

The Beacon

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Pizza! Pizza! Splash! Splash!

Sunday, March 26th at Fountain Park Pool.

(4 Cunningham Road)

Swimming from 4—6 PM

Pizza & Refreshments from 6—7 PM

This event is for all families and friends of St. Albert Parish.

Sponsored by your local Knights of Columbus Local 4742.

**This event is free but
donations are being collected for Charity**



Special Social Evening

for new prospective members.

April 26, 2017 - 6:30 - 8:00 PM.

St Albert Parish Hall.

**Come meet the new prospective Knights for a
wine and cheese social.**

**Share with them what being a
Knight of Columbus is about.**

Call Gerry Buccini at 780 459-7384



UPCOMING EVENTS 2017

March

- 15 - Wednesday, General Meeting 7 PM
- 17 - St. Patrick's Day
- 26 - Sunday, Pizza! Pizza! Splash! Splash 4-6 PM

April

- 2 - Pancake Breakfast
- 16 - Easter Sunday
- 26 - Wine & Cheese Social for prospective new members - 6:30 - 8 PM

May

- 7 - Blue Sunday Mass - 11 AM

June

- 17 - Wrap-Up Dinner - Star of the North



March 2017 Meeting

Dignity of Life, from Conception until Natural Death

Opening Prayer

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

The Reading

(To be read by the Leader)

“God created humanity in His image and likeness, in His divine image He created him; male and female He created them....God looked at everything He had made, and He found it very good, (Gen. 1, 27, 31)”

Brothers, last month we spoke about how much is enough and how much is too much. This month we will focus on who makes these decisions for and with us. Some people choose in advance, what treatment they do or do not want should the situation arise where they become unable to be their own advocates at a particular moment in time.

“This can be done through an instructional directive (often called a living will) or a proxy directive (often called a durable power of attorney of mandate).” A ‘living will’ indicates in advance what level and even what type of treatment a person may desire should they become incapacitated by illness or injury. Some experts feel that ‘living wills’ can be a risky business because it is very difficult to anticipate all possible situations that one might encounter. They are also challenging because they are open to the misinterpretation of the health professionals who are treating us. Though their intention is good, they do not know the particular moral values of the individual they are treating.

“A proxy directive is a more reliable way to ensure that our end of life decisions are respected.” A proxy directive is a notarized or witnessed legal document where an individual family member or friend who knows us and our value system is entrusted with making appropriate decisions on our behalf and in our best interests should we become ill, incapacitated, injured and unable to advocate for ourselves. Brothers, if in doubt, put a competent loved one in charge of our health and treatment options, but do it in writing with witnesses so that they have legal standing to make decisions on our behalf. These individuals we have entrusted with our treatment decisions are referred to as “health care proxies.”

It is best to avoid making a blanket statement rejecting certain types of care in all circumstances unless death is imminent or treatment futile and to leave enough latitude for our agent or doctor to offer appropriate care for our condition.” We need to be clear in the language we are using and to ensure that our “health care proxy” know what we mean and what we want. We also need to make sure key people in our lives know we have a written directive.

The Reflection

(To be read by the Leader)

On a different note; some might say that euthanasia and assisted suicide are personal decisions that others have no right to intervene in. The reality is that either of these methods of killing always implicates a third party such as a physician, pharmacist, other medical professionals or even family members and friends. There is nothing victimless about euthanasia or assisted suicide.

“A liberalized euthanasia and assisted suicide law would obviously jeopardize the role of the medical profession, which is the safeguarding of life and would seriously undermine the trust that must exist between patients and doctors.” Presently we place our very livelihood and well-being in the hands of our family doctors and the medical profession. The legalization of killing either by euthanasia or assisted suicide would dramatically affect the relationship we have with the health profession because there would always be the question in our mind about where they stood in regard to end of life issues and care. “The legal prohibition of killing is foundational to a society; it protects everyone equally and is essential to the basic trust necessary for people to live together in community.” Next month; where does the Church stand when it comes to suffering? (COLF Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide; Urgent Questions.)

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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.)

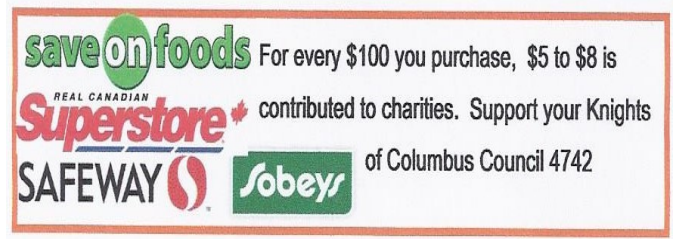
Closing Prayer

(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

Please bring a copy of this reading 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 our Chaplain".

A Reflection for Lent

On the first Sunday of Lent the Church invites us to celebrate Jesus Christ, the second Adam, who by the power of the Holy Spirit overcame temptation and sin. Through his obedience to the Father's will, Christ restored the world. Therefore, this season calls for great discipline, courage, vigilance, and a strong faith in God. It is through the disobedience of our first parents that we all became vulnerable to temptation and Original Sin. Temptation in itself is not sin. Sin is a gross act of disobedience against our Creator, and a violation of the natural order of things. In other words, it is when we give in to the temptation that it becomes sin.

In Genesis 2 we see the stages that Eve went through before she finally succumbed to Satan. "The woman saw...that it was desirable for knowledge...she took some of the fruit and ate it." This is the nature of our daily struggle. It is the problem of the "Id" and "Ego" that we try to satisfy every day. Many of us are so engrossed in our quest for knowledge to the extent that we are ready to go against the will and commandments of God. So, we must guard ourselves against the temptations of the evil one.

The gospel of Mathew 4: 1-11, reminds us of the ordeal we go through every day in life. That is the temptation we face each day. The devil, being a "spirit", often knows what we need most so he tempts us with it as he did to Christ. If we are hungry, he tempts us with food. If we are thirsty, he tempts us with drinks. If we like power, he tempts us with it. If you are in need of money, the devil tempts us to steal from others. If you are in need of a job, he tempts you to offer a bribe to get a job. Once one falls to one temptation, he continues with the next until one finally perishes. He is very subtle, and an expert in "one step at a time!"

How was Jesus able to overcome Satan and his temptations? He overcame because beforehand he had already fortified himself. He tamed his appetite for ambition and vain glory. Most importantly, he was not alone in his struggle against Satan and his temptations. The Holy Spirit was with him. He overcame through prayer and fasting.

So during this season of Lent and beyond, we too, must get ourselves prepared for the great journey ahead. We must be firm in prayers, and be watchful so that we do not fall to the temptations of the evil one.

Good of the Order

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

William Oshanyk; Ernest Sokolan; Rev. Louis Gendre; Gerry Hartel and Leon Richard.

We will visit our fellow Brothers who are ill and in continuing care. Some members of our council will visit them, preferably in the mornings. If you are able to participate please contact Br. Brian Wolbert at 780-460-8294 or Br. Tony Csilics 780-458-0065 e-mail kofc@stalbertcouncil4742.ca.

If you are aware of a Knight who is ill or who has passed away please call Br. Tony Csilics.



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