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June 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)."

Amidst the turmoil that is such an integral part of the world we live in we are the recipients of a variety of great gifts. Without question the greatest gift our Lord blesses us with is the gift of faith. Faith allows us a glimmer of understanding and confidence in God's love and providence for all of humanity. Faith that gives us hope in the world but more importantly in eternal life. Within this challenging world one of the gifts that is often overlooked or taken for granted is the gift of our freedom. Freedom to express ourselves, freedom to practice our faith openly, freedom to be who we are and believe what we believe. As Canadian Catholic men we take these freedoms as our God-given right, but we know these freedoms are not so present in all areas of the world. Brothers, we are blessed. One may see our response to these freedoms that are intrinsic to our beloved country as a response of Patriotism. Though Patriotism is the principle united particularly to the 4th Degree of our Order it is an integral facet of who we are as citizens of our free and bountiful country of Canada.

Mr. Webster defines Patriotism as; "devoted love, support and defense of one's country; national loyalty." A patriot is defined thus; "a person who loves supports and defends his or her country and its interests." As Catholic men we take the understanding of patriotism one step further than other patriots might. We know that the freedoms and the country we enjoy are gifts of God's grace for us. We are proud of our devotion to God, the giver of all that is good and we are patriots of this country, Canada that our loving God has blessed us to be part of.

The Reflection (To be read by the Leader)

Patriotism is a noble term because it speaks of our love for our country, but because love is part of patriotism we understand that virtues like integrity,

and fidelity are an integral component of patriotism. To be a patriot is a good thing, again because of the intrinsic virtues that are implicitly part of being a healthy Canadian patriot.

More importantly for us, as practical Catholic gentlemen, we acknowledge that our freedoms are an expression of our providential God's love and care for us. So we express our patriotism as we do for so many other gifts, from a point of gratitude. At all times our Order, our counsels and ourselves individually are profoundly grateful for the copious blessings which include the many freedoms that are an everyday way of life for us and our families.

Our Fourth Degree Brothers are the "visible right arm of the Church" and really do offer a very public witness to the Order's pride and gratitude in God and country. Patriotism is a principle best lived out in action. Our Fourth Degree Knights, resplendent in their full regalia, serve to witness to the values of devotion to God and country. Brothers. To be clear, one does not have to be a Fourth Degree Knight to exemplify the principle of Patriotism. We are all called to be patriots, but the Fourth Degree is a great way to wear our Patriotism on our sleeve.

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism. Brothers, those men they call Knights stand for and behind these principles. I am proud to be part of a Catholic Fraternal group of men and their families who serve their Church and their community through the lens of these principles'.
"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.

Your Executive!

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Good of the Order

Please include in your prayers the following Brothers[who are ill:

Br. William Oshanyk
 Br. Ernest Sokolan
 Br. Marcel Venne
 Br. Louis Rev. Gendre
 Br. Gerry Hartel
 Br. Leon Richard
 Br. Emile Brusie
 Br. Joe Radosh
 Br. David Gervais`wife, Tress

At the February Executive meeting a decision was made to visit our fellow Brothers who are in continuous care.

Currently the plan calls for a visit by two or three members of our Council to take place preferably in the mornings.

If you are able to participate please contact Br. Tony Csilics at 780-458-0065 or e-mail to kofc@stalbertcouncil4742.ca

The following is the new Executive:

Grand Knight:	Dan Chauvet
Deputy Grand Knight:	Brian Wolbert
Financial Secretary:	Tony Csilics
Chancellor:	Terry Sperling
Recorder:	Gerry Keane
Treasurer:	Jim Van Horn
Advocate:	Colin Cunningham
Warden:	Marc Lambertus
Inside Guard:	Robert Pampu
Outside Guard:	Bernie Hryciw
Trustee 1:	Maurice Douville
Trustee 2:	Gerry Buccini
Trustee 3:	Glenn Fritz
Lecturer:	Ray St. Martin

The positions of Financial Secretary and Lecturer are appointed positions.



Electric Scooter to be Sold

The electric scooter pictured above will be sold. It is used but is in excellent condition. A price will be determined by committee review. Please contact Br. Tony Csilics at 780-458-0065 or e-mail to kofc@stalbertcouncil4742.ca



Grocery Cards.

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

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

Event Manager Required

There is an opportunity to become involved in managing the Pancake Breakfast. Ideally if more than one person is involved the task could be shared, each person taking a turn.

The process is documented and training will be provided.

If you are interested please contact Robert Pampu at 780-460-6740.