

The Beacon

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Welcome New Knights - September 20 is our next General Meeting and we will be welcoming several new members to our council. We would like to have a fantastic turnout of serving Knights to welcome them so please come to the meeting and support them in their journey. Please ensure you are at the Knight's chamber in the Grandin room for 6:30 PM for the 1st Degree Ceremony. Following this there will be a brief meeting then a wine and cheese social. Remember 6:30 sharp at the Grandin Room. Any questions please contact Gerry Buccini at 780 459-7384.

Please welcome our new member - Peter Lucas

Welcome Back Weekend - Sep 23 & 24. The Parish is hosting a special weekend to reconnect with each other after the summer. This is also an opportunity to invite and welcome new members to our parish. On Sep 23, after the 5 PM Mass the CWL and Knights are sponsoring **"Albert's Diner"**. Our parish hall will be transformed into a "50's" diner for the evening. There will be family friendly food, a DJ with great music, dancing and fun activities including a soda shop with ice cream sodas and popcorn. We need hands to assist with the bar and to help clean-up afterwards. Tickets to Albert's Diner will be on sale after every Mass this Sunday. This is a fantastic event - see you there!

Good of the Order

Please include in your prayers the following Brothers who are ill:

William Oshanyk; Ernest Sokolan; Rev. Louis Gendree; 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 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2017

September

- 20 - Wednesday - 6:30 PM. 1st Degree for New Knights, then General Meeting followed with Wine & Cheese Social
- 23 - Saturday - Albert's Diner - Mass at 5 PM followed by a family dinner & dance.

October

- 2 - Monday - Executive Meeting, 7 PM - Grandin Room
- 15 - Sunday - KofC / CWL Sunday and Pancake Breakfast after the 11 AM Mass
- 18 - Wednesday - General Meeting 7 PM - Grandin Room
- 20 - Friday - Padre Night.

November

- 2 - Thursday - 7 PM, Memorial Mass (CWL & KofC)
- 5 - Sunday - Pancake Breakfast
- 6 - Executive Meeting, 7 PM - Grandin Room

September 2017 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)"

My dear Brother Knights. Greetings to you and your families, as we enter into another Columbian year of activity, unity, fraternity, charitable works and in this case, faith formation. Brothers, last year we looked at in a relatively in depth way the challenges faced with the legalization of "assisted suicide" in February 2015 here in Canada. Assisted suicide and euthanasia are complex and troubling topics to comprehend. There is no question that these two challenging social issues are absolutely opposed to Catholic moral teaching and they are a very serious threat to the Dignity of the Human Person, the dignity of life from conception until Natural Death.

Another prominent area of concern and affront to the dignity of the human person is what is often referred to by the acronym "LBGTQ" community. These letters refer to those of our brothers and sisters who identify themselves as Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay, Transgendered or Queer. Why am I offering thoughts on an area that most of us are not comfortable with? It is because some of our Brother Knights may well be faced with some of these issues/challenges/circumstances even within their immediate or extended families. What does this say to you and me? Well, it means that when we hear the term LBGTQ in a news broadcast, it also may be a pertinent topic of conversation around one of your Brother's own dinner tables. My goal in addressing this sensitive topic is to provide us a clearer understanding of what these terms actually mean and further to make clear what Catholic Church teaching is in these particular areas. Further, we as Catholic men need to be clear about the inherent dignity of the human person no matter how they identify their

sexuality. Individuals who find themselves with sexual identity issues need our compassion and care, not our judgment.

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The Reflection

(To be read by the Leader)

In June of 2017 Bill C-16 entailing an Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act as well as the criminal code was passed and given royal assent. Simply put, this act adds gender identity and gender expression to the list of prohibited grounds of discrimination under the Canadian Human Rights Act. It also modified the Criminal Code to extend the protection against hate crimes to members of groups distinguished by gender and identity or expression. In short, someone who identifies as a member within the umbrella of the LBGTQ community cannot be discriminated against because of how they perceive their own personal identity. This in and of itself makes good sense and protects those who are different than what we might consider the societal norm. Next month we will begin with the Catholic Bishops response to BillC-16.

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

Please bring a copy of this reading to the next regular meeting so that you can more fully participate in the readings, meditation and prayers. If you are unable to attend please reflect on the readings in your own way.

Wrap-Up BBQ - June 17th



Urban Stang
Knight of the Year



Special Recognition to
Kevin McLean



Fr. Ed Kosa blessing the reproduction of the painting of
St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta on the occasion of her
canonization.



Fr. Ignaci. June 17th
marked his 17th Anniversary
of his ordination in Poland.



Wrap-Up Barbeque - June 17th

