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## Grand Knights Report

The 2015 year was a busy one and the volunteers are to be thanked for making it a success.

When I look back at 2015, I am reminded of the number of events that were held in the parish and the generous donation of time by the volunteers.

We often hear the question from people; "What do the Knights do?". A good way to demonstrate this is to invite them to volunteer on one of our events. They will learn that the Knights do other things besides make pancakes. It also provides an opportunity to meet some of the members.

We can expect a good number of events this year. The schedule will change to avoid conflicts. The best way to keep informed is by checking the website [www.stalbertcouncil4742.ca](http://www.stalbertcouncil4742.ca).

Please phone Br. Tony Csilics to inform us of members who are ill or have passed away so we may include them in our prayers and change the records, if necessary.

The renewal forms have been sent out with the forms to report back your personal information. This information is required as soon as possible so that the report to the Supreme Council can be sent in before the end of January.

We thank Br. Gerry Woodlock for stepping forward to fill the position of Lecturer and leading us in the Formation Program.

*Vivat Jesus,*

*Grand Knight Council 4742*  
*Br. Dan Chauvet*

## Your Executive!

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# January 2016 Meeting

## Principles of the Order

### ***Opening Prayer***

Lord, teach us to pray:  
“Our Father...”

### ***The Reading***

*(To be read by the Leader)*

### **Our Principles: Charity-Unity-Fraternity-Patriotism**

“So Faith Hope and Love remain, these three, but the greatest of these is love, (1Cor. 13, 13).”

So we have taken the long way around to recognize that charity is not simply an action but in fact an intrinsic part of who we are. Brothers, one of the challenges of considering the virtue of charity is that there is an implied action and to a degree I would say there is. But the action is really simply an expression of who we are created in His image and likeness. St. James offers a wonderful parallel to the concept of charity being an intrinsic part of who we are in parallel with our charity being a response to who we are. He says; “What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works is dead, (James, 2, 14; 2, 17).”

So there we have it, we can have all the good intentions, loads of love in our hearts, but if they don't translate into some form of charity lived, ‘mission control we have a problem’. I say this tongue in cheek, but you know, you can have all the best power tools, an engineered blueprint and all the materials to do a job, but you still need to put them to use for them to have value. I would say it is fair to say that none of us ever use the tools we have, read the blue prints exactly, or end up with a perfect result. The saving grace is that our Lord knows our hearts better than we ourselves. He will provide us with the grace needed to accomplish our works.

Charity/love then, is an expression of who we are created in His image and likeness. In essence there are three relationships in our lives where we can express or live out our charity. Our relationship with God, our relationship with others and yes our relationship with ourselves. Practically speaking we have three modes of sharing our charity within these relationships. In stewardship language simply put we have the sharing of our Time, our Talent and our Treasure. Everything that we are, everything we do in our lives, always involves one of the three relationships (God, ourselves, others) often a

combination of them. It will also always involve one or more of the three T's of stewardship.

### ***The Reflection***

*(To be read by the Leader)*

I have a question for us to reflect on. How many of us, when we reflect on the word charity, automatically lean toward the idea of money, (Treasure)? Perhaps not always, but we do agree love/charity is an expression of who we are, a giving or a sharing of who we are. Certainly opening our wallets is a tried and true mode of sharing of ourselves by sharing our hard earned financial resources. The society we live in steers us toward the understanding that charity is often integrally connected to money. There is no question that in today's society this is at least partially true but it gives us a very narrow definition of that which charity actually entails. Jesus Christ gave of Himself for our salvation absolutely, totally and completely. This is the perfect and complete act of charity lived out. Jesus, the second person of the Holy Trinity, fully divine, fully human, in His passion and death, expressed completely and perfectly who He is as the Godman. Brothers, Jesus is the example par excellence of what it is to live out who He is by His actions and this is the example of perfect charity that we Knights are to follow to the best of our imperfect ability. Stay tuned. “So Faith Hope and Love remain, these three, but the greatest of these is love, (1Cor. 13, 13).”

### ***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.



### Grocery Cards.

Your Knights of Columbus Council 4742 is encouraging you to consider the purchase of Grocery Cards. You can use the cards to purchase your own groceries.

Please help us to continue assisting with these great projects by purchasing some grocery cards.

To buy cards, call Gerry (780-459-7384) or Frank (780-459-7941).

Cards will be available at each Pancake Breakfast.

### Pancake Breakfast

The Pancake Breakfast is on January 10, 2016 following the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 am. Mass.

#### Good of the Order

Please include in your prayers the following people who are ill: Br. Mauri Maynard, Br. Bob Pampu and the wife of Frank Polanski

## Columbus Club Corner

The officers elected for 1965 , of the St. Albert Columbus Club, as reported to the Registrar of Companies of the Department of the Provincial Secretary, as per the annual meeting held on December 21st, 1964 was;

President, Gerard LeBlanc of Edmonton, Alberta (Occupation, Welder) Secretary Treasurer, Donald England of St. Alberta, Alberta (Occupation, Grain Buyer) Directors; George Lee of Edmonton, Alberta (Occupation, Construction Superintendent) Gerald Tory of St. Albert, Alberta (Occupation, Insurance Salesman) Clifford Gallant of St. Albert, Alberta (Occupation, Farmer)

#### DID YOU KNOW

The Registrar of Companies very nearly forced the Columbus Club of Council 4742 to dissolve only two short years after it was incorporated! A notice dated July 30, 1964 and a second notice dated January 21, 1965 were sent to the St. Albert Columbus Club requesting file returns which had not been received for the past two years. The matter was cleared up when the Columbus Club sent the required returns to the Registrar on January 26, 1965.

Br. Terry Sperling, President

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 2016

#### January

10 - Sunday - Pancake Breakfast following 9:00AM & 11:00AM Mass

20 - Wednesday - General Meeting 7:00PM Grandin Room

23 - Saturday - Chilly Chili Bang Bang following 5:00PM Mass

#### February

1 - Monday - Executive Meeting 7:00PM Grandin Room

7 - Sunday - Pancake Breakfast following 9:00AM & 11:00AM Mass

10 - Ash Wednesday

14- Sunday - Valentine's Day

17 - Wednesday - General Meeting 7:00PM Grandin Room