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MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Greetings Worthy Brother Knights.

November is the month of Remembrance. For Knights of Columbus Council 4742 in St. Albert this begins with our Memorial Mass. This year it was held on Friday, November 9th at 7:00 p.m. Father Andrzej was our Celebrant. Even though the weather and roads were a mess, the mass had a good attendance. The evening went off without a hitch thanks to the efforts of Br.'s Ron Van Halst and Gerry Buccini. The mass is special and when the names of the Knights from this Council that have gone on to their reward in the House of the Lord are read, I am always impressed by the men that have called our Council home over the years. These men have been leaders not only in our Council, but also in our Parish and the greater community of St.

Albert. This year we recognized Br. Richard Fowler who passed away on July 8th, 2012. Br. Richard's impressive resume includes Mayor of St. Albert, Alberta Justice Minister, Solicitor General, and Attorney General of Alberta. We recognize the Knights that have gone before us and keep them in our prayers.

November is also the month the men and women of the armed forces are commemorated. My favourite verse in the *Ode of Remembrance* is;

"Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We will remember them. We will remember them."

Planning is wrapping up on our K of C / CWL Annual Advent Dinner (Christmas Party). This year it will be held on Friday, December 7th at the Parish Hall. Father Andrzej will celebrate mass at 6:00 p.m. followed by a brief social in the hall prior to dinner at 7:00 p.m. We have been lucky enough to get the same Caterer as last year so come hungry! Tickets will go on sale starting at our November General Meeting on Wednesday, November 21st. We are keeping the ticket prices at \$20/person. The entertainment is set to go, and there will be lots of door prizes. Get your tickets early, as this event is sure to sell out fast.

The December Pancake Breakfast is, always a huge turnout, will require more Knight Volunteer's than ever as the CWL will be hosting their Christmas Bake Sale at the same time. Please plan to help at one or both of the sittings And lastly, if you are a First Degree member and are wondering when the next Second and Third Exemplification will be held, wonder no longer there will be one on November 24th in Edmonton and one on March 9th in St. Albert. For more information, please come and see me or our Worthy Financial Secretary Br. Tony Csillics for more information.

Vivat Jesus

Terry Sperling

Grand Knight



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GROCERY CARD CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Brother Knights...here's a great idea for your Christmas gifts. Instead of candy and chocolates for the season, how about a special gift card for your loved ones and friends so that they can buy a turkey or a ham?

Once again, one of our top "seasons" for grocery card sales is from now till Christmas. My goal this year is to sell FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS worth of cards. This goal can only be realized with your continued support.

Please contact me whenever you can to order a card or two (or more, of course). Tell your neighbors, friends and other family members so that they might participate. Did you know we have two "companies" that buy a thousand dollars worth of cards? They have chosen to give their employees a gift card instead of the traditional turkey or ham. What a great idea!!!

Remember also that we now get a NINE PER CENT return from our Sobeys' cards. Safeway continues to give us eight per cent and Save On six per cent...all are great fundraisers!

Don't forget our Pancake Breakfast in December. You can also buy your cards at that time if you wish.

God bless you all, and your families, today and always!

Gerry Buccini Council 4742 (780-459-7384)

KNIGHTS/CWL SUNDAY

Thank you to all of you who made this special Sunday a great success! From those who served in the various ministries to those who attended one of the Masses, thank you, thank you, thank you! It is always a special opportunity to "show off" who we are to the rest of the parish, and it is so special to work closely with our Sisters of the CWL. Many thanks once again, and already we are planning next year's event (mid-October once again).

RECRUITMENT UPDATE

Your recruitment committee continues to search out new members to our Knights' Council. One of the challenges is that once we do invest a Knight, we need to get him involved as soon as possible. For example, we presently have our newest three Knights already committed to assisting in areas such as Pancake Sundays, Mardi Gras planning, and Catholic Schools "liaison". These may seem "small" tasks, but nevertheless very important to the existing planning members. Many hands make less work, as you have heard many times. Thanks to all of you for your participation and if you have ideas as to how we can better "recruit" or better ideas to put our newcomers to work, let us know!



Pictured from top to bottom is Brent Heit, Micheal Constantin, and Raymond St. Martin who became 1st. Degree members of our Council on Thurs., Oct.17th.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Knights of Columbus
and the Catholic Women's League
ANNUAL ADVENT SUPPER
FRIDAY, Dec. 7th.
Mass 6.00 p.m. Dinner 7.00 p.m.
Check the web for further details,
click on upcoming events.

NEXT Regular meeting
WEDNESDAY November 21st.,
followed by the
Columbus Club Meeting.

REMINDER!



The December Pancake Breakfast will be on Dec., 2nd., following the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Mass.

Single Family: \$15.00
Adults: \$5.00 Children under 16: \$3.00

Join us in friendship and enjoy!



Blood Donor Clinic at the Church



Next Blood Donor Clinic

Monday

December 10

From 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Appointments

1 888 2 DONATE

1 888 236-6283

Results for the OCTOBER 8th Clinic.

To be announced



Remember the Bingos are now at Grandin Mall

(Non Smoking)

Thursday , Dec 27th.

EVENING

Saturday January 19th.

AFTERNOON

Contact Jim Van Horn

at 406-9889

to Volunteer.

Good of the Order!

Please keep in your prayers...
Charles McGregor, Ernest Sokolan,
and Al Stephenson



NOVEMBER MEETING

The Virtue of Hope

Opening Prayer

Lord teach us to pray:
Our Father...

The Reading

(to be read by the Leader)

We always give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love that you have for all the holy ones because of the hope reserved for you in heaven. Of this you have already heard through the word of truth, the gospel, that has come to you.

(Colossians 1,3-6)

The Reflection

(to be read by the leader)

Paul tells us that Christian Hope is not something earthly but “something laid for us up in heaven”. After the suffering and resurrection of Christ we can have hope that God has prepared for us a similar gift, Eternal Life for all who follow Christ. We experience some happiness in our lifetime and we want to prolong it; to be at places where we were happy, to be with persons who made us happy, to create occasions which we experienced as happy. We want to be happy in being one with ourselves and the world. But we know our human happiness is only short lived, suffering follows more often. But hope gives us a chance for eternal happiness, a happiness which never ends. This is what God wants to give us at the end of our earthly life, to be happy with Him in His eternal glory. This is the hope which Christ promised us and which we hope to accomplish with the help of the Holy

Spirit we merit eternal life and persevere to the end of our life here on earth.

In his second encyclical “Spe Salvi - On Christian Hope” Pope Benedict XVI gives some advice to foster hope.

Prayer as a school of hope.

Action and suffering to learn hope.

Judgement for learning and practising hope. Here he points out to the Creed when we state, “He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead.”

If you have time, read the whole encyclical, “Spe Salvi” for yourself.

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, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.