

The Beacon

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Content of Prayers: Prayers of Petition

Opening Prayer

Lord teach us to Pray:
Our Father...

The Reading *(to be read by the leader)*

They who sit at the gate gossip about me; drunkards make me the butt of their songs. But I pray to you, Lord. God, in your great kindness answer me with your constant help. Rescue me from the mire; do not let me sink. Rescue me from my enemies and from the watery depths. Do not let the floodwaters overwhelm me, nor the deep swallow me, nor the mouth of the pit close over me. Answer me, Lord, in your generous love; in your great mercy turn to me. Do not hide your face from your servant; in my distress hasten to answer me ! **(Psalm 69,13-18)**

The Reflection *(to be read by the Leader)*

The Psalm which we heard at the beginning is a prayer of petition. In it we turn to God asking for a favour either for ourselves or for others. We know that God is omnipotent, he can do everything, and in our prayer of petition we appeal to that quality of God.

God always listens to our prayers, but we often feel that God does not fulfill our request. We ask Why? First of all we cannot restrict the freedom of God. He can grant what and to whom he wills it. But Jesus has told us "ask and it will be given to you". When we ask through Jesus and the saints we have powerful intercessors to support our supplication. But the most important reason for God to fulfill our request is his love for us.

As a loving Father he will give us all the things which his love has in store for us but we often do not recognize his love behind granting or withholding our petitions. So this prayer should make us really ready for the decision of his will as Christ prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane "Not my will be done but yours".

We too can be intercessors as the saints. When we say the Prayers of the Faithful at the Eucharist we intercede with God for all those intentions which we present to God. We say quite often, pray for me, or we offer to pray for somebody. That is the time when we become intercessors.

I am still grateful for all the prayers which I received three years ago when I was sick. Thank God always for your intercessors.

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)*

God of power and mercy, protect us from all harm. Give us freedom of spirit and health in mind and body to do your work on earth. We ask this through Christ, our Lord in the unity with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Your Executive!

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460-2380

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459-4721

Please bring a copy of this Beacon to the next regular meeting so that you can more fully participate in the readings, meditation and prayers. If you are unable to attend please reflect on the readings in your own way.

Message from the Grand Knight!

Dear Brother Knights,

Another Columbian year is rapidly coming to a close and with it, the end of my 3 year term as your Grand Knight. I have enjoyed every moment of that time and I sincerely wish to thank each and every one of you for your support. Please support our incoming Grand Knight, John Onyskiw and our executive. They will work hard for you to maintain the momentum which we have going at this time. There are many of you I wish I could thank on a personal basis for your unselfish giving to our many programs. You all know who you are, but I would like to single out Joe Kendi for his tireless leadership in the organization and operation of our pancake breakfasts. Thanks Joe for all of your hard work. And Gerry Buccini, thank you for your hard work on the grocery gift cards, the Mardi Gras dance, the Blue Mass and many other programs.

Brothers, we will be having a first degree initiation at our May meeting. Please come and observe as it will serve as a renewal for many of you who have not seen a first degree for some time.

We will be needing further help in transporting the senior Oblates to a concert in their honor in June. We will also be involved in the parish picnic and the Pilgrimage this summer. Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Jubilee Gala on Sept 11. Tickets will be available from Ron Van Halst throughout the summer. Get your tickets soon as we expect a sell-out.

The Blue Mass once again was a great success and our thanks go out to Gerry Buccini and Eric Howard for organizing this wonderful event.

Mark you calendars June 24, our year end barbecue. This year we will be heading out to Herb Scott's place -more details to follow.

See you at our May meeting.



Gerry Woodlock
Grand Knight

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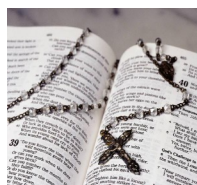
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www.stalbertcouncil4742.ca

CLIP OUT AND PLACE NEAR YOUR COMPUTER

**Good
of the
Order!**

Please keep in your prayers...
Fraternal Benefits Advisor Brother
Kevin Paish
and his family for the loss
of their first grandchild.



At our recent meeting the following Brothers became your new executive for the Columbian Year 2011/2012. Many thanks to the outgoing Brothers who have served on the executive for many years.

