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The Virtue of Justice

Opening Prayer

Lord teach us to pray:

Our Father...

The Reading

(to be read by the Leader)

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, though testified to by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction; all have sinned and are deprived of the glory of God. They are justified freely by his grace through the redemption in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as an expiation, through faith, by his blood, to prove his righteousness because of the forgiveness of sins previously committed, through the forbearance of God—to prove his righteousness in the present time, that he might be righteous and justify the one who has faith in Jesus.

(Romans 3, 21-26)

The Reflection

(to be read by the leader)

The scriptures of the Old and New Testament are full of statements on justification or righteousness which includes all moral behaviour and includes particularly our right behaviour towards God and our neighbour. Our duties toward God mainly as described in the first commandments and their interpretation by the precepts of the Church; the second part of the commandments orders the relationship to others and oneself. We all know the classical meaning of the commandments but do we also think of modern application. E.g. Our behaviour in traffic: speeding, distracted behaviour, alcohol, cursing at other drivers and many other things. It is the justice of common courtesy which

Should drive our behaviour. All justice is direct towards the common good. The common good should be the object of all in Leadership positions. A true leader is the servant of all. Furthermore justice appears in the form of social justice. Although it is specified in theology since the beginning of the 20th century, it is still a hidden treasure particularly for radical capitalists. The two major principles of social justice are solidarity and subsidiarity. Solidarity is what we Knights are to practice through our pillar of Unity. Solidarity shows itself in the just distribution of goods, a just remuneration for work and the desire to establish this whole order. Subsidiarity is the principle that the immediate lower community should do the work and the higher up community should not interfere but help when the lower community that cannot manage anymore. Eg. A project should be done by a Council. If the Council cannot manage, the State should help without interfering with the Council.

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

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



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Grand Knights Report - February 2013

January and February are very busy months for St. Albert Parish and Knights of Columbus Council 4742. Firstly we had the ever popular Chili! Chili! Bang! Bang! Knights were a huge part of the success of this annual Parish event from the planning to the set-up to the running of the event and even the clean-up. Our Council coordinated, paid for, and ran the horse drawn wagon rides. Brother Knights were in charge of the bonfires and marshmallow roasting. It was rewarding to see the smiles on everyone's faces even if they were sometimes frozen.

The first Friday in February is synonymous with the Knights of Columbus sponsored Mardi Gras. This year we had nearly 150 Knights, Parishioners, family and friends attend this fun event. The dance floor was never empty as the St. Albert Jazz Band had everyone dancing the night away. The late night beef on a bun was delicious! A special thanks to all the Brother Knights that helped out especially; Gerry Bucinni, Moe Douville, Ray St. Martin, Danny Boisvert, Bob Pampu, and an especially big thank-you to Brother Mike Constantine who worked all night in the kitchen and cleaning tables. The event raised nearly \$1,000 towards purchasing a second electric scooter for our Council to loan to Brother Knights in need of this equipment. This event needs more support from Brother Knights if it is to continue. If you attended this year or in the past, thank-you and we look forward to seeing you next year. If you did not attend this year, or haven't attended yet, mark February 7th, 2014 on your calendar now!

Our February Pancake Breakfast was again well attended. The 9:00 sitting was average but when 20 parishioners from the French mass at Connelly McKinley showed up the hall was buzzing. We will market the Pancake Breakfast to that group from hereon in. The 11:00 sitting was at capacity. Brother Knights were out in number helping at both sittings, although we would appreciate more support with the clean-up after the 11:00 sitting.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT Our February 20th General Meeting will be held at the **Star of the North** as we will be having our second 1st Degree of this Columbian Year. Please plan to come out and show support to the new Knights in our Council.

And lastly, Council 4742 has been chosen to host a 2nd and 3rd Major Degree Exemplification on Saturday, March 16th at the Star of the North. Please plan to attend this event also as it means a lot to our current 1st Degree members to have the support of their fellow Brothers. A wine and cheese event will be held immediately after the exemplification and all Brothers and their wives are encouraged to attend to welcome our newest 2nd and 3rd Degree Brothers.

Brother Knights, please continue to support Knights events in our Parish.

