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Grand Knights Report - November 2013

November is the month to Remember. We remember those that have given their lives so that we may live in freedom. 2013 is the Year of the Korean War Veteran. Canadians pay tribute to more than 26,000 Canadian men and women in uniform who came to the aid of South Koreans during the Korean War, and in particular the 516 Canadians who gave their lives in service to defend the values of peace and freedom on the Korean peninsula.

As Knights the month of November is a special time for us also as we Remember those Knights that have gone before us to their reward in Heaven. At the Memorial Mass for Council 4742, held on Thursday, November 7th, we recognized five Brother Knights that passed on since last November. All of these Brothers were recognized for their unselfish efforts to Council 4742. The widows of these Brothers were each given a special white Rosary to signify purity. The mass was very well attended and special thanks goes to Brothers Gerry Buccini and Ron Van Halst for the organization of this event. Names of all of the deceased Brothers of Council 4742 are read out at the mass. Council 4742 is proud of all the Brothers that have made our Council the Council it is today; a strong pillar in St. Albert Parish and the greater community.

The November Pancake Breakfast was a huge success with both sittings at capacity. With all of the Knights in attendance pitching in to help, we had the Parish Hall cleaned by 1:15 p.m. The December Pancake Breakfast, on Sunday December 1st after both the masses, will most likely be our biggest of the Columbian Year as we will once again share the Parish Hall with the CWL and their very popular Christmas Bake Sale. We are also planning a visit from a very special guest; let's just say the children of our parish will be awe-struck. We plan to decorate the Hall on Saturday, November 30th, so please make yourself available for a couple of hours that day.

As we enter Advent let us be mindful of those that are in need. In our Parish Community we have many parishioners that volunteer at The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVP) and Catholic Social Services. Please consider their organizations when you are considering your annual financial contribution.

Vivat Jesus

Br. Terry Sperling, Grand Knight

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November 2013 Meeting

Ten Commandments

The Third Commandment

Opening Prayer

Lord teach us to pray:

Our Father...

The Reading (to be read by the Leader)

"Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day."

The Sabbath recalls in the first place the seventh day of creation, when God "rested, and was refreshed." (Exodus 31, 17). This example, authorizes all people, (all of God's children) to interrupt their work and replenish their energies. The Sabbath also recalls one of God's great signs for His people, the liberation of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. "You shall remember that you yourself, were a servant in the land of Egypt, (Dt. 5, 15) The Sabbath may then be seen as a day of freedom and rest but also as a foretaste of the heavenly kingdom that we all aspire to

The Reflection (to be read by the leader)

For us as Catholic gentlemen and for all Christians, the Sabbath is observed on Sunday and it consists of three essential elements.

1. "It recalls the creation of the world and communicates the festive splendor of God's goodness.
2. It recalls the eighth day of creation, when the world will be made anew in and through Christ. A foretaste of the heavenly kingdom where labor will not be part of our routine.
3. It includes the theme of rest, not simply to sanctify the interruption of work but to point even now toward man's eternal rest in God." (Youcat 364)

Why Sunday? For the Jewish people the Sabbath is observed on Saturday. In order to avoid confusion with other world religion customs, but more importantly, Sunday was a natural choice because it is the day of the Lord's resurrection. A pivotally important part of salvation history.

Brothers, it is doubtful that at the end of a person's life they have gone to the heavenly gates wishing they had spent more time at work. This third commandment calls us to recognize that the Lord's Day is holy and it gives us permission to free ourselves from the many commitments of our world to reflect on our eternal goal, the heavenly kingdom. Our time here in the world is temporary at best, we know neither the day nor the hour, but heaven is forever.

How is it then that we as practicing Catholic gentlemen can do our part to make the Lord's Day holy for us and for our families? In the Canadian Catholic Church there are two holy days of obligation: Christmas Day (the Nativity of the Lord, and January 01, the Feast of Mary Holy Mother of God). However, Sunday, the day of the Lord's resurrection is a holy day of obligation that occurs 52 times per year. We are exempt from our Sunday obligation only by urgent

family duties and important responsibilities in society. Because participation in the Sunday Eucharist is fundamental for a Christian life, the Church explicitly declares that it is a serious sin to stay away from Sunday Mass without a good reason. (Youcat 265)

Brothers, this is not a scare tactic. In document entitled the Constitution of the Sacred Liturgy, (one of 16 Vatican council documents) it states "Nevertheless, the liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the church is directed; it is also the source from which all its power flows, (Sancrosanctum Concilium # 10)." The bottom line on this is that you and I need the Eucharist. Celebrating our faith in community, receiving and becoming the Body of Christ, is what gives us the grace we need to go from the Church out into the world and be witness and disciples of Jesus Christ. We can have all the good intentions in the world but if we do not have the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, (the Eucharist) we will fall short of what He calls us to as Catholic men. Worthy brothers, our goal for ourselves and our loved ones is heaven. The holy Mass and the reception of the Eucharist is where we come to fuel up for the road trip. Thanks be to God.

