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Your Executive!

Grand Knights Report

As I write this Valentine's Day is right around the corner and love is in the air. As we spend time with our loved ones let's not forget about the widows of our Brother Knights. This time can be lonely for many of them as they are alone. Hopefully we can make some time in our busy lives for those that are alone. With lent around the corner I think this would be a great time to pray and refocus on what is truly important for our order.

During our advent dinner we passed the hat to raise some funds for Dominique Fayant and we were able to raise \$650 for this family and in helping them get their home retrofitted to help him be mobile. The goal was to fundraise \$15000 with the silent auction and private donation. They surpassed this and raised over \$17000 for this worthy cause

Our Mardis Gras Dance was once again a huge success thanks to all the members that went above and beyond for this event. Most notably our Deputy Grand Knight Gerry Buccini.

We can now focus on the next event that is coming up and that is the Irish Shindig. Start asking for tickets now and help support this great event.

Let us never forget our fallen brothers and keep them in our prayers.

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The next General Meeting is on February 25, 2015. See you there!

Watch the website for upcoming events!

Get your Tickets to the Irish Shindig, more information inside.

If you have a new email address, please send it to us at

kofc@stalbertcouncil4742.ca

February 2015 Meeting The Sacraments

Opening Prayer

Lord, teach us to pray: "*Our Father...*"

The Reading

(To be read by the Leader)

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick – Part VI

Through the apostle James, He has commanded us that "if any among you are sick, let them send for the priests of the Church, and they should pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith will save that sick person.... If that sick person has committed any sins, their sins will be forgiven them." (*James 5:14-15*) My brothers these words are prayed every time we anoint one who is sick and what a comfort they must be.

Only fifty years ago this sacrament was known as "Extreme Unction" and was typically the last sacrament one received just prior to meeting the Lord. In fact, it was often said that the sure way to know that death was at the door was when one saw the parish priest approaching the household of the sick person. With understanding that occurred within the theology of the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965), this sacrament came to be understood as a sacrament of healing. It is a healing of mind, body and spirit. In many ways one might think that we should all be anointed because there are few who do not need healing of one sort or another. Anointing of the sick is a repeatable sacrament, meaning that we certainly do not have to be on our death bed in order to receive this sacrament.

So, who can receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick? The Church states that there are three basic conditions that qualify a person to receive the sacrament:

1. In the case of extreme or advanced age;
2. Prior to a serious surgery;
3. In the case of serious illness.

It is appropriate and right to avail ourselves of this sacrament when we find ourselves or our loved ones in difficult circumstances such as those named above. It can be a great source of peace to the individual receiving the sacrament and for the loving family members of the individual.

There is a further grace to this sacrament and hence the reason that only a priest or a bishop can administer this sacrament. It includes the Sacrament of Reconciliation, (confession). The Church teaches that whatever a person has in their heart, regardless if they are able to speak, that they desire forgiveness for, their sins are forgiven. "And if that sick person has committed any sins, their sins will be forgiven them."

This presents a two-fold grace. One, in receiving the grace that is an integral part of any sacrament, and becoming more spiritually healthy, their energy can now be used for the process of physical and emotional healing. Two, within the reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation they are in a state of grace and in right relationship with the Lord. If the Lord calls the individual to be with Him they will be welcomed into the heavenly kingdom.

The fullest effect and grace that can be received in this sacrament is when one is able to receive Holy Communion within the sacrament. This is referred to as Viaticum, which means, food for the journey. The form and matter for the efficacy of this sacrament are the anointing on the forehead and the hands with the Oil of the Infirm in conjunction with the words prayed by the clergy. "Through this holy anointing, may the Lord in His love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit...May the Lord who frees you from sin, save you and raise you up."

The Reflection

(To be read by the Leader)

Brothers, death is seldom an easy experience, because it involves those we love or ourselves. However it is non-negotiable and it is the door we must pass through in order to spend eternity in the heavenly kingdom. To be in the state of grace made possible by this most beautiful sacrament is truly a profound and beautiful way in which to prepare for the day that we will meet the Lord.

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."

Obtain your Grocery Gift Cards before or after Mass

Remember that Grocery cards are available, and we are more dependant on our projects because of the absence of income from Casinos and Bingos. Grocery Cards are available at the back of the Church and at meetings. You may contact Br. Gerry at 780-459-7384 or Br. Frank at 780-459-7941

PANCAKE BREAKFASTS



Please remember that the first Sunday of every month is our Pancake Breakfast. Meet us downstairs after Mass for breakfast. This is a good opportunity to meet new parishioners and old friends..

We are in need of volunteers; with many hands we make light work! The event must be set up, and while the servers are busy in the front, ongoing cleanup and work in the kitchen has to be done. This allows the work to be finished sooner after the event.

Funeral Preplanning Seminar

The funeral preplanning session will be held on March 4, 2015 at Connelly Mckinley Funeral Home in St. Albert. This is an information session and those attending are not obligated in any way.

The presenter will donate \$10.00 to the council for each person that attends.

Please respond to Gerry Woodlock at 780-498-0693 or email gwoodlock@telus.net by March 2, 2015 so they can plan the refreshments.

We need your help in keeping our records up to date.

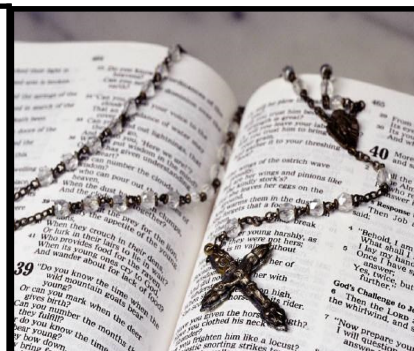
We need to know of any changes to your phone number or address or email address so we can keep you informed of club activities.

If you know of a member who is ill or has passed away so we can remember them in our prayers. We are also interested if a member is hospitalized or in palliative care.

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The following Brothers passed away in 2014 (Jan 1 – Dec 31):

Br. Gerald Turgeon
Br. Allan Stephenson
Br. William Webb
Br. Al Brewer
Br. David Biollo





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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 was 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**

The following changes occurred in 2014 .

The following Brothers are new members to our Council:

Br. Ted Augustyn
Br. Emmanuel Aguilar
Br. David Fraser
Br. Kelvin Lien
Antonio Carrascoso

The following Brothers obtained their 4th Degree:

Br. Raymond St. Martin
Br. James Scott
Br. Urban Stang
Br. John Onyskiw
Br. Daniel Chauvet
Br. Marc Lambertus

The following Brothers transferred to our Council:

Br. Brian Rogers	Fr. Edward Kosa
Br. Raymond Boutin	Br. Dana McArthur
Br. Jerome Mensink	Br. Mark Guevarra
Br. Craig Chorzempa	Br. Daniel Chauvet