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Lecturer:

First General Meeting of the season.

Our first General Meeting promises to be an interesting one. We are beginning the fall season with a busy program. This will be one of the most active October programs ever in St. Albert Parish.

At our first General Meeting we will have the installation of the Executive Members by the District Deputy, Br. Steve Horvath.

The annual budget will be presented with an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback.

The annual meeting of the Columbus Club will be held at this time.

Be sure to attend and share your summer experiences and hear what is going on!

UPCOMING EVENTS

2016

September

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

24 - Saturday - Albert's Diner Family dance.

October

2 - Sunday - EXPO 2016, following the 11AM Mass.

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

16 - Sunday - Pancake Breakfast following 9AM & 11AM Mass.

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

Principles of the Order

Opening Prayer

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

The Reading

(To be read by the Leader)

“So Faith Hope and Love remain, these three, but the greatest of these is love, (1Cor. 13, 13).”

So why the Knights? Because Brothers, we do have a variety of common interests with one another that may not be particularly important, or at least of interest to our spouses. When I arrived in the parish I am presently serving in eight years ago, the finishing touches were being applied to a brand new rectory that had been built for the purpose of housing four Priests who would serve to large Churches in our community. When I moved in there was quite a flurry of activity going on. The fence was being built, the deck was being created and the stone patio work was ongoing. Who was making this happen? My Parish Knights of Columbus Council. And you know what? It was hard, hot; heavy work but these men were enjoying what they were doing. Why? Because they were working together toward a common goal, (key words ‘working together’), complete with the teasing, joking and sharing of trade secrets that come from many years of varied and diverse experience in the working world. They were sharing an experience of building, (for the greater glory of God); one that might not have been valued or as enjoyable for their spouses, but it was fun for them. They were united in common purpose working together to achieve a common goal together.

So why the Knights? Because whether they are working a bingo in a senior’s residence, flipping pancakes on Sunday morning, meeting for their monthly Council meeting, whether they are selling State Raffle Tickets, whatever the activity, they are doing it together. Most of us would agree that there is no shortage of extracurricular work around our own homes, perhaps there is no end to the amount of hours you can put in at your jobs. There is no question that it is limitless and invaluable the more time that you are able to spend with your children and your spouse. All of these forenamed activities are pivotal to healthy happy relationships on the home front and in the workplace.

The Reflection

(To be read by the Leader)

So why the Knights? Because Brothers, it matters not the activity, work or play, with the Knights

we are involved with like-minded practical Catholic gentlemen. When our faith is the common denominator and it is augmented by some common interests and values that might not be held in high esteem in other areas of our lives, (remember the NHL free agent discussion) then those men they call Knights are the perfect choice.

So why the Knights? My point. I am speaking of the practical reality of participating in, and being part of an organization where faith is the key ingredient and those involved have much in common with one another. This makes hanging out with one another, even in a meeting environment, not an unpleasant experience. So we participate in charitable works and activities with the goal of serving our Lord by serving His people, we do it with fellows that we actually like because we have much in common with them. Brothers, these are the practical common sense reasons why a practical Catholic gentleman should be a Knight. There is however one more small item that bears mentioning. As practical Catholic gentlemen, we all want to get to heaven eventually. Brothers, short of serving our families with complete love and devotion, the Knights of Columbus are the perfect vehicle or conduit that will assist us on our journeys to eternal life. The Knights are about “charity, Love.” God is love and that is what we must be for others, to the best of our imperfect human ability in order to enter the heavenly kingdom. “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.”

SEPTEMBER, 2016
ALBERTA/NWT STATE
RECRUITERS AWARD

GOAL: TO GROW OUR COUNCILS
RECRUITERS AWARD FOR SEPTEMBER
FOR EACH NEW MEMBER SPONSORED
YOU WILL BE AWARDED A
\$20.00 TIM HORTONS GIFT CARD

OPPORTUNITY: YOU MAY CHOOSE TO
INVITE YOUR NEW MEMBER(S) TO COFFEE
AND BEGIN MENTORING HIM (THEM) TO
EARN THE SHINING ARMOR AWARD



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).

Saturday, September 24

Mass at 5 pm followed by a family dinner and dance in “ Albert ’ s Diner ”!

Tickets are for sale after Mass and at the parish office.

Sunday, September 25

Mass at 9 am followed by coffee and muffins in the parish hall.

Mass at 11 am followed by soup and a bun in the parish hall

Mass at 6:30 pm followed by a wine and cheese reception in the parish hall

Good of the Order

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

Br. William Oshanyk
Br. Ernest Sokolan
Br. Marcel Venne
Br. Louis Rev. Gendre

A decision was made to visit our fellow Brothers who are in continuous care.

Currently the plan calls for a visit by two or three members of our Council to take place preferably in the mornings.

If you are able to participate please contact Br. Tony Csilics at 780-458-0065 or e-mail to kofc@stalbertcouncil4742.ca