year with a Party!
Tickets just \$30 each or \$60/couple

Win a prize from the Gift Card Tree!

UPCOMING EVENTS

November

- 10 1st Degree Admission, St Joseph
10830 - 109 St Edmonton - 10AM
- 11 Sunday, Remembrance Day
- 15 Thursday, Memorial Mass - 7 PM
- 17 2nd & 3rd Degree Exemplification -
St. Francis Centre, 6770-129 Ave Edmonton -
9:30 & 11:15
- 21 Wednesday, General Meeting - 7 PM

December

- 2 Sunday, Pancake Breakfast
- 3 Monday, Executive Meeting - 7 PM
- 15 Saturday, 4th Degree Christmas Party
- 19 Wednesday, General Meeting - 7 PM
- 25 Christmas Day

January

- 1 New Years Day
- 5 Saturday, Advent Mass and Dinner
- 6 Sunday, Pancake Breakfast
- 7 Monday, Executive Meeting - 7 PM
- 16 Wednesday, General Meeting - 7 PM

REMEMBER THEM



Grand Knight 's Message—October 2018

Brothers, did you know that through the Knights of Columbus Charities Appeal;

- 1) Last year our Council donated over \$1800 in total to St. Vincent De Paul and the Marion Center.
- 2) This year we have over \$800 to donate to a worthwhile charity.
- 3) All portion of all ticket sales come back to our Council to support a charity of our choosing.

Anyone interested in purchasing tickets or able to sell tickets please contact me at either 780.460.8294 or 780.690.4938. *See Page 3 for details*

Vivat Jesus,

Br. Brian Wolbert



Lest we forget



Oblate Moment - Br. Bernie Hryciw

Eugene began his ministry by rejecting a prestigious diocesan position to reach out to the poor, the workers, the youth, the sick and the imprisoned of Aix. Overwhelmed by the demands and possibilities of this ministry, he soon realized that he needed to gather a group of zealous priests to work with him.

The goal: to awaken “a faith that had all but died in the hearts of so many”.

In September 1815, he experienced another “impulse from without” that set him firmly on the path of apostolic action. He gave himself body and soul to the realization of his plans to establish a society of missionaries. On January 25, 1816, the society of the Missionaries of Provence was born. Father de Mazenod invited his companions “to live together as brothers” and “to imitate the virtues and examples of our Savior Jesus Christ, above all through the preaching of the Word of God to the poor”. He urged them to commit themselves unreservedly to the work of the missions, binding themselves by religious vows. Because of their small number, they initially limited their zeal to the neighboring countryside. Their fondest wish,

however, was “to embrace the vast expanse of the whole earth”, as the founder had written in 1818. Pope Leo XII on February 17, 1826 formally approved the newly founded Congregation of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. Its motto: “He has sent me to evangelize the poor” expressed both its charism and way of life.

Eugene 's Spiritual Struggles and Growth

During his first years as a priest, Eugene continually struggled to find a balance in his life between prayer and service to others. After a series of initial successes, there was a period of deep and painful purification. From 1827 to 1836, Eugene was tested time and time again: conflicts, defections, bereavements, temporary loss of his French citizenship, even suspicion from the Holy See. Along with making him seriously ill, these events led to moments of discouragement and depression. Eugene discovered, first hand, the cost of discipleship and service of the Church. He came out of this experience bruised and humbled, more understanding towards others and much stronger in his love and faith.



Good of the Order

Keep in your prayers those at the Youville and elsewhere: William Oshanyk, Ernest Sokolan, Rev. Louis Gendre, Leon Richard and Norm Dust's wife Jessie.

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 has passed away please call Br. Tony Csilics.

A thought for November

Since the eleventh century, the Feast of All Souls has been celebrated for deceased Christians so that they might "rest in peace." Catholics believe, as we recite in the Creed, in the "communion of saints."

In the Feast of All Saints and the Feast of All Souls, we solidify that belief. This is the union of the faithful on earth (the Church Militant), the saints in Heaven (the Church Triumphant) and the souls in Purgatory (the Church Suffering). This is the body of believers, with Christ as the head. We are united in a spiritual bond.

Through prayer we communicate, and since we never die but live forever through the death and resurrection of Christ, we can still communicate with each other. As believers on earth, we can pray to our brothers and sisters who are in Heaven or Purgatory. Those in Purgatory benefit from our prayers, and we from theirs. They cannot pray for themselves, so we need to remember to pray for them. And we can ask those in Purgatory and those in Heaven to pray for us while we are on our earthly pilgrimage with our destination being Heaven.

