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The Virtue of Prudence

Opening Prayer

Lord teach us to pray:

Our Father...

The Reading

(to be read by the Leader)

The Reflection

(to be read by the leader)

"I, Wisdom, dwell with experience,
and judicious knowledge I attain,
[The fear of the LORD is to hate evil;]

Pride, arrogance, the evil way,
and the perverse mouth I hate."

Mine are counsel and advice;
mine is strength; I am understanding.

By me kings reign,
and lawgivers establish justice;

By me princes govern,
and nobles; all the rulers of earth.

"Those who love me I also love,
and those who seek me find me."

(Proverbs 8, 12-17)

The Reflection

(to be read by the leader)

The Old Testament is full of Wisdom Literature which extols the virtue of prudence. The Romans had the saying: "Quidquid agis prudenter agas et respice finem." (Whatever you do, do it with prudence and watch the outcome.).

Prudence is certainly necessary in our day and age when the mind of human beings tries to explore the furthest limits of the universe. What people forget today is that everything which touches our human nature has also an ethical or

moral side. The virtue of prudence guides our reason towards our true good in every situation and shows us the means to achieve it. E.g. freedom is an extremely high good, a gift from God, but my freedom will be limited by the freedom of my neighbour, so I have to act exercising my freedom wisely to respect the rights of my neighbour.

Think of the 9th and 10th commandments: not to covet your neighbour's wife and goods. You can look into your own life and think of occasions in which you have not acted prudently but let your drives and desires take over rather than your brains.

This virtue wants us to be prudent at all times not only once in a while. Virtues have to be exercised habitually every time. There also has to be planning to take the means and measures to practise this virtue. Be always prudent!

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) (From the Encyclical Deus caritas est)

Let us pray:

O God from whom all good things come, grant that we, who call on You in our need, may at your prompting discern what is right, and by your guidance do it. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever Amen.



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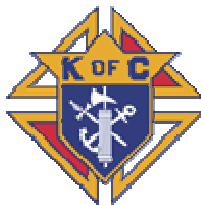
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Grand Knights Report - January 2013

Welcome to the second half of the 2012/13 Columbian Year. The first half of the year was quite busy with the many events the Knights were either the sole organizer or partnered with either another Service Organization or the Parish. The balance of 2012/13 will be equally busy starting with two very big events; Saturday January 19th is Chili! Chili! Bang! Bang! an event we are proud to partner with Parish Council, and the ever popular Mardi Gras to be held on Friday, February 1st. For both of these events we expect full support from all Brother Knights of Council 4742.

On a sadder note, on January 22nd, 2013 the Knights of Columbus will mark the 40th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's infamous Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion in the U.S. In Canada abortions are not limited by Criminal Law but by the Canada Health Act. Canada is one of only a few nations with no legal restrictions on abortion. In 2005, 97,254 abortions were reported in Canada; this represents a ratio of about 30 abortions to every 100 live births. The 2013 National March for Life in Canada will be held in Ottawa on May 9th. No word yet on whether or not there will be a March in Edmonton.

We are planning another First Degree at the February General Meeting. Please let myself or our Membership Committee Members, Br.'s Gerry Buccini or Brian Wolbert know if you have any potential new candidates for this degree. The date and location of the Major Degree to be held in March in our District is yet to be confirmed but if you are a First Degree Brother Knight ready to take the next step, please keep your Saturday's open in March.

Lastly I want to thank all the Brother Knights that helped out at the January Pancake Breakfast. The turnout after the 9:00 a.m. mass was respectable, but we had a full house at the sitting after the 11:00 mass. Most of the Knights working that day worked both sittings. What impressed me most were the Brother Knights that stuck around to help clean-up the hall. We were done and out by 1:00 p.m., a record!

Vivat Jesus

Terry Sperling, Grand Knight



MARDI GRAS TICKETS

These tickets are now on sale by calling Gerry (459-7384) or Moe (459-9487). Tickets are twenty dollars each, for the FFF (Friday, February 1st) dance. Keep reminding people of this little acronym, "FFF", also called the "First Friday in February". It just happens to be on the "First" this year, so we could conceivably call the date the "FFFF". I know it sounds a little "corny" but it does help our parishioners remember the date.

Once again we will have door prizes, a cash bar, a late lunch and a "Fifty-Fifty Draw". Music again will be provided by the Saint City Big Band, a 16 piece Glenn Miller-style band, playing music of the forties and fifties.

Come dance the night away. Book a table for friends and family. Book a "Staff Party". But above all, please be there to help make this year's event even a greater success.



SOLD OUT

We wish to thank all those who sold the tickets and furthermore to those who purchased them.

Good Luck! A special thanks to Rick Silvestri for coordinating this valuable fund raiser event.

Look for the results on our web site. Early Bird draw is Jan. 19th.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Please forward your overdue fees to Tony Csilics as soon as possible or mail your fees in the provided envelope you received.



Saturday January 19th is Chili! Chili! Bang! Bang! an event we are proud to partner with Parish Council. Please try to attend You will not be sorry.



If you have a electric Motor Scooter that you can depart with to be used indoors let our executive know.

REMINDER!



The February

Pancake

Breakfast will be on Feb., 3rd

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

Monday, Feb., 11th.

From 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Appointments

1 888 2 DONATE

1 888 236-6283

Results for the
December 10th Clinic.

133 Donors

116 Units

7 1st Timers

16 Deferrals



Remember the Bingos

are now at Grandin Mall

(Non Smoking)

Saturday January 19th.

AFTERNOON

Tuesday, March 5th.

EVENING

Contact Jim Van Horn

at 406-9889

to Volunteer.

**Good
of the
Order!**

Please keep in your prayers...

Deceased Brothers

Alcide (Sid) De Guire and

Marcel Fagnan

Serving as Knights for over 56 years.

