



The Beacon

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Grand Knights Report March 2014

Welcome to Lent 2014! Our most solemn religious observance began on Ash Wednesday on March 5th. Ash Wednesday was preceded by Shrove Tuesday in which your Council 4742 Breakfast Team again cooked pancakes for two local catholic schools. For one of the schools it was breakfast and at the other it was a dinner sitting in the Parish Hall. A very big thank-you goes out to Br. Urban Stang and his team of merry pancake makers.

We are approximately six weeks away from the joyful celebration of Easter Sunday. Knights of Columbus Council 4742 has a very full March calendar starting with our newest event, the St. Patrick's Day Irish Hooly on Friday, March 14th in the Parish Hall. By the time you read this copy of the Beacon this event may have been held. I trust it was another successful Parish event hosted by the Knights, which will become a mainstay in our Parish Calendar in years to come.

IMPORTANT!! Our March General Meeting is being moved back one week to Wednesday, March 26th to allow Knights to attend the last day of the Parish Lenten Mission. I encourage all Knights and their families to attend the Mission. "From Calling to Mission" is scheduled for three consecutive evenings; March 17th to 19th starting at 7:00 p.m. in the main church.

To end the month of March is the ever-popular Pizza! Pizza! Splash! Splash! It is scheduled for Sunday, March 30th. This free family event starts at 4:00 p.m. with a family swim at Fountain Park Pool. The Knights have booked the pool for the exclusive use of our Parishioners and their families. After the two hour swim is a Pizza meal in a couple of the party rooms. All Parishioners and their families are encouraged to attend this event sponsored by Council 4742. I personally want to invite all of our older Knights to come out and bring their grandchildren. The event is free but the Knights will be asking for donations that will go 100% to Development and Peace – Water Initiatives.

I will end this months Grand Knight Report with the closing paragraph from our Supreme Grand Knights February column in Columbia. The column speaks to the urging of Pope Francis to the Knights to radiate "fraternal communion and missionary fruitfulness";

It is also the responsibility of every Knight to deepen his fraternal communion with true charity and unity, so that whoever encounters the Knights of Columbus will encounter a community of brothers motivated by the joy of the gospel.

Vivat Jesus
Terry Sperling, Grand Knight

Your Executive!

Chaplain

Fr. Andrzej Stendzina, OMI

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Terrence (Terry) Sperling
459-5479

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459-7384

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458-0065

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436-7339

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459-7987

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460-6740

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458-5072

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Rick Silvestri
460-5955

Trustee 3

Bernie McCracken
459-2457



FOUNTAIN PARK
RECREATION CENTRE
SUN., MARCH 30th 4 to 7 PM

Pizza! Pizza! Splash ! Splash !

This is a great family event for all Parishioners sponsored by the Knights. The event is **free with a donation** to Development and Peace - Water initiatives.



Hats Off!



To our Brothers who are making the "Irish Hooly" a success !

"Reminder from the Financial Secretary
If you have not yet paid your annual Membership dues, Please do so- Thank You."

Tony Csilies

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
BROTHER [REDACTED]
MEMBER NO. [REDACTED] IS A **3rd** DEGREE MEMBER OF
COUNCIL NO. 4742 IN ST ALBERT AB

DUES PAID TO: December 31, 2014



G.K. [Signature]
F.S.

Charities Appeal Draw

EARLY BIRD DRAW

Winner of the \$10,000

James Koeit,
Innisfail Council 7203.

GRAND PRIZE DRAW WINNERS

Winner of the Lincoln MKZ

Ray Polisky, Medicine Hat.

Winner of the Ford F-150

Doris Ouellette, St. Paul.

State Convention

April 25-27, 2014

Double Tree

by Hilton Hotel West

(Formerly Mayfield Inn)

Bless our Knights in attendance
Terry Sperling and James Van Horn.
Bless their activities and inspire
all to work for the greater glory of God,
and the salvation of mankind.

Mission Statement

That Council #4742 on behalf of our Catholic Community will selflessly promote Activities and Programs that exemplify the Knights of Columbus principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

Vision Statement

That Council #4742 will continue as an integral part of St. Albert Parish to grow in faith as Catholic Gentlemen, promoting an organization that encourages the participation of men of all ages.



**NEXT REGULAR MEETING
NOW ON MARCH 26th 7:00 p.m.
PARISH HALL K of C ROOM.**

Good of the Order

Pray for Brothers who are ill

David Biollo Sr.
Armand Carignan

Fern Carignan
Ernest Sokolan
Al Stephenson



BINGO DATES

Thurs May 1 – 4:45 start

Sat Jun 21 – 4:45 start

Sun Aug 24 – 10:45 Start

Tues Sep 16 – 4:45 Start

Sat Nov 9 – 10:45 Start

Tues Dec 26 – 4:45 Start

Sun Jan 19 – 10:45 Start



REMINDER!