Reflection Questions

1. How can I make Sunday (the Sabbath) more meaningful for myself and my family?
2. Do I/we make a conscious effort to participate in the celebration of the Mass on a weekly basis? If not, why not?
3. Do I set a good example for my family in the way I participate in the Mass and in the way I endeavor to keep the Sabbath holy? Our children will very likely see our example as the model for them to emulate.

A final thought brothers. One of the things I commonly hear is that my children don't go to church anymore. Does this mean we have failed as parents? No it does not. We always do for our families out of love. However, what we must do is to continue to set the example, we must continue to fly the flag, showing them what it is to be a disciple of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ by our word and most importantly by our actions. (821)

***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)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen

Upcoming Events

Council 4742 is excited to outline three of our major events for the 2013-2014 Columbian Year. We want everyone to understand these are "PARISH EVENTS" that are "sponsored by" our Council. We have heard that several people have not attended events, thinking they were for "Knights only". This is not the case. Brother Knights are encouraged to "network" with friends, neighbors and family, helping "advertise" all special events. It is important to also indicate that any profits made will be "returned" to the Parish and our community charities, thus helping make our Church and community better places to live.

MARDI GRAS DANCE

For the seventh year the Knights will sponsor the popular event known as the "Mardi Gras Dance" once again on that easy-to-remember date known as "FFF" (first Friday of February). This year's FFF is on Friday, February 2nd.

The dance starts at 8:00, but the hall will open at 7:00 for cocktails and reserved seating. Music again will be provided by the Saint City Big Band, a sixteen piece orchestra that features the music of the 40's, 50's and 60's. Music of Glenn Miller and Duke Ellington and many of the other "Big Bands" of the era will fill the hall with three sets of dance music until the midnight hour.

Following the second set, the "late lunch" will be served, and, we hear, that this year, in keeping with the Mardi Gras theme, the menu will include jambalaya and all the trimmings.

There will be several door prizes, our great 50/50 draw, and of course, the cash bar. Again, all proceeds will benefit our Church community.

Tickets are very reasonably priced (twenty dollars a person) and generally go on sale in December. Many of our patrons will buy tickets early and use them as Christmas presents.

We want to make this year's activity the best ever. Please call Gerry (459-7384) or Moe (459-9847), or speak to any of our Knights.

Hope to see you there!

ST. PATRICK'S EVENT

Join the Knights this year for our newest event, on FRIDAY, MARCH 14, at the Parish Hall, for the first annual "St. Patrick's Day Hooly". We are told that a "Hooly" is a great big party...Irish style! What better way to celebrate the special Irish day with an evening of Irish song and comedy. Our special guests will be the McGarrigle Family, members of our own Parish. Join Aidan and Maura, and perhaps a few other special guests, in this evening of fun. A cash bar will feature beer and wine and our "late lunch" will feature what else but...IRISH STEW!

Details of this event are still on the drawing board, so we cannot speak of ticket prices at this time. What is certain, however, is that it will be a great time!

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THANK GOD FOR MARRIAGE!

This special presentation is described as “an inspiring theatre piece about love, marriage and God’s amazing grace” a perfect presentation for the month of May in our church.

Join us on FRIDAY, MAY 2, at 7:00 for a “fast-paced, funny and moving” presentation, a show that “couples must see”. If you are newly married, married for a long time, or even planning marriage in the near future, this is a show for you.

Our own special married couple, parishioners Maureen Rooney and Paul Punyi, and fellow actors Lori and Bruce Mohacsy have created and performed this theatre presentation many times in the Edmonton area and across western Canada. Following the first half of the show a special “sharing session” will occur, where attendees will learn from one another ways and means of dealing with marriage and issues that may develop during a marriage.

During the intermission, couples can mix and mingle over some great pastry dishes. Wine and beer will be offered at a cash bar, and throughout the performance, as at an actual wedding, don’t be surprised at the tinkling of glasses and the traditional “kiss”.

Again, all details of the event (ticket prices, etc.) are still on the drawing board. Watch your bulletins and listen for details at upcoming Masses.

A great evening is in store! Please join us!

Vivat Jesus

Br. Gerry Buccini, Deputy Grand Knight



Grocery Cards

Grocery Cards are available. Please call:

Br. Gerry Buccini at
780-459-7384

or

Br. Frank Polanski at
780-459-7941

The Knights of Columbus need you!

We are one of the best Knights councils but we can always improve. You have already done the first step by being a part of this great council, now we need to see you as well! Please come out and join your fellow brothers and show your support for our great Parish and our council at the upcoming events!

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!



***Good
of the
Order!***

Please keep in your prayers...

Deceased Brother

Marcel Tailleir

and for Brothers who are ill

David Biollo Sr.

Armand Carignan

Ernest Sokolan

Al Stephenson