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BLUE SUNDAY

Another very successful "Blue Sunday" was held on May 1st. with approximately sixty guests in attendance. I would like to thank everyone for their assistance and participation, whether you served as a "Minister" for the Mass or simply as a "Parishioner" for this special Mass. I especially thank Brother Eric Howard for co-coordinating the event with me; for his many hours of "communications" whether it be e-mailing or telephoning and for his continual positive support when I seemed "down" by the initial responses. I guess this shows that everything always does turn out for the best. I must offer another special thank you to Father Andrew for his continued support. His homily and blessing comments tied everything together so nicely. His reference to "early days growing up" (in Communist Poland) was again particularly meaningful, suggesting to all of us how very blessed we are to live in a country such as ours.

When we first held a Blue Sunday six years ago, I am always reminded of one comment from a parishioner: "Why have we waited so long to do this kind of Mass?" I think the answer has been very clear in all six years. Next year's will be even better!!!!

-Gerry Buccini Chancellor

CONGRATULATIONS BROTHER URBAN STANG

Once again we are honored to be in the company of another finalist for the St. Albert CITIZEN OF THE YEAR! Brother Urban Stang was one of five nominees honored this past Saturday, and although not selected as the recipient of the big award, his "resume" is one we all can be so proud of. To quote the program booklet, Brother Urban "makes volunteering almost a fun time job". Reference was made to his 800 hours of volunteer work that included Knights of Columbus projects, and driving for the Senior Citizens' Club and for the Vincent de Paul Society. In 2006, Brother Urban initiated the training and scheduling of volunteer truck drivers for the Vincent de Paul pickups and deliveries. At times, he has even stored items in his own garage as they await pickup. He has served with Victims' Services and the St. Albert Steele Hockey team. Most recently he was a volunteer at the

Alberta 55 Plus Winter Games. Brother Urban "brings his strengths as a problem solver to help other individuals, and he lends his time to make his community a gentler and safer place". And by the way, Brother Urban has indicated his desire to take over as the PancakeBreakfast Chairperson beginning next year. When will he stop? Brother urban, you may not have won the "big prize" but you ARE the "BIG WINNER" in the eyes of an your Brother Knights. God bless you and Joan, today and always.

FAMILY SWIMMING EVENT

This event is part of the St. Albert Parish Council Family Program Plan. Knights of Columbus have for the past five years, put on a family swimming event (planned and lead by Brother Tim Cusack). Our event was held Sunday May 1st at Fountain Park Pool. In total we had 87 swimmers and 68 people remaining for the meal portion of the program. This year the event was held later than usual due to difficulties booking the facility at an earlier date. Typically the event runs prior to Easter, near the school Spring breaks. That said, we did have a great turn -out this year. When we have 80+ people we are required to pay for an additional life guard. Also, prices for the rental and for the pizza have gone up since last year.

We attracted more young families this year than previous years and also had many families who appreciate and enjoy the event come out again this year. Brother Terry Sperling addressed the assembled to speak of council events and to thank parishioners for attending. Overall it was a fun-filled opportunity for families to meet and enjoy each other's fellowship.

It is recommended that this event continue next year with the possibility of trying a winter timeframe in lieu of spring to see if more families might attend.

Tim Cusack - K of C Family Event Planner

YEAR END MASS/BBQ VENUE CHANGE

This year's year end Mass and BBQ will be held at the premises of Herb Scott's on Friday June 24th. Map on display on K of C Bulletin Board at the back of the church. Mass at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Knights cooking the BBQ. For reservations please contact Moe Douville at 459-9487 . Cost \$15.00 per person.

REMINDER!

The Pancake

Breakfast is on

1st. Sunday of every Month

following the **9:00 a.m.** and

11:00 a.m. Mass.

Single Family: \$15.00

Adults: \$5.00

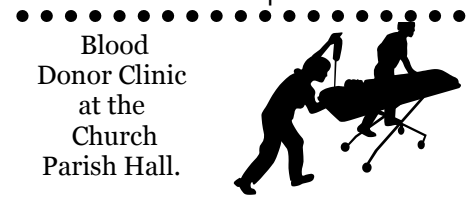
Children under 16: \$3.00

Join us in friendship

Blood
Donor Clinic
at the
Church
Parish Hall.



Now
Serving
Scrambled
Eggs



Next Blood Donor Clinic

**Monday,
June 27th.**

From 3:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Appointments

1 888 2 DONATE

1 888 236-6283

**Results for the
Monday April 25th.
Clinic.**

117 in Attendance

106 Units collected

12 Deferrals

14 1st Timers



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

Fri., August 26- Evening

Wed., October 5- Evenings

Sat., November 19- Afternoon

Thurs., December 29- Evenings

Sat., January 28, 2012 - Afternoon

Contact Jim Van Horn

at 406-9889

to Volunteer.



