



The Beacon

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Your Executive!

Opening Prayer

Lord teach us to pray:
Our Father...

The Reading

(to be read by the Leader)

"You shall not commit adultery."

"Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him"...Therefore a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two become one body (Gen. 2, 18, 24)."

Brothers, it is apparent that from the beginning of time, it has always been God's will that man and woman are meant to be together. Together in an intimate bond of love that is reserved only for one another. A bond so intense that the fruit of the expression of this love may result in children. A very profound gift of God's love for us, that in the expression of our intimate love for our spouses it, may in fact result in new life. "Just as God is creative in His love, so too man can be creative in love and give life to children, (Youcat 400)"

For the sake of clarity, let us look at a couple of definitions.

What is adultery? "Adultery is committed when two people, at least one of whom is married to someone else, have sexual relations. Adultery is the fundamental betrayal of love, the violation of a covenant that was made in God's sight. Jesus Himself explicitly declared the indissolubility of marriage." What therefore God has joined together let no one divide, (Mk. 10, 9) (Youcat 424).

What is Fornication? "Today, the term fornication generally refers to consensual sexual relations between an unmarried man and an unmarried woman, (Youcat 410)." Sexual relations, between a man and a woman outside the sacred bond of the sacrament of marriage.

So, adultery occurs when sexual relations occur between a man and a woman, at least one of whom is married. Fornication occurs between a man and a woman when neither of the individuals is married. Is one worse than the other? In a word yes, adultery is, it made God's top ten list, but they are both very wrong. "Fornication is often based on seduction, lies, violence, dependency and abuse. Fornication is therefore a serious offence against charity. It harms the dignity of the person and fails to recognize the meaning of human sexuality, (Youcat 410)." Regardless of the degree of gravity, both these acts are a turning away from God's love and from the primary purpose for our sexuality.

The Reflection

(to be read by the leader)

Why did adultery make God's top ten list? Because man and woman were created as a result of the Trinitarian love that exists with our Trine God. We, (you and I) are the expression of perfect divine love. This is the reason that marriage is considered a covenant relationship. The union of man and woman was created by God in His

sight, which is why the Church states that a marriage is only sacramental in nature when it occurs in a church in the presence of a priest. God gave us this gift. When we enter into it we must do so in His divine presence. The sacrament of marriage is not about two people finding one another solely because of their good management. It is about God blessing two individuals with the total gift of one another, as an expression of His love for them. The covenant relationship that is entered into within the sacrament of marriage must be given total and absolute respect. This is not a covenant of love simply between a man and a woman, but it is a three way covenant which includes God who has blessed them with the love they share.

Note that in Genesis when God created woman He said "I will make a suitable partner for him, partner being the key word. "God created man in His image: in the divine image He created him; male and female he created them." In the wonder of God's magnificent creation the union of man and woman in the sacrament of marriage, the love expressed emotionally, spiritually and sexually is meant to mirror the divine love, of which we are expressions.

Finally from a common sense perspective, the sacrament of marriage in order to be a sacrament must be procreative (open to life) and unitive. It is to be indissoluble; "until death do us part." And it is a commitment to our spouse's welfare. In fact brothers, your primary and ultimate role within your marriage is to help your spouse get to heaven. And guess what brothers; the primary role of your spouse is to help you get to heaven. In all seriousness, our goal in life is to end up in heaven for eternity with our God and our loved ones. Marriage is the perfect vehicle for helping us accomplish our primary purpose and reason for existence in the world. It allows us to more fully live out the command to love God and to love one another.

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;
O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what You command and to desire what You promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen

Please bring a copy of this Beacon 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.

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Thank you from the Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus wish to thank you for helping make our recent “Mardi Gras Dance” a great success. This year was by far the best turnout in the seven year history of the dance and all proceeds raised will go towards the many projects sponsored by our Council, projects that make our Church and community even stronger.

One of the major recipients of this year’s proceeds will be our Seminarian, Curtis Berube, who is now into his second year of training for the priesthood. We now will be working towards our next project, the first annual “Irish Hooly”, an evening of song and comedy helping celebrate St. Patrick’s Day. Watch for further details and check the posters advertising this event. FRIDAY, MARCH 14 is the date of this event, to be held in the parish hall, and featuring the talents of our own McGarrigle Family. Hope to see you there!

Thanks to...

Bernie and Freda

Council 4742 would like to thank Bernie and Freda Melik for the many years of service in making the Knights of Columbus basketball so successful. Bernie and Freda are retiring. They have touched the lives of many youngsters in the close to 30 years of service.