The Feast of All Saints and All Souls has been lost to the secular celebration of Halloween, just as our Lord's birth has been lost in the celebration of the coming of Santa Claus. Traditions that are not lived are soon forgotten.

Keep the feast days and give the saints the remembrance and honour they deserve. And remember that they surround us, cheering us on and always interceding for us.

The month of November is set aside to pray for our departed loved ones. Perhaps we could have a mass said for a brother knight or visit his place of burial and say a short prayer for him.

May the souls of our departed brother knights rest in peace.

Great Stocking Stuffers

Grocery Cards are
available NOW!!!

Everyone needs food
supplies so support
your Knights and
purchase your
grocery cards.

Alberta
KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS
Charitable Appeal

TICKETS ONLY \$5.00 EACH!

FIRST PRIZE:
2019 Ford Explorer XLT*
MSRP \$51,734

SECOND PRIZE:
2019 Ford F-150 XLT*
MSRP \$49,749

DRAW DATE: April 7, 2019
St. Mary's Parish Hall 6 McMillan Avenue, Red Deer, Alberta

PLUS
EARLY BIRD DRAW
February 24, 2019
St. Robert's Church Hall
1415 Sherrinway Boulevard SW
Calgary, Alberta

\$10,000 CASH

LOCAL CHARITIES (List of names and small photos)

Parish and Youth Expo



Gerry
Woodlock,

Bernie
Hryciw

Tony
Csilics.



Padre Night

St Basil 's Cultural Centre - October 25th



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)"

My dear Brothers in the Lord; "Do you not know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? Clean out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch, (1 Cor. 5, 6)." St. Paul's words of warning to the people of Corinth two thousand years ago spoke to my heart about the elephant in the room that all Catholics and the world for that matter are very aware of today. Suffice to say, I refer to the recent findings of the grand jury in Pennsylvania and the allegations of cover-ups against some of the hierarchy of the Catholic Church. Brothers, the numbers are staggering, 1000 victims, 300 priests, regardless whether the time span is the 70 years leading up to 1985.

It is an understatement to call this a grievous breach of trust over a period of many years, by clergy, perpetrated on the most vulnerable. This travesty occurring in the Church making this an ever more painful experience. I write this article with no excuses. In AA (Alcoholics Anonymous), one of the maxims is that when you are able to name a problem you are half way to resolving it. As we all would agree, if we do not name it, there is not much chance anything will ever change. Painful as it has been to witness, my prayer is that we have hit bottom and are now in a position to be ever more vigilant and proactive in putting the necessary checks and balances in place in order to avoid anything like this ever again. Though it has been a painful implementation process over the last 6 years of so, I am very grateful, that within the Archdiocese of Edmonton we have the "Call to Protect" program which includes criminal record checks and children's services investigation checks for anyone who will be involved with the vulnerable sector of our communities and in particular, our young people. I am grateful for the Knights of Columbus and their safe environment initiative which is required of all Grand Knights and Youth Directors. Is this enough? I am not sure, but we need to start by naming it and then in a very objective and open way, we need to ask; what are we to do?

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The Reflection

(To be read by the Leader)

All this to say brothers, that our Lord and Saviour instituted a perfect Church. The problems began when He left humanity in charge. There is no question that we have all inherited the proclivity to sin from our first parents and we need to be diligent in the way we live our Catholic faith for ourselves, for our families and our community. Brothers, at moments like this in the Catholic Church, one of our options is to turn away and say I want no part of an organization like this. That is your right, but I ask you to consider this thought. Brothers, the one relationship, that is of utmost and paramount importance to us and our families is the relationship we have with Jesus Christ. Our Lord and Saviour, who in Jn. 14, 6 states clearly; "I am the way the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father except through me."

Brothers, there will always be a reason to turn our back on the Church if we are inclined to look for one. Remember this please; the Church is our Church, we are the Church, we are the body of Christ and Jesus is the head of the Church. We cannot let anyone, or anything get in the way of, or impede our relationship with the Lord, Who is, the way the truth and the Life. Jesus left us the Church in order that it mediate and assist our relationship with our God. Certainly, some days are better than others in this respect. My prayer for you, for your families and for our Holy Catholic Church is that we will move forward with hearts that are open to the prompting of the Holy Spirit. If we do this, our Lord will have His way with us and allow us to see past the frailty of a sinful humanity and church, to the glorious eternity that He desires for each and every one of us, His children.

Brothers, I am still not clear on what I will write about with regard to the Formation program and this Columbian year, but I knew I needed to address the elephant in the living room.

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