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Towards A Masculine Spirituality

Opening Prayer

Lord teach us to pray:
Our Father...

The Reading (to be read by the Leader)

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

(John 15, 12-17)

The Reflection (to be read by the leader)

In the Gospel of John we find always references of Jesus talking about his Father. We see here a strong relationship between Father and Son and mainly this refers to Christ's divine nature. He calls himself also Son of Man which refers to his human nature. Here we see the Father as creator and here he is the origin of all human fatherhood.

Most of you are fathers either human or spiritually like the priests. This creates different aspects of Fatherhood; the father is not only together with his wife the creator of the human child, but is also an important factor in the human and spiritual development of the child. We know that a father has a great responsibility in the education of his child and particularly the religious aspect of education. Most people think religion is for women to pursue, but we all know that a father makes a greater impression because people do not expect it.

The male spirituality shows itself not so much in words, but in action. The Franciscan Richard Rohr calls his book on male spirituality "From Wild Man to Wise Man", which shows that male spirituality makes a journey from the creative forces of the beginning to the wise actions of the Elders. It is interesting that our native people often refer to the wise words of the elders.

But all wisdom is useless if it is not based on love as Christ shows us. A strong love and devotion to God, one's family and the Church are true signs of this spirituality, and we could add also patriotism as love and support for the common good in our society.

Let Christ always be our example. Let us be strong in our virtues, and may we always proclaim like Joshua, "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (Josh 24, 15)

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
Grant us, we pray, O Lord, our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. 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.



Grand Knights Report - June 2013



This is the last Grand Knights report for Columbian Year 2013/14. And what a year it has been for St. Albert Council 4742! Before I recap the year it was, just a quick reminder that our year end barbeque is scheduled for Friday, June the 14th. If you haven't already, you will be getting a telephone call to confirm your attendance. The evening will start with a mass in the main church at 6:00 p.m. followed by some time to socialize then dinner at 7:00 p.m. Once again we have Catering To Your Taste providing the meal. If the Christmas mass was any indication, we fully expect this barbeque to be delicious. We have a very short program afterwards, but be sure to stick around to congratulate the Council 4742 Knight of the Year for 2013/14.

As I was saying 2013/14 was another busy year for Knights of Columbus Council 4742 in St. Albert. As usual our Pancake Breakfasts were very well attended. We had no fewer than nine Pancake Breakfasts, with the last being one of the largest in concert with our annual Blue Sunday mass. Council 4742 continues to fundraise by working at Bingo's throughout the Columbian Year. The Knights participated in the St. Albert Parish Expo in September where we had enough new members to have a First Degree at the October General Meeting. October was also the month we hold our annual CWL/KofC Sunday. November was the month we had our Memorial Mass for the Brothers Knights that had passed on in 2012/13. We paid special tribute to Brother Richard S. Fowler who was a very special person in our Community. In December we had a very successful joint Advent Dinner with the CWL in the church hall; one of our largest yet. The New Year brought the return of Chili! Chili! Bang! Bang! And another sold-out Parish Event. The Knights sponsored and managed the Sleigh Ride again this year, as well as the bonfire. The Mardi Gras held the first Friday of every February brought out the dancing shoes as everyone was thoroughly entertained the entire night. We also had another First Degree in February, in advance of our major 2nd and 3rd Degree exemplification which Council 4742 hosted at the Star of the North in March. The Knights teamed up with the Parish to host the popular Pizza! Pizza! Splash! Splash! At Fountain Park Pool in late March. This family event is quickly becoming a family favourite. In April, myself and Br. Glenn Fritz attended the State Convention in Calgary. For the 2nd year in a row Council 4742 won the Best Website award. As I mentioned previously, the first Sunday in May we acknowledge the work the men and women of the police departments, Firefighters, EMT's, Prison Guards, and many other that serve to protect and care for us. This year we welcomed the Men and Women of the Royal Canadian Legion. And finally on June 9th the Knights will be front and Centre at the Parish Country Fair cooking hot dogs and hamburgers, sponsoring the jumpy things, organizing the Pony Rides, and just generally working hard to make the event another success in our Parish Community. Over the summer the Knights will continue to work in our Parish at the Pilgrimage and anywhere else we are needed.

Sadly the Canadian Blood Donor Services decided to centralize their Blood Donor Clinics in St. Albert, ending a long standing association with St. Albert Parish, the Knights and the CWL.

It was also decided that all Alberta and NWT Knights of Columbus Councils would immediately withdraw from raising funds through Casinos in support of our Archbishop, Priests, and Deacons.

I want to thank everyone that helped me make my first year as your Grand Knight so enjoyable. I look forward to 2013/14 and ask each of you to consider how you can become more involved in your Parish and the Knights.

If we don't get to see you at the Wrap-Up barbeque on June 14th, enjoy your summer and we'll see you in the fall!

Vivat Jesus

Terry Sperling, Grand Knight

**ST. ALBERT COUNCIL 4742
BLUE SUNDAY MASS 11:00AM MAY 5, 2013**



YEAR END BARBEQUE

The year end BBQ is the last event until fall. This event promises to be a great and informal event. If you missed getting a call or changed your mind, please call Br. Glenn at 780-460-2217 and state your preference for steak or chicken. Location is at the church hall. The date is Friday, June 14, 2013. A short Mass will be held upstairs at 6:00 pm, with the dinner in the hall at 7:00 pm. Price is \$20.00 with all the fixings and wine included.



Changes in Fund Raising

The changes that are in place for the coming year will offer an opportunity to explore new ways to raise money to support the charitable work of our Chapter. We are fortunate to have a project such as Grocery Card sales which is providing funding to the club. We are entering into the busy summer schedule and it is important to remember that Grocery Cards are still available



**Remember the
Bingos are at
Grandin Mall
(Non Smoking)**

**Fri., June 21 - Evening 4:45 start
Sat., Aug 24 - Afternoon 10:45 am start
Mon., Sept 16 - Evening 4:45 start
Sat., Nov 9 - afternoon 10:45 am start
Thurs., Dec 26 - evening 4:45 start
Sun., Jan., 19 - afternoon 10:45 am start**

Grocery Cards

Pancake Breakfasts are closed for the summer but, Grocery Cards are available. Please call:

Br. Gerry Buccini at 780-459-7384
or
Br. Frank Polanski at 780-459-7941

**Obtain your
Grocery Gift
Cards before or
after Mass.**



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a
meeting lately?