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## **Your Executive!**

### **Council Highlights**

A series of events has resulted in a delay of the Beacon this month. However, it is an opportunity to provide some highlights with respect to our program and a sneak preview into upcoming events.

There was some confusion and delay regarding the delivery of our Charity Appeal Raffle tickets. Please get your tickets from Brian Wolbert and sell them fast. The proceeds go directly to charity and it is a main fund raising event each year. The tickets are sold and turned in before the end of the year.

The Advent Dinner replaces the General Meeting each year. This is always a great event, and one of my favourite. Good food, good music and a chance to meet those familiar faces that you see and wonder, " Who are they anyway? "

The pancake breakfast in December will feature sale of goods by our CWL. We will sell Raffle tickets for sure. This means more help will be required. Please remember this when marking your calendar and planning your time.

We offer congratulations to our new fourth degree brothers,  
John Onyskiw, Urban Stang, Daniel Chauvet, Raymond St. Martin, James Scott and Marc Lambertus.

Occasionally in life we meet someone who has a quiet presence, but performs a lot of magic for an organization. Such is the case of Gerry Turgeon who is seriously ill with cancer. Although he is mentioned in the " Good of the Order " I think it appropriate to make a special appeal to include him in your prayers.

Vivat, Jesus  
Glenn Fritz

**The next General Meeting in December is replaced by the Advent Dinner on Friday, December 12, 2014 See you there!**

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## November 2014 Meeting The Sacraments

### **Opening Prayer**

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

### **The Reading**

*(To be read by the Leader)*

### **The Sacrament of Baptism – Part III**

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Mt. 28, 19) Baptism is the first and foundational sacrament of initiation into the Christian community and the prerequisite for all other sacraments. You could say that the sacrament of Baptism is essential in order to play on team Jesus. “It unites us with Jesus Christ, incorporates us into his redemptive death on the cross, thereby freeing us from the power of Original Sin and all personal sins. Since Baptism is a covenant with God, the individual must say ‘Yes’ to it. In the baptism of children, the parents confess the faith on behalf of their children.” (Youcat 194) How is the sacrament of Baptism administered? The classic form of baptism is the three-fold immersion of the candidate under the water (the matter) while the minister speaks the words, “I baptise you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,” (the form or formula). Today, most often rather than immersion, water is poured three times over the head of the candidate accompanied by the Trinitarian formula. So, for baptism the matter is the water and the form is the Trinitarian blessing of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. As in any sacrament both the form and the matter are essential to the validity of the sacrament.

Who can be baptised and what is required of the candidate? Baptism can only be administered once. Any person who is not yet baptised can be baptised. “The only prerequisite for Baptism is faith, which must be professed publicly at the Baptism.” (Youcat 196)

Why does the Church practice infant baptism? There is only one reason for this practice Brothers. Before we chose God, He chose us. Baptism therefore is a grace, an undeserved gift from God who loves us unconditionally. Believing parents who naturally love their children want what is best for them. Therefore they want their children baptised and freed from the influence of original sin. Infant baptism presupposes that Christian parents will raise the baptised child in the faith. Just as we are born with the ability to speak, we all must learn a language, so too every person is born with the capacity to believe but must become acquainted with and learn about the faith. It is the duty of parents, godparents and those who love the child to ensure that they become acquainted with and come to know who God is in their lives.

Who is the normal minister of the sacrament? Normally a bishop, a priest or a deacon administers the sacrament. In an emergency, any Christian, indeed anyone, can baptise by using the proper matter and form, water and the Trinitarian blessing, provided the intent of baptism is present. There are three types of baptism: (1) The most common mode being that of using water and the Trinitarian blessing, (2) Baptism by fire. “The Church has always held the firm conviction that those who suffer death for the sake of the faith without having received baptism are baptised by their death, for and with Christ.” (CCC 1258) Many of the martyrs of the early Church were still catechumens, (not yet baptised) when they died for the faith and (3) Baptism of desire. In the case of a child who dies before baptism the Church entrusts them to the mercy of God as she does in her funeral rites for them. Our Lord knows the hearts of the parents better than they themselves know their hearts and if the parents would have baptised the child, had they the opportunity. Therefore, a child who dies before baptism is considered to have received the baptism of desire.

### **The Reflection**

*(To be read by the Leader)*

Brothers, Jesus Himself chose to be baptised by John at the Jordan River and it certainly was not a baptism of repentance, as we know that Jesus was sinless. He showed through this action to all of humanity the importance of baptism as the first and primary sacrament of initiation into the Christian community. “If we live, we live to the Lord, if we die we die to the Lord; so then whether we live or whether we die we are the Lord’s.” (Rom 14, 8) Brothers, we are the Lord’s and baptism is the door that we all entered in order to become members of the Body of Christ. (717)

### **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.”



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## PANCAKE BREAKFASTS

Please remember that the first Sunday of every month is our Pancake Breakfast. We are in need of volunteers; with many hands we make light work!

### **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 Gerry Buccini at 780-4597384 or Frank Polanski at 780-459-7941

Watch the website for upcoming events!

### FUNDRAISER ACTIVITIES

Once again this year...advance notice...our major fundraisers will be the popular Mardi Gras Dance and the Irish Hooly. Mark your calendars for FEBRUARY 6<sup>th</sup> and MARCH 13<sup>th</sup> for two special evenings of fun and frivolity. We will be seeking volunteers to assist with both events. If you have an interest at this time, please contact DGK Gerry.

### WHEELCHAIRS FOR ECUADOR

There is a worthwhile project to provide wheelchairs to the needy in Ecuador. The chairs are of a sturdy design and are at reasonable cost. The project is looking for donations for shipment or for money for wheelchairs. Those interested in donating should contact a member of the Executive.

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of the  
Order

Please pray for  
the repose of the soul of  
Br. Al Brewer  
Br. Allan Stephenson

Please pray for our  
Brother who is ill:  
Br. Gerry Turgeon

