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Grand Knights Report

We are now in the Lenten season and much of our attention is on charity. This is especially true because of the situation with refugees from Syria. Assistance is being provided to many refugees of the Muslim faith by the Canadian government. There is a need to provide assistance to the many Christian families who are also refugees. The Knights of Columbus is pleased to be involved with the parish and the Catholic Women's League to raise funds to assist some of the Christian refugees. The Spring Wingding Dinner and Dance will be held on April 16, 2016. Information on the event is advertised in this issue of the Beacon. Tickets are available now, be sure to get yours soon before the event is sold out.

Another event which always provides fun is the Pizza Pizza Splash Splash which will be held on April 3, 2016. This event is popular with the children.

The annual general meeting will be coming up in May and this will include the election of officers for the coming year. Be sure to mark this on your calendar so that we will be sure to have a quorum.

Blue Sunday will be held on May 1, 2016 this year. This special mass honours first responders. If you have friends or acquaintances that are involved with the military, police or emergency services please invite them to this mass. They are also invited to attend the pancake breakfast which follows the mass.

Thanks to all those who are supporting the grocery card program. This has become an important source of funding for the work that we do.

Vivat Jesus,

Grand Knight Council 4742

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Your Executive!

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March 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)”

Brothers, are you tired of talking about charity yet? It has been our focus literally for the entire Columbian year thus far. The truth is; if we do not have the virtue of charity wired into our DNA (and it is by the grace of God) nothing else will make sense. When we make our decisions, our discernments and our directions with charity as the guiding principle, (you might say as the guiding light), everything else we do will work out in a positive way. Remember, love is the essence of who we are and charity is the vehicle that we live our love.

Did you ever give much thought to why we worship our Lord together on Sunday morning? Why we meet as a Council on a monthly basis? Why very nearly everything we do in this world involves others? Well, the primary reason is that we are created to be in relationship, with God, with one another and with ourselves. However, a very pragmatic and practical reason for worshipping, serving, working together is that there is great strength in UNITY.

The Holy Church began with a unified group perhaps no larger than our own Council, but who were unified in belief and faith. “They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common...Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area...praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved, (Acts 2, 42-47).” Brothers, the Church that you and I stake our salvation on began with a small unified group of believers. The unity of the early Church survived a number of persecutions and in fact that unity became stronger in the face of persecution. The early martyrs, (those who died for their faith) actually strengthened the core of believers

and the believers stood stronger than ever unified in the face of whatever challenges they encountered.

The Reflection

(To be read by the Leader)

None of us is as good as all of us. Brothers, we know that together we can accomplish far more together than we ever could individually. Our spouses are a perfect example of this. In our marriages often there are some clearly defined duties for each partner but there are also grey areas where one or the other sometimes picks up the slack for the other. Why? It goes back to love lived out in charity. The end result, a very efficient relationship that accomplishes far more within the family than any one person by themselves could ever hope for.

As Knights, we operate in the same way. We support one another in activities even though the chosen direction may not have been our first choice. We count on one another’s unified support whether we are praying the rosary, serving pancakes, or running a bingo at the seniors’ center. Together, in unity we are able to accomplish notable works of charity that would never have been possible as an individual. The Knights are a very strong example of what unity is able to accomplish, when we consider some of the major projects that have been undertaken as a jurisdiction. The fire in Slave Lake the Coats for Kids programs even things like the Basketball Free Throw program hosted annually throughout the jurisdiction, all examples of what a unified effort is able to accomplish.

“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



Grocery Cards.

Your Knights of Columbus Council 4742 is encouraging you to consider the purchase of Grocery Cards. You can use the cards to purchase your own groceries.

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

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

Cards will be available at each Pancake Breakfast.

Have you sent in your renewal?

If not, please do it now and make our job easier!

Also, please remember your card when you come to meetings.

Pancake Breakfast

The next Pancake Breakfast is on April 3, 2016 following the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 am. Mass.

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 would be provided.

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

Good of the Order

Please include in your prayers the following Brothers...

- Br. William Oshanyk
- Br. Ernest Sokolan
- Br. Marcel Venne
- Br. Louis Rev. Gendre
- Br. Gerry Hartel
- Br. Leon Richard

Please include in your prayers the following people who are ill:

- the wife of Br. Frank Polanski
- the son-in-law of Br. Dave Gervais

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

March

- 16 - Wednesday - General Meeting 7:00PM Grandin Room
- 25 - Good Friday
- 27 - Easter Sunday

April

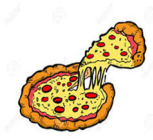
- 3 - Sunday - Pancake Breakfast following 9:00AM & 11:00AM Mass
- Pizza! Pizza! Splash! Splash! Fountain Park Pool 4 - 6 PM
- 4 - Monday - Executive Meeting 7:00PM Grandin Room
- 16 - Saturday - Spring Wing Ding - Mass - Dinner - Dance
- 20 - Wednesday - General Meeting 7:00PM Grandin Room

PIZZA! PIZZA! SPLASH! SPLASH!

Sunday, April 3rd

Swimming from 4-6 PM — Pizza from 6-7 PM

All Parishioners and their families are invited to attend.



Entrance by \$ donation

ALL funds raised go to

the St. Albert Parish

Syrian Refugee Fund



**COUNCIL 4742, ST. ALBERT
ALBERTA, CANADA**



**Wednesday, May 18th, 2016
Council Chambers**

We're having a

Spring Wing Ding!

Dinner and Dancing

With live music from Saint City Big Band

**April 16th 6:15pm
St. Albert Parish Hall**

A Fundraiser for
St. Albert Parish,
K of C and CWL

Proceeds are in support
of the Refugee Program

Tickets \$25

Tickets are available from Brian Wolbert at 780-460-8294



The Spring Wing Ding

The Easter season will be over and it will be time to celebrate the coming of Spring. It is not often we get to listen and dance to a live band nowadays.

Why not join in on the fun.

Tickets are available from Br. Brian Wolbert, call 780-460-8294.

BLUE SUNDAY, May 1, 2016

The Knights of Columbus, St. Albert Parish Council 4742, is hosting a special "Blue Sunday" celebration at the 11:00 Mass, on Sunday, May 1st. This special Mass honors the many men and women who risk their lives on a daily basis for the betterment of our community. We recognize the police forces, the EMS workers, prison guards, the military, peace officers, and the list goes on and on.

We cordially invite you to join us for this Mass, especially if you are one of these special people.

We are also asking for your support in "advertising" this event to any person that may fall under one of the

categories. This person does not have to be "active" today. All retired personnel are invited and are equally deserving of our recognition. If a person wishes to attend, we hope they would come "in uniform" but this is not necessary. Following the Mass, we will provide a special "Pancake Breakfast" for them and their families, hopefully allowing them to meet many of our parishioners, and giving us another opportunity to "thank" them.

St. Albert Parish "BLUE SUNDAY" May 1, 2016

