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The Beacon

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Grand Knights Report - May 2013

The 2013/14 Columbian Year is quickly coming to a close. Just a quick reminder that our year end barbeque is scheduled for Friday, June the 14th. Someone will be calling you in the next couple of weeks to confirm your attendance.

The May General Meeting will be held in the Church Hall to accommodate the large crowd we are expecting to welcome Br. Curtis Berube. Br. Curtis is a seminarian that Council 4742 has chosen to sponsor. We look forward to hearing from Br. Curtis.

Council 4742 will also be conducting our elections for the 2013/14 Columbian Year. I am proud to inform you except for one position, we have a full slate of Officers that will be proposed. That said the floor will be open to any and all nominations.

Br. Glenn Fritz and I attended the 103rd Annual Alberta/NWT State Convention in Calgary the weekend of April 19th to 21st. Our new State Deputy is Br. Bill Smith from Calgary. I hope to get Br. Bill out to one of our many events in the next Columbian year. At the State Convention it was announced that the Knights of Columbus in Alberta/NWT will no longer be allowed to profit from Casinos. This was first decreed at the State Convention in 2004 but was never enforced and Councils were allowed to decide if they wished to continue or not. This is no longer the case as all Councils have been instructed to discontinue this immediately. And lastly, Council 4742 was awarded "Council Website of the Year". Our thanks go out to Br.'s Tony Csillics and Glenn Fritz for all the hard work they do to make our Council Website the best in Alberta/NWT for the second consecutive Year.

Now that Spring is actually here, not just in name, and as we continue in this Year of Faith let us take time to enjoy all the good things in life. We are truly blessed to live in such a great community, in a prosperous province, and a beautiful country. With spring seems to come a lot less spare time as we are all trying to cram as much outdoor activity into our days as we possibly can. I ask that while you enjoy this time with your families and friends, please continue to support your Council, our Parish Team, our Parish Pastor, and St. Albert Catholic Church and all the fine things we do in this caring community.

Vivat Jesus

Terry Sperling , Grand Knight



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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.

May 2013 Meeting The Virtue of Integrity

Opening Prayer

Lord teach us to pray:
Our Father...

The Reading

(to be read by the Leader)

Then let my enemy pursue and overtake me,
trample my life to the ground,
and leave me dishonoured in the dust.

Rise up, LORD, in your anger;
rise against the fury of my foes.
Wake to judge as you have decreed.
Have the assembly of the peoples gather
about you;
sit on your throne high above them,
O LORD, judge of the nations.

Grant me justice, LORD, for I am blameless,
free of any guilt.

Bring the malice of the wicked to an end;
uphold the innocent,

O God of justice,
who tries hearts and minds.

(Psalm 7, 6-10)

The Reflection

(to be read by the leader)

The Psalms are full of this term—integrity and it gives us advice to attain it. It is the logo of our present State administration: *Men of Integrity*. Did anyone ever meditate what that means to us?

Integer in mathematics refers to a whole number, of many parts made one. The Latin poet Ovid applied it already to morality when he uses the term, “integer vitae” which is rightly translated as “honest life”. That is certainly a great ideal to accomplish.

Wholeness is a unity combined from many parts. We all experience how fractured our life is; it needs a unifying factor and that is our faith knowledge and practice. Here is all one because it comes from God who is one. Wholeness also

refers to time. As we live now in an age of technology, our moral values are human and cannot be controlled by a computer.

The term integrity includes also the notion of soundness. It is interesting that we use this term when we make an important decision in our lives. In our Last Will and Testament we state “being of sound mind”. Soundness is this integrity—wholeness of mind—sane and reasonable. We all are very much saddened when we meet people with dementia who have become feeble in their mind. Let us try to use our mental facilities properly as long as we can enjoy them.

Integrity also includes the meaning of honesty. We all have heard the saying: “Honesty is the best policy.” In all our actions we should keep our honesty and respect the honour of our fellow man.

Be men of integrity.

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;

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to You, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

COME MEET OUR NEW SEMINARIAN

Dear Brother Knights,

As you are aware, May 15th will be our final meeting of the year to wrap up business and set some goals for the next year.

Most importantly, however, we will have the chance to meet our new “seminarian” who we will be sponsoring along his journey to the Priesthood.

Please join us on this special evening, and meet Curtis Berube, who has begun his studies this year at St. Joseph’s Seminary. Curtis is already a Brother Knight, a member of St. Peter’s Council 7070. Have a question or two ready for Curtis. He seems like an affable young man, and a great candidate for the priesthood.

Gerry Buccini, Deputy Grand Knight

Prayers to Saints

St. Anthony of Padua is well known as the Catholic patron saint of lost items, the poor and travelers. How often have you heard someone say "... I have to pray to Saint Anthony to help me find my lost ____." Many times a donation to St. Anthony follows the finding of the lost item. Older un-remodeled churches most always count St. Anthony among their pantheon of statues. The saint of Padua is usually sculpted or portrayed holding the child Jesus—or a lily—or a book—or all three—in his arms. A bank of vigil lights will burn in front of the statue.

Another is the Apostle Saint Jude Thaddeu, "The Miraculous Saint," the Catholic [Patron Saint](#) of "lost causes" and "cases despaired of." When all other avenues are closed, he is the one to call upon, and his help often comes at the last moment. Following is a prayer seeking St. Jude's help...

O Holy St. Jude, Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near kinsmen of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need. To you I have recourse from the depth of my heart and humble beg to whom God has given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present urgent petition. In return I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. Say three Our Fathers, three Hail Mary's, and three Glory Be to the Father. Publication must be promised. St. Jude pray for us and all who invoke your aid, Amen



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

**Contact
Jim Van Horn
at 569-4022
to Volunteer.**

**Fri., June 21 - Evening 4:45 start
Sat., Aug 24 - Afternoon 10:45 am start
Mon., Sept 16 - Evening 4:45 start
Sat., Nov 9 - afternoon 10:45 am start
Thurs., Dec 26 - evening 4:45 start
Sun., Jan., 19 - afternoon 10:45 am start**

Grocery Cards

Pancake Breakfasts are closed for the summer but, Grocery Cards are available. at the Parish Country Fair on June 9/13 or by contacting Gerry Buccini at 780-459-7384

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



Do you
wear your
Pin?

Have you
attended
a
meeting lately?

See you on
May 15!