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Message from the Grand Knight!

Dear Brother Knights,

Dear Brother Knights

Happy New Year

I sincerely hope 2012 will be a good one for each of you and your families.

What a year 2011 was... not only with events worldwide but especially those right here in our Parish. With the conclusion of the 150th Jubilee Celebration we look back at all the Parish functions that transpired over the months with great success. Our council was only too willing to assist when asked... and a big 'thank you' to all who helped out. Father Andrew is looking to continue with functions throughout 2012 celebrating the next theme "Living in Hope". The first function is the "Chilly Chilly Bang Bang" occurring on Saturday January 21, 2012. Mass at 5:00PM followed by fireworks, chili, skating, sleigh rides and family activities. Please plan to attend.

Judging by the comments received from attendees our annual Council 4742 Christmas Party was a nice change from past parties and a huge success... From the atmosphere, to the excellent food, and finally the great music for singing along and to dance to (yes, dance !) provided by Br. Danny Biosvert's daughter MaryAnn Paiement, thank you. Our challenge is to make the next one as good or better.

Our next major project is the St. Albert Parish "Mardi Gras Dance" hosted by our Council on February 3rd, 2012. Invite your family and friends. Contact Br. Moe Douville or Br. Gerry Buccini for tickets. We need to make this one a sellout.

Father Brian Jayawardhana published his book in November and our Council committed to the selling of 20 books. Well, at the Christmas Party we sold 21 books and requested another 20 book to sell on his behalf. They will be available for sale at our Pancake Breakfasts, after the 9:00am and 11:00am Sunday masses and our next General Meeting.

Many thanks to Brothers Tony Csilics and Glenn Fritz for handling the Charity Appeal tickets. Great work brothers.

Thank you to Brothers Richard Leblanc and Tony Csilics, and all who assisted with the Christmas Parking for the 5:30PM mass.

Thank you Br. Urban Stang and all who helped make our January pancake breakfast another great success. We experienced another great response to Gift Cards sales. Thank you Brother Gerry Buccini for managing this project.

I encourage all our First Degree members to join us at our next General Meeting. We are always looking for fresh new ideas on how to better our council and ask you to avail yourself and get involved.

For more information on upcoming events or our Council please visit our website at <http://www.stalbertcouncil4742.ca/>

See you at our General Meeting on January 18th, 2012 in our Council Chambers.

John Onyskiw
Grand Knight

Your Executive!

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Fr. Andrzej Stendzina, OMI

Grand Knight

John Onyskiw
458-0224

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Terrence (Terry) Sperling
459-5479

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Gerry Buccini
459-7384

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460-8474

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Maurice (Moe) Douville
459-9487

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Gerald (Gerry) Woodlock
459-2435

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Norm Chartrand
289-6044

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Norm Dust
459-2869

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Tony Csilics
458-0065

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Ely Estillore
459-7987

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Rick Silvestri
460-0059

Trustee 2

Bernie McCracken
459-2457

Trustee 3

Glenn Fritz
460-2216

Prayers to Saints

Many of us have our favorite Saint, because of our name or some special reason, that we pray to or conclude our prayers with. And have many time have you heard someone say they have to pray to a certain Saint to help or thank them for something.

St. Anthony of Padua is well known as the Catholic patron saint of lost items, the poor and travelers. How often have you heard someone say "... *I have to pray to Saint Anthony to help me find my lost _____*." Many times a donation to St. Anthony follows the finding of the lost item. Older un-remodeled churches most always count St. Anthony among their pantheon of statues. The saint of Padua is usually sculpted or portrayed holding the child Jesus—or a lily—or a book—or all three—in his arms. A bank of vigil lights will burn in front of the statue.

Another is the Apostle Saint Jude Thaddeu, "The Miraculous Saint," the Catholic [Patron Saint](#) of "lost causes" and "cases despaired of." When all other avenues are closed, he is the one to call upon, and his help often comes at the last moment. Following is a prayer I have known for many years seeking St. Jude's help...

*O Holy St. Jude, Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near kinsmen of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need. To you I have recourse from the depth of my heart and humble beg to whom God has given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present urgent petition. In return I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. Say three Our Fathers, three Hail Mary's, and three Glory Be to the Father. Publication must be promised. St. Jude pray for us and all who invoke your aid,
Amen*

Mardi Gras Dance

"FFF" is just around the corner! Tickets are now available for the annual parish "Mardi Gras Dance" to be held on.....you guessed it...The First Friday Of February ("FFF"). Yes, once again, on February 3rd, your Knights of Columbus Council is excited to host this special parish event. Music once again is by the Saint City Big Band, a 16 piece ensemble, who will perform the great works of Tommy Dorsey, Duke Ellington, and all the Big Band greats. Now, if you are thinking: "I don't dance", think again. Many of our attendees come simply for the concert value and for the opportunity to be alongside friends, family and fellow parishioners, and at the same time help support the Knights in their many charitable projects.

Tickets are available at the January Pancake Breakfast and for the entire month of January from most members of the Knights. Specifically, you may call Gerry (459-7384) or Moe (459-9487) and they will have tickets available for you. The twenty dollar ticket includes a late lunch and door prizes. A cash bar and a fifty-fifty draw are also part of the evening. If you wish to reserve a table, let Gerry or Moe know the number in your party. Please join us, welcoming the New Year in grand style. Don't forget....."FFF"!

Visit our council website at

<http://www.stalbertcouncil4742.ca>

REMINDER!

The Pancake
Breakfast is on



1st. Sunday of every Month
following the **9:00 a.m.** and
11:00 a.m. Mass.

Single Family: \$15.00

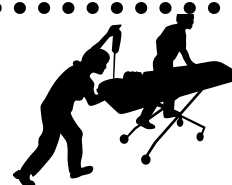
Adults: \$5.00

Children under 16: \$3.00

Now
Serving
Scrambled
Eggs

Join us in friendship

Blood
Donor Clinic
at the
Church
Parish Hall.



Next Blood Donor Clinic

**Monday,
Feb 27**

From 3:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Appointments

1 888 2 DONATE

1 888 236-6283



Remember the Bingos
are now at Grandin Mall
(Non Smoking)

Sat., January 28, 2012 - Afternoon

Contact Jim Van Horn

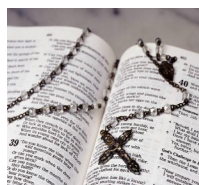
at 406-9889

to Volunteer.

**Good
of the
Order!**

Please keep in your prayers...

All of our members and their families who
have passed away.



Chilly Chili Bang Bang January 21st

Come one, come all to our first event of 2012! Chilly Chili Bang Bang is an evening for all ages. We begin with Mass at 5:00 pm and then proceed to the Grotto for fabulous fireworks (bring warm clothing). If it gets cold enough, there will be a skating rink for the children (bring skates and helmets) and hot chocolate to drink. Horse drawn wagons will take us out for a ride! Downstairs in the Parish Hall there will be a delicious chili supper, entertainment, and fun and games for the children. Tickets for sale after Mass for \$5.00 per person

Next Meeting

January 18, 2012