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In the September General Meeting our State Warden gave a report on State affairs including changes to the State website. There are many changes. Note the website address above.

Padre Night:

Our priests will be attending this event on Oct 20th at the Polish Hall

Exciting addition to the Grocery Gift Cards!!!!
Effective NOW, grocery cards can also be purchased for
SaveOn and Superstore. See ad on the last page.

Reminder for upcoming pancake breakfasts in October and November. Please come and help. Many hands make light work. October 16th is also the K of C and CWL Sunday. Pick up your sash and join the greeters. This is a great opportunity to talk to some new prospects. The blessing after Mass is a spectacular visual.

Memorial Mass— November 3rd

This is an opportunity for Brother Knights to show support to the dedication to those who have gone before us. Rosaries will be presented to the families. Join us for coffee after the Mass.

Mark your calendar for December 4th. This is the annual 4th Degree Christmas Party and we will need volunteers to assist.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2016

October

- 16 - Sunday, Pancake Breakfast following 9AM & 11AM Mass.
- 19 - Wednesday - General Meeting 7:00PM Grandin Room

November

- 3— Thursday—Memorial Mass 7PM at the Church.
- 6 - Sunday - Pancake Breakfast following 9AM & 11AM Mass.
- 7 - Monday - Executive Meeting 7:00PM Grandin Room
- 16 - Wednesday - General Meeting 7:00PM Grandin Room

December

- 3 - Fourth Degree Christmas Party

October 2016 Meeting

Dignity of Life, from Conception until Natural Death

Opening Prayer

Lord, teach us to pray:
"Our Father..."

The Reading

(To be read by the Leader)

"God created humanity in His image and likeness, in His divine image He created him; male and female He created them....God looked at everything He had made, and He found it very good, (Gen. 1, 27, 31)"

Last month we set the stage for our Columbian Formation program by bringing into the conversation the topics of Gender Dysphoria and Assisted Suicide. Neither of these topics is an easy one to comprehend but as practical Catholic men we have an obligation to understand what the Church says about these issues and why She says what She says about them. For the coming months we will focus on endeavoring to come to grips with the reality of assisted suicide right here in our midst, in our hospitals and perhaps it is just a matter of time before we may have to be prepared to address it within our own extended families.

What I find particularly disturbing about our present circumstance is this. Our society, our government have made it legal to end the life of a human being in the very early stages, while still in their mother's womb. Our society, our government have now made it possible to legally end the life of an individual when there appears to be no chance that they will recover their former health. So.....now it is legal to end life at the very threshold or beginning and now it is legal to end life at the end. Where will it all end? It seems only a logical progression that eventually someone will want to decide which middle aged lives are worth living. Be clear on one thing Brothers; just because something is legal does not in any way guarantee that it is morally right according to God's natural law. In St. Paul's letter to the people of Corinth he makes the following statement with regard to seeking the good of others. "Everything is lawful, but not everything is beneficial. Everything is lawful, but not everything builds up, (1 Cor. 10, 23)." In his comments about sexual immorality in another part of his address to the Corinthians he states; "Everything is lawful for me, but not everything is beneficial. Everything is lawful for me but I will not

let myself be dominated by anything, (1 Cor. 6. 12)." In other words, it may be lawful but that does not necessarily make it right.

The Reflection

(To be read by the Leader)

In **"Guidelines for the Celebration of the Sacraments with Persons & Families Considering or Opting for Death by Assisted Suicide or Euthanasia"** promulgated by the Catholic Bishops of Alberta and the Northwest Territories on Sept 14, 2016, the following introduction is offered.

"Death by assisted suicide and euthanasia has been made legal in Canada. These grievous affronts to the dignity of human life from beginning to natural end are never morally justified. The legal permission now granted to these practices does not change the moral law." The teaching of the Catholic Church on these matters is clear. "Whatever its motives and means, direct euthanasia consists in putting an end to the lives of handicapped, sick or dying persons. It is morally unacceptable" (CCC 2277).

Brothers, this is a challenging and sensitive topic but a necessary one to put on the table. We need to understand what it is we believe (Church Teaching) and why it is we believe it, particularly about the dignity and value of life from conception until natural death. **"God looked at everything He had made, and He found it very good, (Gen. 1, 31)."**

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.

Want to become involved more with the Knights? Consider the Charitable Foundation Ticket organizer position. See Br. Brian Wolbert

Good of the Order

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

**William Oshanyk
Ernest Sokolan
Marcel Venne
Rev. Louis Gendre
Gerry Hartel
Leon Richard**

We will visit our fellow Brothers who are ill and in continuing care. Some members of our council will visit them, preferably in the mornings. If you are able to participate please contact Br. Brian Wolbert at 780-460-8294 or Br. Tony Csilics 780-458-0065 e-mail kofc@stalbertcouncil4742.ca.

Also if you are aware of a Knight who is ill or who has passed away please call Br. Tony Csilics.

September 24

“Albert’s Diner” family dinner and dance!

This year we teamed up with the CWL and the evening was a huge success. Plans for even better event next year.

Expo 2016 Oct 3 & 4. Presentations were made to students from VJM School enlightening them about the Knights and their activities. The event was well attended.



A big thanks to Br. Norm Dust for refinishing the six benches at the Grotto ... good job!

The Star of the North Retreat House has requested help with lunch to be served on Oct 29th at the parish hall. It is the 200th Anniversary of the Oblates and OMI Lacombe Canada, St. Paul’s University, are presenting a Symposium on the Ecology. Several Knights will assist and serve lunch for the participants.

Event Manager Required

We need someone to take over managing the pancake breakfast beginning in May. Ideally if more than one person is involved, the task could be shared, perhaps each person taking a turn every second month.



If you are interested please contact Robert Pampu at 780-460-6740.

Grocery Cards.

Please help us to continue with our great projects by purchasing some grocery cards.

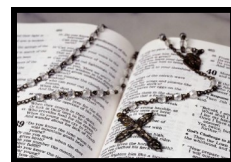
To buy cards, call:

Gerry (780-459-7384) or

Frank (780-459-7941).



Commencing next month Fr. Ed Kosa will be submitting inspirational messages into the Beacon for us. Stay tuned for “Message from our Chaplain”.



Please print a copy of this Beacon and bring it with you to the next General Meeting.