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Grand Knights Report

Welcome Brother Knights

I hope you are all having a blessed and holy Lent. Easter is just around the corner and we have so much to celebrate. The Knights have a ton of activities coming up and I hope to see you all there for any way you can help.

On Wednesday March 18 I ask that our brothers come in large numbers to welcome new members into the Knights of Columbus. We currently have the men that wish to join our ranks and it would be great if we could welcome them with great applause. Also if you know of any men that are thinking about joining the Knights or that you think should join, this is a great opportunity for them. If you have any names of members please invite them and contact Brother Gerry Buccini right away. On March 29 we have the Pizza Pizza Splash Splash. It would be great for everyone to come in great numbers again this year. Bring your children and grandchildren for a day of fun in the "sun" at Fountain Park Pool. For more information please contact Brother Terry Sperling.

Easter is early this year and it falls on the first Sunday in April. Please come and celebrate by coming down to the parish hall after mass for a fantastic breakfast prepared by our brother Knights. And don't forget to buy your grocery cards for your Easter supper.

Thank you for your generous time and efforts that all of you donate to the Knights.

Br. Dan Chauvet

Grand Knight, Council 4742

The next General Meeting is on April 15, 2015. See you there!

If you have a new email address, please send it to us at

kofc@stalbertcouncil4742.ca

Items for publication in the April Beacon should be submitted before April 8, 2015.

March 2015 Meeting

The Sacraments: Sacrament of Marriage – Part VII

Opening Prayer

Lord, teach us to pray: “Our Father...”

The Reading

(To be read by the Leader)

“The Lord said: ‘It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make him a helper as his partner.’”(Gen 2: 18)

“That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one body.” (Gen. 2: 24)

‘He said in reply, “Have you not read that from the beginning the Creator made them male and female and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, no human being must separate.”’ (Mt. 19: 4-6)

The Reflection

(To be read by the Leader)

“The Sacrament of matrimony comes about through a promise made by a man and a woman before God and the Church, which is accepted and confirmed by God and consummated by the bodily union of the couple. Because God Himself forms the bond of marriage, it is binding until the death of one of the partners.” (Youcat 261) You might say that when you marry in the Catholic Church, you are signing a long term, no cut, no trade contract with the woman you love.

So what is it that constitutes a valid sacramental marriage? For a marriage to be valid in the Catholic context:

- One needs to be free to marry, meaning no previous impediments, such as a previous marriage that has not been dealt with appropriately and according to Church law.
- One must be entering the marriage freely and of their own free will. What this statement implies is that one is giving of themselves to the other totally and completely with no qualifiers or caveats. Example, “I will marry you if you promise that you will make 100K per year.” “My girlfriend is pregnant, so I’m going to marry her because it is the right thing to do.” Morally or principally this may well be the right thing to do, but it does in fact detract from your free will.

- Finally for a marriage to be sacramentally valid in the eyes of God and the Church, it is to be unitive and procreative. The fruit of the total self-giving of a couple to one another is new life, the gift of children.

The Sacrament of Marriage is unique among the sacraments in two ways. In the Roman Catholic Church the bride and groom minister the sacrament to one another, with the clergy as the official witness. In all other sacraments, the clergy are the ministers of the sacrament. Another element that makes this sacrament so beautiful is that the primary purpose of this sacrament is for spouses to assist each other in getting to heaven. Five of the seven sacraments are primarily for our own individual salvation. The Sacrament of Matrimony and Holy Orders is about the salvation of others. Lastly and perhaps as important as any other element within the Sacrament of Marriage, is “The Sacrament of Matrimony signifies the union of Christ and the Church. It gives spouses the grace to love each other with the love with which Christ has loved His Church; the grace of the sacrament thus perfects the human love of the spouses, strengthens their indissoluble unity and sanctifies them on the way to eternal life. (CCC 1661) I am sure some of you brothers are thinking, “Boy, does my wife ever have her work cut out for her in getting me to heaven”. Fear not brothers, God and His grace are an integral part of this sacrament and indeed, “His grace is sufficient for us” (2 Cor. 12: 9) and for our spouses.

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.”

Obtain your Grocery Gift Cards before or after Mass

Remember that Grocery cards are available, and we are more dependant on our projects because of the absence of income from Casinos and Bingos. Grocery Cards are available at the back of the Church and at meetings. You may contact Br. Gerry at 780-459-7384 or Br. Frank at 780-459-7941

PANCAKE BREAKFASTS



Please remember that the first Sunday of every month is our Pancake Breakfast. Meet us downstairs after Mass for breakfast. This is a good opportunity to meet new parishioners and old friends..

We are in need of volunteers; with many hands we make light work! The event must be set up, and while the servers are busy in the front, ongoing cleanup and work in the kitchen has to be done. This allows the work to be finished sooner after the event.



Pizza Pizza Splash Splash

Our annual family swim at Fountain Park Pool, St. Albert, is set again for Sunday, March 29, beginning at 4:00 p.m. Bring the whole family for swimming from 4—6 p.m., followed by a pizza party in one of the party rooms at Fountain Park. *There will be a silver collection at the door to be donated to an international charity.

We need your help in keeping our records up to date.

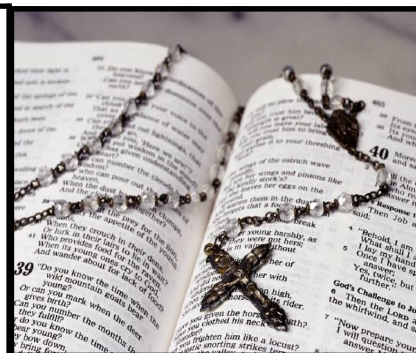
We need to know of any changes to your phone number or address or email address so we can keep you informed of club activities.

If you know of a member who is ill or has passed away so we can remember them in our prayers. We are also interested if a member is hospitalized or in palliative care.

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If you are aware of a Brother Knight who has passed away or is seriously ill please let us know so they can be included in our prayers.

You may contact Br. Norm Dust at 780-459-2869.



WASN 'T THAT A PARTY!!!

Such goes a line from the Irish Rovers in a hit song a number of years ago. And, yes, it was a great time had by all!

This year 's second annual tribute to St. Patrick (we called it " St. Paddy 's Shin-dig ") may have been small in numbers, but huge in entertainment.

At the time of this writing, final totals are not available, but it is estimated that both the Knights and our CWL " partners " will share about two thousand dollars.

The Irish band, Edmonton 's well known " CHANCERS " kept the hall alive with great music, stories and humor for two full hours (with the traditional " late lunch " in the middle), and between the door prizes, draws and occasional " comedian " from the floor, the event was a great success!

The CWL and our Knights Council agreed that proceeds will pay tribute to our Church and Mother Mary. The beautiful Mary 's Garden, located outside the Church and near the Grotto area and the about-to-be renovated " Mary 's Corner inside the church will be the beneficiaries of our profits.

We thank again some special folks who helped with financial donations to offset some of our costs:

Stuart Trenchard, owner/manager St. Albert Sobey 's)
Ron Van Halst (Norfab Construction)
Dave and Carrie Organ

If you see any of these folks, please introduce yourself and offer your thanks.

Welcome to new members!

We have three new members who were entered into the First Degree at the last General Meeting.

They were John Holden, Albert Van Domselaar and Scott Venne.

Welcome to the fellowship!