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## Grand Knights Report - September 2013

Welcome Brother Knights to another Columbian Year; 2013-2014!

The theme for St. Albert Catholic Church for 2013-2014 is;

***“Our Year to Renew Our Service to the Lord: Embrace This Mission!”***

To show our ongoing commitment and unity with our parish we will use this theme in all of our undertakings this Columbian year.

This Columbian Year will prove to be year of growing for Council 4742. We will continue to welcome new members to our Council as well as Brothers that have been not as active within our Council in the past as they would like to have been.

At the State Convention this past April in Calgary it was decreed that the Knights and our Councils in Alberta and the NWT will honour a commitment we made to our Bishops and Archbishops at the 2004 State Convention and desist from raising funds through volunteering at Casinos. For Council 4742 this has a impact of approximately \$7,000 to \$8,000 in fundraising a year. Your Executive has already begun work on replacing these funds and convened a special meeting in mid-August to generate ideas to replace these funds. Of course one way we can do this is to reduce our costs. The 2013-2014 budget will be reviewed by the Executive Committee and will most definitely be reduced to offset some of the fundraising shortfall. At the first General Meeting of Council 4742 scheduled for Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in our Council chambers we will share the ideas we have to generate additional revenue. No matter which decisions we ultimately make, we need to remember that **“Knights Support Knights Events!”** With this in mind we expect to have a large turnout at our first event of the year, the September Pancake Breakfast scheduled to be run after the 9:00 and 11:00am masses on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. And finally, I met with Father Andrew and discussed our current situation and he has agreed to allow the Knights to sell tickets to our events at the back of the church after all weekend masses, as well as our very popular Grocery Cards (at least twice a month).

Make this the year you commit to renewing your commitment to the Knights and the principles of our Order; **Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism!**

*Vivat Jesus*

*Terry Sperling, Grand Knight*



## September 2013 Meeting Ten Commandments The First Commandment

### *Opening Prayer*

Lord, teach us to pray:  
Our Father

### *The Reading*

*(to be read by the Leader)*

"Teacher, what must I do to have eternal life?" (Mt. 19, 16)

Jesus says, "If you would enter life, keep the commandments" (Mt. 19, 17). Jesus adds, "Then come follow me" (Mt. 19, 21). Brothers, this is who we are and what we are about. We live our lives here in the world with the express goal of achieving eternal life with our Lord forever in heaven. The Ten Commandments are a foundational baseline with which to guide our lives, in order to achieve our ultimate goal of eternal life. The Ten Commandments, (Decalogue, from the Greek, deka meaning ten and logos meaning words) are the central summary of the basic rules of human behavior in the Old Testament. Jews and Christians alike both look to this fundamental text for orientation. The Ten Commandments are by no means the product of a particular time or place. They express humanities fundamental obligations toward God and neighbor, which are valid always and everywhere," (Youcat 351). The Ten Commandments are commandments of reason just as they are also part of the binding Revelation of God. They are so fundamentally binding that no can be dispensed from keeping these commandments. Brothers, for this reason, our formation program this year will take a closer look at each of these commandments individually in order that we can become more secure in our faith and the very basic foundation for living a good life that our Lord has provided us with. We as men in His service, need to be grounded in what we must do to have eternal life.

### *The Reflection*

*(to be read by the leader)*

"I am the Lord, your God. You shall not have strange Gods before me." (Ex. 20, 2)

Why? Because, all we are, all we have, all we can ever be, our families, in fact the gift of life itself is a gift of God's love for us. Our very existence is a pure gift of love from God. In reality, we are God's Trinitarian love expressed. Therefore; "we must not place anything above Him or consider anything more important or give any other thing or person priority

over Him. To know God and to serve and worship Him has absolute priority in our life, (Youcat 352). If we truly acknowledge that our lives our families, all things that are important to us, in fact our salvation, are a free gift based on His love for each of us His children, it follows naturally that there can be nothing and no one more important than the giver of all that is good. So, to put God first before all others is our way of reciprocating the love we have freely received. It is one primary way for us to acknowledge that our God loves us and as such we need to express our love for Him by putting Him first in our lives. If we do this diligently, all other areas of our lives are more prone to take their own appropriate places of priority. "We should fear God out of love and not love Him out of fear, (St. Francis De Sales)."

In the program Alcoholics Anonymous one of the maxims that endures is; "When you can name a problem you are half way to fixing it." If we do not name the issues or the problem areas of our lives, there is not much chance that we will ever do anything to resolve them.

Reflection Questions.

1. Take a moment and name the blessings and gifts in your life that are a pure gift of God's love for you.
2. In my life what are the things that at times take priority over my relationship with God?
3. How might I and my family reassess our priorities (what changes might we make) in order to keep God always in His absolute first place of priority in my life?

### *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.



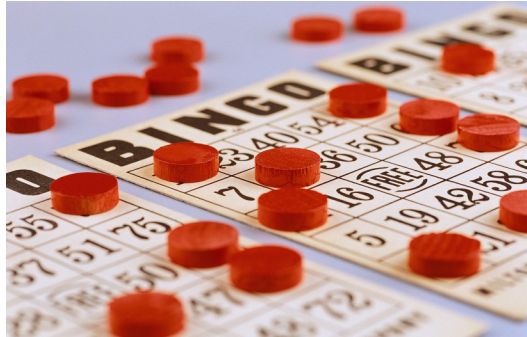
## Up-coming Events

◆REMEMBER◆  
◆Knights support  
Knight Events!◆



### Bingos at Grandin Mall

Mon., Sept 16  
Evening 4:45 start  
Sat., Nov 9  
Afternoon 10:45 am start  
Thurs., Dec 26  
Evening 4:45 start  
Sun., Jan., 19  
Afternoon 10:45 am start



Do you  
wear your  
Pin?

Have you  
attended  
a  
meeting lately?

Please come and join  
your fellow brothers!



### Grocery Cards

Grocery Cards are  
available. Please call:  
Br. Gerry Buccini at  
780-459-7384  
or  
Br. Frank Polanski at  
780-459-7941

### Upcoming church/knights events:

- K OF C GENERAL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, SEPT.  
18 AT 7:00
- PARISH EXPO 2013  
SUNDAY, SEPT. 29  
AT NOON.
- HARVEST SUPPER  
SATURDAY, OCT. 26  
AT FOLLOWING 5:00  
PM MASS.



### 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!

### 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 apart 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!