Date: April 20, 2011

To: Brother Knights – Knights of Columbus Council 4742

Subject: Knights of Columbus – St. Albert, Commitment to the
Vital Grandin Catholic Elementary School playground project

Brother Knights our first principle is Charity. Vital Grandin Catholic Elementary School is asking the Knights of Columbus men in St. Albert to volunteer and tear down the existing wood playground at their school.

Our second principle is Unity, “together we can accomplish far more than any one of us could individually”. We are Knights, we support one another and we support our catholic community.

And lastly, fraternity. I cannot think of a better way to spend a day or two with my fellow Knight Brothers working together to assist a catholic school in community than to work up a bit of a sweat and have some fun at the same time.

I am asking for two days, one day, even half a day of your time on the weekend of May 28th and 29th. The plan is to work in teams of three to tear down the playground on the Saturday, and on the Sunday to dismantle the pieces and remove the posts. We'll have a bobcat at our disposal and power tools. All we need to supply is old fashioned elbow grease.

I have a sign-up list for both of the days. I will also be canvassing our Brother Knights at Brother Anthony Council. This will be a fun couple of days of camaraderie. I promise you that the feeling of accomplishment you will get once you see the new playground next fall will last much longer than the few splinters and muscle aches. June 4th and 5th are our rain-out dates.

Thank-you.

In Solidarity,

Terry P. Sperling
Deputy Grand Knight

BECOME A VOLUNTEER

AT FOYER LACOMBE- A DIVISION OF PLACID FOUNDATION

At our last regular meeting a presentation by Sheree C. Thorne, Recreation Therapist was made. She has extended a formal invitation to all Knight of Columbus members to become an active volunteer at Foyer Lacombe .

Volunteers play a vital role at Foyer Lacombe. They make significant contributions in many areas and enhance the quality of life for their residents. You will be surprised in what it can do for you once you get involved.

PRIORITY VOLUNTEER NEEDS:

Companionship/Visiting- Medical Appointments-Resident Requests- Shopping INTEREST and SKILLS INVENTORY

Please indicate any skills and/or interests you would enjoy sharing with the residents at Foyer Lacombe.

If you have a HIGH interest, indicate with a H.

For AVERAGE Interest, indicate with a A.

Recreational

___ Art

___ Baby Visits

(bring your baby to visit)

___ Bowling -

___ Bridge -

___ Ceramics

___ Chess -

___ Cooking -

___ Cribbage -

___ Fitness -

___ Gardening -

___ Hockey -

___ Painting -

___ Photography -

___ Toy Making -

___ Whist -

___ Music (listening) -

___ Billiards -

___ Models

___ Board Games

___ Bridge

___ Cards

___ Checkers

___ Computer/Typing

___ Crafts

___ Drawing/Sketching

___ Football

___ Golf

___ Movies

___ Pet Visits

___ Scrabble

___ Walking

___ Woodworking

___ Fishing

Entertainment/Performing

___ Dance

___ Drama

___ Musical Instrument

Singing

___ Other.....

Companionship

___ One-to-One Visiting

___ Reading Aloud

___ Writing Letters

___ Mealtime Assistance

Other Activities

___ Reception Greeting

___ Visitors

___ Special Event planning

___ Out Trips

___ Facility Decoration

YES, I am interested in obtaining a formal application to begin volunteering...

PLEASE PRINT Date of Application ___/___/___

PERSONAL

Name _____, _____

Home Address _____

CITY _____ PROV _____ POSTAL CODE _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name _____ Relationship _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

REFERENCES

Please provide us with two references.

Name _____ Relationship _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Name _____ Relationship _____

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I, _____, hereby give permission to Foyer Lacombe a division of Placid Foundation, to obtain information regarding my previous employment, education and/or volunteer background including a Security Clearance Check.

To the best of my knowledge, the above information is correct.

Signature: _____ Date: ___/___/___

Once you have completed this information request please forward it to...

Sheree Thorne, Recreation Therapist

Foyer Lacombe

1 St. Vital Avenue

St. Albert, Alberta T8N 1K1

Ph: (780) 418.6869 Fax: (780) 418-2555

Email: shereet@foyerlacombe.ca

A formal application form will be sent to you later.