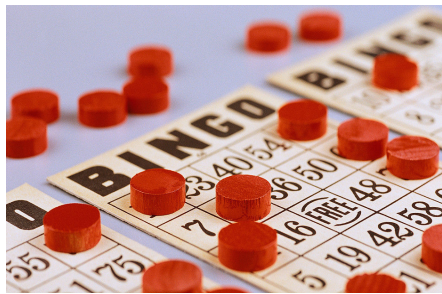
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For the repose of the soul of
Raymond Ernest Noel
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and for Brothers who are ill
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BINGO DATES

Thurs Mar 6 – 4:45 start
Thurs May 1 – 4:45 start
Sat Jun 21 – 4:45 start
Sun Aug 24 – 10:45 start
Tues Sep 16 – 4:45 start
Sat Nov 8 – 10:45 start



REMINDER!

The March PANCAKE BREAKFAST will be held on Sunday MARCH 2nd. following the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Mass

Single Family \$15.00
Adults \$5.00 Children under 16 \$3.00

Obtain your Grocery Gift Cards before or after Mass.



ST. PATRICK’S EVENT

Join the Knights this year for our newest event, on FRIDAY, MARCH 14, at the Parish Hall, for the first annual “St. Patrick’s Day Hooly”. We are told that a “Hooly” is a great big party...Irish style! What better way to celebrate the special Irish day with an evening of Irish song and comedy. Our special guests will be the McGarrigle Family, members of our own Parish. Join Aidan and Maura, and perhaps a few other special guests, in this evening of fun. A cash bar will feature beer and wine and our “late lunch” will feature what else but...IRISH STEW!

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Grand Knights Report February 2014

FFF stands for the first Friday in February.

At St. Albert Parish it is getting better known as Mardi Gras time! The event this year was a sell out and once again was a very big success. If you've never been you do not know what you are missing. If you think all you'll hear is Big Band tunes all night long, you are sadly mistaken. The St. Albert Community Big Band plays everything, and I mean EVERYTHING! The dance floor was hopping all night with tunes from the past six decades. The 50/50 raised nearly \$500 to assist with our support for our Seminarian. Catering to your Taste created a tasty Mardi Gras meal that left no one hungry. When tickets go on sale for next year's event (Friday, February 6th, 2015)

I recommend you get your tickets early because it is sure to sell out again. Thank-you to Br. Gerry Buccini and his organizing team, they did another great job.

Our February General Meeting is on Wednesday, February 19th at 7:00 p.m. in our Council Chambers. The night will start out with a 1st Degree ceremonial where we will be welcoming at least three new Brothers to our Council. If you know of any practicing catholic gentleman that wish to join our order, please give Br. Gerry a call asap. St. Albert will also be holding 2nd and 3rd Degrees in the month of March. Stay tuned for more information on these and their dates.

I was out of town the first Sunday in February (snow bound in Atlanta, Georgia of all places) and missed our Pancake Breakfast. I understand that the 9:00 a.m. sitting was well attended and the 11:00 a.m. was full. Thank-you to everyone that continues to support this very important community event whether by attending with your family and/or assisting with the set-up, serving, or clean-up.

Our, next big event is a new event; the St. Paddy's Day Hooley on Friday, March the 14th in our Parish Hall. Tickets will be going on sale very shortly. If you had a great time at Mardi Gras, well don't put away those dancing shoes just yet! The McGarigles will have everyone dancing up a storm. Catering to your Taste is back with a special Irish menu for this event. Please help us make this another successful St. Albert Parish Event sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 4742.

Ash Wednesday is just around the corner, March 5th. As we enter our most holy season, I wish you and your families the comfort of peace in your lives and the hope of a healthy, happy Lenten season.

And lastly, our Council elections will occur at our General Meeting in May. If you get tapped on the shoulder, please consider taking a more active role in our Council for the 2014/15 Columbian year.

Vivat Jesus

Terry Sperling, Grand Knight

**Celebrate
St. Patrick's Day.**

Join the  for an

IRISH HOOLY

St. Albert Parish Hall



**Music and Comedy by our own PARISH
LEPRECHAUNS the McGarrigle Family.
Entertainment beginning at 8:00 p.m.**

TICKETS \$20.00 PER PERSON

AVAILABLE FROM GERRY BUCCINI 459-7384 OR MOE DOUVILLE 459-9487



May the **IRISH** hills
caress you.
May her **IRISH** lakes and rivers
bless you.
May the **LUCK** of the
IRISH enfold you.
May the *blessings* of
SAINT PATRICK
behold you,
by attending the Irish Hooly!



LATE LUNCH
Including Irish Stew



Check the Church Bulletin for
Further Updates



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