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UPCOMING EVENTS

2015

November

18 - Wednesday - General Meeting 7:00PM Grandin Room

26 - Thursday - Padre Night - St. Charles Parish

December

6 - Sunday - Pancake Breakfast following 9:00AM & 11:00AM Mass

7 - Monday - Executive Meeting 7:00PM Grandin Room

11 - Friday - Advent Mass and Dinner from 6:00PM to 9:00PM.
(in our church and parish hall)

25 - Friday - **Christmas Day!**

2016

January

1 - Friday - New Year's Day!

3 - Sunday - Pancake Breakfast following 9:00AM & 11:00AM Mass

4 - Monday - Executive Meeting 7:00PM Grandin Room

20 - Wednesday - General Meeting 7:00PM Grandin Room

Your Executive!

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November 2015 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).” Dear Brothers, as we continue this reflection on Charity, the founding principle of our order I wish to take a liberty and hence-forth will use the term **love** and **charity** interchangeably. They do differ in meaning to a degree but we are reminded that the Catechism of the Catholic Church defines charity in the following way. “Charity is the theological virtue by which we love God above all things for His own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God, (CCC 1822).” So the difference, the way I understand it, is that love is the essence of who we are created and called to be, while charity is the method or vehicle that we will live out this call to holiness. It is reasonable to say that an act of charity is really only charity if it is done out of a response of love. If we do a good work, but we do it with hearts that are resentful, or bitter because it is inconvenient, it is not done freely, it is done with a sense of obligation for the wrong reasons, then it is not fully charity and it is not a response of love.

In his first letter to the Corinthians (13, 1-3), St. Paul comments on the context within which our word, action and thought needs transpire. The synopsis; If I speak like an angel, if I have the gift of prophecy, the gift of knowledge, enough faith to move mountains, if I give away all I own, if I give my body to be burned, but do it without love (charity), I gain nothing. So if charity (love) is not my motivation for what I do, then I may as well not do it at all. “If I ...have not charity, says the Apostle, ‘I am nothing.’ Whatever my privilege, service or even virtue, ‘if I have not charity, I gain nothing’ (CCC 1826)”

The Reflection

(To be read by the Leader)

Brothers I have written for over two months about the theological understanding of “Charity.” Why? Because charity is the primary and essential mode that will enable us to love God and one another, in an efficacious way. We need to understand the absolute importance of charity not

simply as Knights but as human persons created in God’s image and likeness. As St. Paul says it matters not what I do or say, if charity (love) is not what motivates me, I am nothing.

Brothers, on a more elementary note, charity in our lives in our Order is essential for getting us and our loved ones to heaven. Remember Brothers, our God loves us and He wants us to succeed. In His infinite wisdom, he knew that our fallen humanness would cause us to falter along the way. Hence the reason God imparted the theological virtues of faith, hope and charity into our souls, not by our human effort but as a freely given gift of “God’s sanctifying grace.” There is nothing we can do to earn these graces; they are given (infused) within us simply because of His love for us. We simply need a willingness to receive them. Perhaps willingness is not a strong enough word. We need a desire to receive these graces and if we profess the desire, our Lord who knows our hearts better than we ourselves, will give us what we need to succeed on our journeys of faith.

“The practice of all the virtues is animated and inspired by charity, which binds everything together in perfect harmony, (Col. 3, 14). It is the **form of virtues**, it articulates and orders them among themselves; it is the source and the goal of their Christians practice. Charity upholds and purifies our human ability to love, and raises it to the supernatural perfection of divine love, (CCC 1827).” Why spend so much time and effort on charity? Because “charity upholds and purifies our human ability to love.” Bottom line brothers without charity we are in a lot more than worldly trouble. We need to desire charity as God’s gift to us and then we need to strive to live our God-given charity in love of others. “If I ...have not charity, says the Apostle, ‘I am nothing.’ “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.”

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.



Grocery Cards...A Special Christmas Gift

Your Knights of Columbus Council 4742 is encouraging you to consider the purchase of Grocery Gift Cards. You can use the cards to purchase your own groceries or you can give them to others as gifts for Christmas. The cards make perfect "stocking stuffers"! In the past, many companies/business owners have purchased the grocery cards and given them to employees at Christmastime. If you are a business owner or manager, please consider this idea as a gift for your employees. Purchases result in an eight per cent profit for the Knights, enabling us to carry out the many charitable contributions we make to our own parish and to Catholic organizations within our diocese. Are you aware that: -the Knights sponsor a young seminarian on his way to the priesthood?

- the Knights have made financial contributions to the Church renovation project?

-the Knights provide assistance to scholarships and award events and the purchase of Bibles at our local Catholic schools?

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 month's Pancake Breakfast following the 9 & 11am Masses. The next Pancake Breakfast is

December 6th.



Pancake Breakfast

The Pancake Breakfast is on December 6, 2015 following the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 am. Mass.

There will be a special program, so be sure to attend.

Advent Mass and Dinner

Friday, December 11, 2015
Mass at 6:00 p.m. in Main Church
Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Entertainment from 8:00 p.m to 9:00 p.m.
The programme contains Christmas Music, singalongs and presentations.

Our seminarians will be present.

Details are being finalized at this very moment, Be sure to get your tickets by contacting Terry Sperling at 780-459-5479.

The tickets will be \$20 each.

Columbus Club Corner

The St. Albert Columbus Club membership is restricted to "members in good standing of the Knights of Columbus, Council No. 4742, St. Albert, Alberta."

There is no mention in the first edition of the Constitution and Bylaws what the amount of the dues were in August 1963 but the members dues were to be paid to the Secretary-Treasurer "on or before the first day of January in each and every year hereafter."

All members in good standing had "Privileges" which included the right to hold office in the Society, the right to nominate persons for elected offices, and the right to vote at any general or special meeting.

Curious as to the Officers of the Society; their duties; what constitutes a quorum of the Executive; and, how they get elected? Well tune in to the December Beacon and find out.

Br. Terry Sperling, President



Good of the Order

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

Br. Mauri Maynard, Br. Bob Pompu, and Br. Moe Douville.

Tickets still just \$20 each or \$40/couple

50/50 draw to raise funds for Parish Youth attending World Youth Day in Poland, and the Syrian Refugee Crisis through Catholic Relief Services