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Grand Knights Report – June 2014

It is hard to believe it has been two years since I accepted the call to the role of Grand Knight for Knights of Columbus Council 4742 at St. Albert Parish, after 3 years as the Deputy Grand Knight. It has been an honour and privilege to be able to represent my fellow Brother Knights in this capacity since 2012.

Council 4742 has solidified itself in our Parish Community as the “Go-To” organization. If the Parish is in need of a group to step up for a cause, effort, or simple manpower, they “Go-To” the Knights of Columbus Council 4742 first. When calls are made to the different Ministries and organizations in St. Albert Parish to support a new event or assist with an existing one, the Knights are one of the first groups everyone thinks of. We continue to partner with all Ministries in the Parish; the Catholic Women’s League, the Catholic schools in our Parish, and the four other Councils of District No. 14. Council 4742 has a well-deserved reputation of a Council that is vibrant, continuously reinventing itself, and a stalwart Council in Northern Alberta.

Brother Dan Chauvet will replace me as Grand Knight starting in September for the 2014/15 Columbian Year. Two other new Executive members that allowed their names to stand for positions on the 2014/15 Executive Committee are Brother Bernie Hryciw as Outside Guard, and Brother Moe Douville as one of three Trustees. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Brothers Ely Estillore and Rick Silvestri for their contributions to the Executive Committee, as they will be stepping down from Executive at the end of June.

I cannot say enough for the encouragement and support I received from the current Executive Council. All members of the Executive Committee do great work for our Council and I ask each and every one of you to take the time to thank them for the time and effort they put into this Council. I want to especially recognize two Executive Committee members; Br. Gerry Buccini and Br. Tony Csilics. Br. Gerry has been a tremendous mentor to me and advocate for our Council. It is comforting to know Br. Gerry will continue in this capacity for Br. Dan. Br. Tony is as steadfast and loyal a Financial Secretary as there is in the Knights of Columbus.

Last but definitely not least, I want to recognize our Council Chaplain, Fr. Andrew. Fr. Andrew recently announced that he is leaving our Parish for the gentler climate of Vancouver at the end of August. He will be leaving a Parish that has grown so much under his guidance and leadership. A testament to his time at our Parish will be the memories of our 150th Anniversary, fireworks at the Chili! Chili! Bang! Bang! an Annual Pilgrimage that his second to none in Northern Alberta, a inspiration to the Youth of our Parish, and a friend to all of St. Albert. **Fr. Andrew will truly be missed!**

My last advertisement will be for our annual Wrap-Up Mass and Barbeque on Friday, June the 13th. The mass will start at 6:00 pm in the church, followed by time for Socializing, then a delicious barbeque catered by Catering To Your Taste at 7:00 pm. We will be making a few special presentations as well as announcing the Knights of Columbus Council 4742 Knight of the Year. Tickets are \$20 each. If for none of the reasons above, you and your spouse need to attend as this will be the last mass Fr. Andrew celebrates for Council 4742. It will definitely be a night of tears and cheers.

Vivat Jesus

Terry Sperling, Grand Knight

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.

June 2014 Meeting

Ten Commandments

The Tenth Commandment

Opening Prayer

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

The Reading

(To be read by the Leader)

"You shall not covet your neighbor's goods."

Brothers, for the most part, we have all we need and much more. The challenge or tension that we face is that our needs do not often match up with our wants. "A Christian must learn to distinguish reasonable desires from those that are unreasonable and unjust and to acquire an interior attitude of respect for other people's property, (Youcat 465)." I have a roof over my head, plenty to eat, a good job, a family who loves me and one whom I love. I know that our Lord loves me and that I love Him. Why do I worry about what Joe down the street has and why do I allow this to affect my worldview? Our inability to trust in God's providence for us and our families can lead us down that insecure path where we are lulled into the trap of wanting more and more. Yet when we look at what we have, we have much. If we agree that God is looking after us and our family very well, it does not make sense that we concern ourselves with wanting what Joe down the street has.

In Cardinal Thomas Collins' reflections on being a good steward, he makes some very good observations about our role in the grand scheme of creation. He notes, "A steward is a servant entrusted for a time with the goods of the Master. The steward uses but does not own these goods and must eventually give an account to the Master for the way which they have been cared for and made fruitful, (Stewardship p. 1)." We know from Genesis that God our creator has given us dominion over all of His creation. Dominion does not mean unlimited access or rights. It means caring in a loving way for all that has been entrusted to us. Suffice to say it does not mean that we are to care for all that has been entrusted to Joe down the street. That is his role to fulfill.

Covetousness of what others have is unhealthy because it "leads to greed, avarice, theft, robbery and fraud, violence and injustice, envy and immoderate desires to own what belongs to others (Youcat 465)." True wealth, true possession comes to us from being in a good and healthy relationship with God our creator. This relationship allows us to know that we are loved, that as God's children, He will provide for us that which we need. In this form of trusting relationship we come to a place of gratitude. From a stewardship perspective we refer to this as "an attitude of gratitude." We come to an appreciation that indeed we and our families are blessed because of God's love for us. This place of gratitude allows us to focus our attention more acutely on the giver of all that is

good, our Lord and Savior. What Joe down the street possesses, then becomes much less of a distraction to us. It is a question that we may ask ourselves on occasion to help us maintain a healthy and holy perspective. What do I possess and what possesses me?

The Reflection

(To be read by the leader)

The reality of our Christianity is that the only thing that is truly important in our lives is our relationship with God. Why? It is the relationship that will ultimately result in eternal life. This is our reason for existence here in the world. To live our lives as good stewards of what our Lord has entrusted to us, coupled with a sincere "attitude of gratitude," in order that we may attain eternal life. My dad, a brother knight, has a couple of great expressions that put things in perspective for me. (1.) "You can't pull a U-Haul trailer behind the hearse." and (2.) "Jim, your mother and I are spending you children's inheritance. If there is anything left over, it is due to a miscalculation." These simple maxims help me keep an eye on what is truly important.

Brothers, for the most part we are all doing pretty well. Our relationship with our Lord is the only thing we truly can possess. Everything else in this world is fleeting and temporal. Everything else that we have in this world is simply on loan to us to care for until the master returns. At that time we all hope to hear these words. "Well done good and faithful servant, (Mt. 25, 21)." Being grateful for what God has blessed us with, focusing our energy on relationship with the giver of all that is good, and this attitude of gratitude is a wonderful perspective to view the world that our God has entrusted to us, His faithful servants.

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".



Vocal Music Presentation

Pictured at the left is Mairi Irene MacCormick, who is being introduced by Shannon Hierbert, who accompanied her on piano..

Mairi performed a program of classic style music. She will be going to Italy for advanced studies. She will be greatly missed, but we wish her well in her advanced studies.



Cheese and refreshments were organized by Laurianne Douville, with the help of the music ministry. The Knights of Columbus sponsored and organized the wine part of the reception..

Terry Sperling, Grand Knight presented a cheque for \$500 to Mairi.

Good of the Order

Please pray
for Brothers who are ill
David Biollo Sr.
Armand Carignan
Fern Carignan
Ernest Sokolan
Al Stephenson
Rick Silvestri

Mark your calanders

We have 3 new candidates and are planning a First Degree Ceremony on October 15, 2014.

Up-coming Events

June

8, Sunday - Parish Country Fair
13, Friday - Council BBQ

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The new executive for the 2014 to 2015 year is as follows:

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It 's Summertime!

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 all summer. You may contact Gerry Buccini at 780-4597384 or Frank Polanski at 780-459-7941