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Your Executive!

Grand Knight's Report December 2014

Welcome all brother knights; I hope you are all having a wonderful Christmas season.

In this time of advent we often find ourselves to be very busy with all that the season can throw at us. It is very important to remember that advent is a time of reflection and prayer. I myself find it very difficult to make time for prayer. We must stop and reflect on the coming of our Lord and savior. One inspiration that comes to mind is the Virgin Mary.

Mary is such an inspiration and a true role model for all Christians in this time of advent. Imagine being pregnant with the savior's child with complete uncertainty as to what the future may hold. But continuing with complete faith and obedience. Let us not forget what the season is for; we are in preparation for the Lord's coming and the celebration of his birth among us.

Many of us have probably been asked or have asked the infamous question for this time of the year "what do you want for Christmas?" my initial response is often world peace, knowing that this is most improbable in my life I would like to change what I want for Christmas. What I would like for Christmas is for one less child to know poverty, I would like for the single mother to not feel alone. I would like for the homeless to find shelter and the addicts to find hope. I am overwhelmingly fortunate that I have a good home; I have 3 beautiful children and a beautiful caring wife. I can't ask for more when so many have so little.

Let us go out and do as the Lord has commanded us to do. Let us feed the hungry and clothe the naked and free the oppressed. Let us go out and show the world what true love really is.

Vivat Jesus

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The next General Meeting is on January 21, 2015. See you there!

December 2014 Meeting

The Sacraments

Opening Prayer

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

The Reading

(To be read by the Leader)

The Sacrament of Confirmation – Part IV

What is Confirmation? “Confirmation is the sacrament that completes Baptism; in it the gift of the Holy Spirit is bestowed upon us. Anyone who freely decides to live a life as God’s child and asks for God’s Spirit, under the signs of the imposition of hands and anointing with Chrism, receives the strength to witness to God’s love and might in word and deed. He/She is now a full-fledged, responsible member of the Catholic Church.” (Youcat 203) In Confirmation the soul of a baptised Christian is imprinted with a permanent seal that can be received only once and marks this individual forever as a Christian. In a way, one might say that Confirmation is like a booster shot for our Baptism. We receive a good solid dose of the Holy Spirit which allows us to live our faith as witnesses of Jesus Christ. This is not to say that once we are confirmed our challenges are over with, but it does mean that if we sincerely desire to follow the Lord, we will receive the grace we need to do exactly that. In both the sacrament of Baptism and Confirmation we are marked on our heads with the sacred Chrism. The Church teaches that this is an indelible (permanent) mark that cannot be removed. In essence, Confirmation is the fullness and completeness of our initiation into the Catholic Church that began on the day of our Baptism.

What is the matter and form used in the sacrament of Confirmation? The essential matter is anointing the forehead of the baptised with sacred Chrism together with the laying on of hands. The form or formula while the anointing is taking place is, “Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.” (CCC 1320) This matter and form is somewhat specific to the Roman Catholic rite. For those of the Byzantine (Eastern) rite, very often the sacrament of Baptism and Confirmation are administered at the same time. In fact in the Eastern Catholic Church, Confirmation is administered immediately after Baptism and is followed by participation in the Holy Eucharist. “This Eastern tradition highlights the unity of the three sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist.” (CCC 1318)

Who can be confirmed and what is required of a candidate for Confirmation? “A candidate for Confirmation who has attained the age of reason must profess the faith, be in the state of grace, have the intention of receiving the sacrament, and be prepared to assume the role of disciple and witness to Christ, both within the ecclesial community and in temporal affairs, (in the world).” (CCC1319) For information purposes, “state of grace” means not to have committed any unconfessed serious (mortal) sin.

Who may confirm? The sacrament of Confirmation is normally administered by the bishop and gives us an indication of the magnitude and weight of the sacrament. For pastoral reasons when necessary, the bishop can also delegate a priest to confirm. In danger of death, any priest can administer Confirmation. “Confirmation like Baptism, imprints a spiritual mark or indelible character on the Christian’s soul; for this reason one can receive this sacrament only once in one’s life.” (CCC 1317)

The Reflection

(To be read by the Leader)

“We receive a good solid dose of the Holy Spirit which allows us to live our faith as witnesses of Jesus Christ. This is not to say that once we are confirmed our challenges are over with, but it does mean that if we sincerely desire to follow the Lord, we will receive the grace we need to do exactly that.” *What are the challenges you need to ask the Holy Spirit to help you face and to overcome so that you can better witness to God’s love in word and deed?* (535)

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.”

GROCERY CARD REPORT

Brother Knights! What a great successful December set of sales! With the addition of a new “company” purchase of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS and a total of NINE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS at the Pancake Breakfast, we have outdone previous records (FOURTEEN THOUSAND PLUS). You are also aware that our other two companies made their purchases in November (TWELVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED and TWO THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY) totalling (along with the November Pancake proceeds)

36 000 DOLLARS (in two months).

Now can you imagine if EVERY Knight and even twenty more families from the Parish were to buy one or two hundred per month, where would we be today? It is my hope that we will have enough “Assets” from today onwards, to carry us through till the next Christmas season. This means that every purchase is now “cash” in the bank! Keep networking! It is noted that each month there is another family or two that buy from us. How about “Companies”? Just like the most recent one, it came from a Council member. I’ll bet you know someone who runs a company and would purchase cards as “gifts” for its employees.
Keep at it!

Br. Gerry Buccini and Br. Frank Polanski

Good
of the
Order

Please pray for
the repose of the soul of
Br. Gerry Turgeon

Please pray for our
Brothers who are
deceased and ill:



PANCAKE BREAKFASTS

Please remember that the first Sunday of every month is our Pancake Breakfast. We are in need of volunteers; with many hands we make light work!

ADVENT DINNER

The Advent Dinner was enjoyed by approximately 90 people. The meal was delicious. The entertainment was enjoyed by everyone. Comments from the attendees were very positive. The event starts us off in the holiday mood and is a popular event. The following events are additional opportunities to meet your fellow members and friends.

Br. Glenn Fritz



Br. David Fraser provided music and entertainment at the advent dinner. Photo by Br. Terry Sperling

IRISH PARTY FUNDRAISER FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2015

This year's event will carry a different name. I think that "Hooly" might have sent the wrong message so the Committee will begin planning with a new name. I am disappointed that no one came forward to assist with the planning, so upon discussion with the CWL, we will work together for this year's event and split the profits at the end. I am presently negotiating with an Irish Band complete with tin whistle and other Irish music makers. This three-piece band is known in the Edmonton area and has received good reviews. So it should be another great "party".

BUT!!! It will only be successful with your support by attending the activity. Fun and games, music and food...and all for our great causes.

Br. Gerry Buccini, Deputy Grand Knight

FFF

Speaking of fun and games, don't forget the annual Mardi Gras Dance to be held on....you guessed it...FFF! First Friday of February.

The Saint City Big Band is back, with its new conductor, J. F. Pickard. J. F. led the Band once before and continues to have them swinging the night away. You should have heard them at the annual Community Band Christmas Concert! They brought the house down once again!

More door prizes, draws and great food are in store. Please mark the date down now and plan to be there. Last year was a sellout and this year we want to be the same. Don't forget.....FFF!!!!

Br. Gerry Buccini, Deputy Grand Knight

BLUE SUNDAY (MAY)

I am thankful that Brother Gerald Keane has volunteered to assume the leadership for this year's BLUE SUNDAY (first Sunday in May, 11:00 Mass).

Gerald will be looking for a couple members to assist in this very special event. It is not a difficult job so if you are interested in helping, call Gerald and he'll put you to work.

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