**The April
PANCAKE
BREAKFAST**

will be held on
Sunday APRIL 6th
following the
9:00 a.m. and
11:00 a.m. Mass

Single Family \$15.00

Adults \$5.00 Children under 16 \$3.00

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



March 2014 Formation Program

Ten Commandments

The Seventh Commandment

Opening Prayer

Lord teach us to pray:
Our Father.. .

The Reading

(to be read by the Leader)
"You Shall Not Steal"

"The seventh commandment not only forbids taking something away from another person, but it requires the just management and distribution of the earth's goods. It also addresses the human endeavor to make just, social arrangements in the world and to plan for its beneficial development. The Seventh Commandment says that we are obliged in faith to advocate the protection of the environment as part of creation and to conserve the earth's natural resources, (Youcat 426)." Brothers, it appears that there is much more to this commandment than the admonition that we can't take a candy bar from the store without paying for it. This is the understanding that many of us grew up with, but not taking that candy bar is really just the tip of the iceberg.

There is no absolute but only a relative right to private property because God created the earth and its goods for all humanity, (ccc 2402-2406)." A healthy way to view this statement is to understand that we are in fact stewards of the gifts of this world that we have been blessed with. "A steward is a servant entrusted for a time with the goods of the Master. The steward uses but does not own these goods and must eventually give an account to the Master for the way in which they have been cared for and made fruitful. Each of us spends a brief time in this life preparing for our eternal life with God. While we are here, we receive everything from God, even life itself, and are asked to make good use of what God has entrusted to us, (Thomas Christopher Collins, Stewardship: Well done good and faithful servant, p. 1)." Bottom line, all we have, all we possess are gifts from God, entrusted to us to care for. This includes our families, our work and our creation. We all are aware that taking something that does not belong to us is wrong. Remember the candy bar.

The Seventh Commandment goes far deeper in its interpretation, and here are a few areas that may affect our daily lives. "The theft of intellectual property is theft, (ccc 2408-09)." This includes copying the work of others in our studies (plagiarism). It includes the unauthorized making of copies from the internet and/or pirating of music and movies where there is an obligation to make some form of payment to the individual who owns the rights or the property. "Is it permissible to use tax dodges? Inventiveness in dealing with complex systems of taxation is morally unobjectionable. It is immoral to evade taxes or to commit tax fraud, in other words to falsify, fail to report, or conceal facts so as to prevent a correct assessment of taxes due, "(Youcat 431)."

What about the stock market. "A Christian can speculate in the stock market as long as he does so within the parameters for normal business practices. Prudently investing one's own or someone else's money does not break any commandment, (Youcat 432)."

"Vandalism and deliberately damaging public facilities and common property are forms of theft and restitution must be made, (Youcat 433)." May a Christian make bets and play games of chance? "Betting and gambling are immoral and dangerous when the gambler risks his livelihood. It is worse if he risks the livelihood of others, especially those entrusted to his car (Youcat434). Translation, go ahead and buy your lottery ticket on Friday afternoon, but it would not be prudent to invest your whole pay cheque just because the jackpot is fifty million.

The Reflection

(to be read by the leader)

In some ways we can see the Seventh Commandment paradoxically. The baseline is that we are not to take what is not rightfully and justly ours. But the Church takes this a step further when viewed in the context of the poor. "Love for the poor must be in every age the distinguishing mark of Christians. The poor deserve not just a few alms; they have a claim for justice. For Christians there is a special obligation to share their goods. Our example in love for the poor is Christ, (Youcat 449)." So not only is it wrong to take that which is not rightfully ours, but it is wrong for us to keep that which so many lack. We need to do our share with what we have been blessed to receive.

Brothers this may sound a bit heavy but when we view all that we have and all that we are as gift from God, our gratitude for these gifts should lead us to an "Attitude of Gratitude." When our hearts are grateful we have a need to share our blessings with those who are in need. As Cardinal Thomas Collins states in his book on Stewardship: "We are servants of the Lord, stewards who will be called to account when He returns. Each of us wants to hear the Lord say at that moment: Well done good and faithful servant, (Mt. 25,28)." So although the Seventh Commandments says thou shall not steal...it is really an invitation to share with others from the bountiful gifts our Lord has entrusted us to care for, until He comes again. (864)

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;
O God who willed that your Only Begotten Son should undergo the Cross to save the human race. grant. we pray that we, who have known this mystery on earth, may merit the grace of his redemption in heaven. Through Christ, our Lord.
Amen