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Grand Knights Report - June 2015

Summer is upon us. Time to catch up on those gardening tasks and family outings.

With the absence of casino funding we have to look for alternate sources of income. One of our current sources of income is from the grocery card program. The cards will still be available by contacting contact Gerry (459-7384) or Frank (459-7941). You may also contact them by emailing kofc@saintalbertcouncil4742.ca and requesting grocery cards. Please note the grocery cards will not be sold at the back of the church during the summer.

The members of the parish are much younger than just a few years ago with new subdivisions opening in St. Albert. It is important that we keep this in mind as we meet new parishioners. Are they aware of the local Council of the Knights of Columbus? Perhaps they would be interested. We should ask ourselves when was the last time we asked a parishioner "Are you a member of the Knights of Columbus?". If the answer is no, you should obtain their name and phone number and give them yours. You should pass their name on to Gerry (780-459-7384) or pass information on by email to kofc@stalbertcouncil4742.ca so the person can be contacted and provided with the latest information on membership.

This year the Knights will be offering new events, the first one is a dance which will be held in September. The tickets are currently being sold. The dance will be a family type of event. Tickets are available through the Worthy Grand Night, Dan Chauvet or the Deputy Grand Knight, Brian Wolbert.

There are opportunities to take part in some of the events and projects which will be done in the coming year. There is room for people on a number of committees and I am sure the timing of these different events will allow you to participate in some of them. We are thankful for those who made the special effort to make the pancake breakfast possible. This is an example of how many hands can make light work.

For a list of all the upcoming events and for other information remember our website is www.stalbertcouncil4742.ca.

It will be great to see everyone in the fall and hear about the summer vacation.

Vivat Jesus,

Grand Knight, Council 4742

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June 2015 Meeting Sacramentals - Part X

Opening Prayer

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

The Reading

(To be read by the Leader)

So what is the difference between what we know as the seven sacraments of the Church and what are often referred to as sacramentals? We know that "the sacraments are perceptible signs (words and actions) accessible to our human nature. By the action of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit they make present efficaciously (effective as a means) the grace that they signify (CCC 1084)." Or as St. Augustine so aptly defined the sacraments over fifteen hundred years ago, "sacraments are a visible sign of invisible grace". Participation in and reception of the sacraments are in fact the most profound and effective source of grace that we can receive.

Sacramentals are not sacraments, but they have the ability to dispose us or prepare us more fully for the reception of the grace-filled sacraments. "Sacramentals do not confer the grace of the Holy Spirit in the way the sacraments do, but by the Church's prayer they prepare us to receive grace and dispose us to co-operate with it, (CCC 1670)." "Sacramentals are sacred signs instituted by the Church. They prepare men and women to receive the fruit of the sacraments and sanctify different circumstances of life, (CCC1677)."

Brothers, it is important to note that every ritual, every action and every gesture that you participate in when you enter your parish Church bears a very specific and intentional purpose. That purpose is to draw you and me deeper into the mystery and the wonder of God's love for all of us, His children. Sacramentals fall largely into this category. Though they are not grace-filled in and of themselves, as we come to understand their purpose, they serve to draw us closer to the Lord. We will never understand the fullness of the Lord's love for us until we meet Him face to face. However, everything and anything we can do to enter more fully into this wonderful mystery here on earth will assist in our sanctification. Yes brothers, challenging as it might seem, you and I are called by God to be holy. Sacramentals assist us in a very gentle and subtle way in entering into the mystery of the Lord's love for humanity.

Sacramentals always include a prayer. Often this is accompanied by a specific sign, such as laying on of hands, the sign of the cross, or the sprinkling of holy water. Once again when we focus on the meaning or the purpose of the action, we continue the journey of growing in our faith and in our relationship with the Lord. When you dip your finger(s) in the holy water fount upon your entry into the Church you are recalling

the day you were welcomed into the Christian community on the day of your Baptism. You are also reminding yourself that in fact our God is a triune God--one God, three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Simple yet powerful.

"Besides sacramental liturgy and sacramentals, catechesis must take into account the various forms of piety and popular devotions among the faithful. The religious sense of the Christian people has always found expression in various forms of piety surrounding the Church's sacramental life, such as the veneration of relics, visits to sanctuaries, pilgrimages, processions, the stations of the cross, the rosary, religious medals, etc, (CCC 1674)."

The Reflection

(To be read by the Leader)

My brothers, sacramentals are a big part of what we would refer to as our religious observance, and once again we remember that each time we participate in a gesture, a sign or an action, the specific intent or purpose is to draw us closer to the love of God for us. The result being that as we come to know that our God loves us beyond our comprehension, our options are limited. We become vessels and sharers of that love with others in our lives. It is in knowing that we are loved that we are able to effectively love. The sacramentals, the devotionals, the prayers we participate in on a daily basis are the subtle instruments that assist you and me in becoming effective instruments of sharing that love with our families, our friends and those who do not yet know the love of God in their lives.

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/Summer Months

Please continue to support your Knights of Columbus during the summer months by purchasing the various grocery cards (Sobeys, Safeway and Save On) used as the major fundraiser for the Knights. Please contact Gerry (459-7384) or Frank (459-7941) and we will arrange to get your orders to you as quickly as possible. Please note that these cards will be sold after the August Pilgrimage Mass. Otherwise you can call Gerry or Frank. Thank you for your continued support, and hopefully you can participate over the summer months.



Contacting the Council

The phone numbers of the council executive are listed on the front page of the Beacon. If you don't get an immediate answer when you call then you can leave a message on their voicemail. I find that using email is better than playing phone tag. With travel more common in the summer months it makes more sense to email kofc@stalbertcouncil4742.ca and state in the subject line what it is about and who it is for. The message can then be forwarded to the proper person. If you wish to submit information to be published in the beacon it can be sent to this email address.

The website www.stalbertcouncil4742.ca has a lot of information on the club. There is a list of the executive, upcoming events, current and back issues of the beacon, and other information. The website has won the award for the best website in the state on two occasions. The credit goes to Br. Tony Csilies who created the site and has maintained it since. I check the site to find out about upcoming events and where to get other information.

Pancake Breakfast

Pancake Breakfasts stop for the summer, but will start up again in the fall.

Thank you for your participation.

Good
of the
Order

Please pray for
Our deceased Brother
Guy Bremault
and our Brother who is ill
Maurice Douville