Vivat Jesus

Terry Sperling, Grand Knight

FUNDING PROTOCOL

Brother Knights,

Please review the following "proposed" document regarding "Funding Protocol", a topic we have had on hold for a number of weeks, and one that we would like to institute as soon as possible. For you members that have been on Council for at least the past ten years, you will remember Brother Herman and I who had written the previous document. What you are about to read, we believe is a little easier to follow, and in the present environment, will make the spending procedure much easier. We would like to discuss this at the next meeting and formally accept the document to make it effective as soon as possible.

Gerry Buccini

Gerry Buccini,

Deputy Grand Knight

Funding Protocol

As revenue for Council 4742 is always carefully scrutinized, so also should all spending and other expenses be considered. The following strategies (particularly for charitable donations/gifts) involving the spending of Council monies shall be followed:

1. "Charity Begins at Home"

Expenses for "local" needs will be our first priority

+ Parish needs (eg. the 150th celebration)

+ School requests (eg. Bibles, Awards)

+ Youth (eg. Education needs, World Youth Days, Pizza, Pizza,)

+ Community (eg. Community Garden, Rose Garden)

+ Parishioners (eg. Wheel chair ramp, scooter)

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2. Vocations/Seminarian Support

We will seek out a seminarian (cf. Father Roger Rouleau) to assist with an annual financial contribution to assist in the educational needs of that candidate (eg. purchase of books)

3. "Outside" St. Albert

+ All such requests will be debated as to the "worthwhileness" of the request

+ Many of these requests will become "budgeted"

+ Focus will continue to be the building of Catholicism

+ State/Archdiocese requests will be considered (eg. St. Joseph's Seminary)

Note:

The "use" of all accounts will be considered. The Columbus Club will remain intact in the event of that future "rainy day" need or in the event of a major activity for the improvement/betterment of our parish (eg. as was the case with the new kitchen)

Gerry Buccini

Gerry Buccini, Deputy Grand Knight

REMINDER!



The March

Pancake

Breakfast will be on March 4th

following the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Mass.

Single Family: \$15.00

Adults: \$5.00 Children under 16: \$3.00

Join us in friendship and enjoy!

Blood

Donor Clinic at the

Church



Next Blood Donor Clinic

Will be announced

shortly on the web site.

Appointments

1 888 2 DONATE

1 888 236-6283

Results for the

February 11th. Clinic

Will be announced at the

Regular Meeting

February 20th



Remember the Bingos

are now at Grandin Mall

(Non Smoking)

Tuesday, March 5th.

EVENING

Contact Jim Van Horn

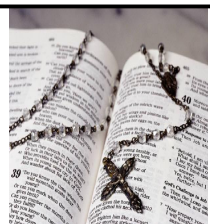
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to Volunteer.

**Good
of the
Order!**

Conducted by Mauri Maynard

Please pray for Al Stephenson, Armand Carrigan, Charlie McGregory, Ernie Sokolan, Al Brealut, Marcel Venne, Clarence Sadler, Dave Biollo





**Council
4742
KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS
Annual
Mardi Gras
Dance**



Another successful Mardi Gras Dance was held on February 1st. Although numbers were slightly down, a nice profit was made and everyone enjoyed themselves thoroughly. It was noted that the dance floor was filled all night long. The fifty-fifty brought a record profit (over 430 dollars), and the food was again tremendous. Even the bar realized an increase in revenue. Final totals will be announced at the February General Meeting.

We must thank the crew who made the evening so successful. Firstly, two of our "newer" Knights need to be recognized. Brothers Michael Constantin and Ray St. Martin provided yeoman work all night. Michael never stopped. With set-up for the food to the supervision of the food lines to the final cleanup well after midnight, he simply outdid himself! Brother Ray joined Brother Moe and



myself at the "ticket table" for most of the dance, thus not allowing him to spend much time with his lovely wife. Then there were the old suspects: Moe Douville with tickets and collection, Danny Boisvert and Bob Pampu, with initial setup and running the bar, Ron Van Halst and his great "late lunch" details, Joe Kendi and decorations, and of course, Herb Scott who added to the 50-50 total as he always does, this year with some great help from his son, Darren who is also a member of our Knights Council. The other group to thank is those Knights and spouses who helped clean up after the event. Thank you everyone!

Gerry Buccini

Deputy Grand Knight

CHILLY CHILI BANG BANG Thank you again to everyone who helped .

