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## Grand Knight's Report

Happy New Year Brother Knights.

As the Christmas decorations are coming down and ordinary time starts, we hold out great hope that 'ordinary' actually resumes. As I write this it's still minus 27 and the new normal around my household is to give up waiting on warmer weather and embrace the cold. It's very odd having 6 year old Louis ask to go skating at 30 below, but I love it!

Warmer days are coming and brighter times are surely ahead.

With that in mind, we've rescheduled the Starlight Mass and Dinner to the 5<sup>th</sup> of February. It will be great to kick off the year with a joyous event of fellowship. All past evidence indicates the concerns to health will have subsided for a time.

As Catholic gentlemen, we have the market covered on Hope. Let's approach this year with a great hope that we will be making up for the fellowship and fun that we've been missing. Let's continue to keep in our prayers our brothers and their families who continue to face difficulties and trials.

In Christ,

Brother Brent Heit - Grand Knight



Brothers,

## Chaplain's Corner

The beginning of a new year for Knights of Columbus .

In our invitation to share in Holy Communion Our Lord calls us to be bearers of His life in this world. Our Lord calls us as His people so that our life might help people to read the Bible not just as information about GOD but rather as a call from GOD to make a difference in individual lives and in the human community. With such an invitation and call let us be ever grateful to have companions who are seeking to respond to the same invitation. Companions enrich us from their experience and provide a helping hand to accomplish some good. Let us continue to lead people in caring for the poor and in discovering ways to share the good news of Christ in schools, places of work and in family life. Knights foster the person to person relation in a world sometimes too focused on group dynamics analysis and algorithms. May GOD bless each Knight with a good year and more good companions.

Fr. ED omi. Chaplain

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Happy New Year!

For many of us, our families and those around us this past year has been a year that we face challenges and difficulties, maybe even more we have experienced before. So when we move into 2022 we certainly do so with hopes that this will be a better or at least easier one. I we have right to do this because we know we are not alone as we face the future, near and far.

We have God who is on our side, walking with us. He cares for us and He will also be with us in this New Year.

I wish each of you and those dear to you good health, joy, peace, hope, faith and love.

May we all rely on our Heavenly Father and His 's love for us, and then, nothing will be impossible.

May God bless you.

Fr. Ignacy Warias omi  
Pastor, St. Albert Parish



### Sacred Heart Church Re-Build

<https://sacredpeoples.com/rebuild/>

Hold your phone camera on the QR Code to reveal information about the Sacred Heart Church re-build and how you can assist.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### January 2022

19 - Wednesday 7PM General Meeting via Zoom

22 - Saturday, Food Collection/Grocery Card Sales

### February 2022

5 - Saturday, Starlight Mass & Dinner (see ad below)

5 - Saturday Food collection at the Church

7 - Monday 7PM, Executive Meeting via Zoom

16 - Wednesday 7 PM, General Meeting via ZOOM

19 - Saturday Food collection at the Church

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
COUNCIL 474  
STARLIGHT  
MASS & DINNER  
Saturday, February 5th, 2022  
Mass at 6:00 p.m. in Main Church  
Reception 6:00 to 6:30 p.m.  
Dinner 6:45 p.m.  
Dance after dinner.  
at the North Retreat Centre  
Tickets go on sale in  
December!

NEW DATE: Saturday, February 5th



**Start 2022 with a Party!**

**Tickets just \$35 each or \$70/couple**

***Win a prize from the Gift Card Tree!***

Tickets are \$35 each and can be purchased at the next Saturday morning Food drive on January 22nd

### Food Drives - Grocery Gift Cards

Food Drives and Grocery Gift Card Sales continue every second Saturday from 10 until noon. Thanks to all who support the drive and grocery gift card sales.

### Good of the Order

Keep in your prayers our Brothers Gerry Buccini, Charlie McGregor, Joe Radosh, Roger Lemieux, Moe Douville, and Gerry Woodlock.

Those who are suffering from COVID 19 and those that are sick including Bob Pampu's granddaughter, Mickey Casavant's wife Astrid, Bernie McCracken's wife Elaine, Ely Estillore's wife, Fred Esslinger, and Liam Connelly's wife Lorna. Also those who have recently passed away; William (Bill) Oshanyk

We cannot visit our fellow Brothers who are ill and in continuing care however the visits will resume when possible. If you are aware of a Knight who is ill or who passed away, please call Br. Tony Csilics. (780) 458-0065



Society of St. Vincent de Paul President John Groten accepts a cheque from the St. Albert Knights of Columbus council 4742 Grand Knight, Brent Heit

Sacred Heart Parish Food Hamper Drive ,  
December 18, 2022



Knights of Columbus  
**CHARITIES**  
*United in Charity.*

# Get to know us

**NAME:**

Sr. Gertrude, I have generally been referred to as "Sister"

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN WITH THE PARISH?**

As a parish volunteer since 2004

**FAVOURITE PART OF MINISTRY:**

Chaplain, spiritual companion, missionary, social justice advocate, - all have provided opportunity to "help". With the passing years, the walls of the classroom have simply moved out to embrace the here and now and all of creation. At this point I help out but consciously encourage the next generations to share their gifts and time.

**QUOTE OR MANTRA YOU LIVE BY:**

My mantra has been and still is: "All for your glory, O God."

**FAVOURITE SAINTS:**

My very favorite saint is Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and following closely is our foundress, - Saint Angela Merici (1474-1540), who on Nov 25, 1535, on the feast of St Catherine of Alexandria, founded the Company of St Ursula, in Brescia, Italy. Over our 500 year history, this "Company" has spread across the globe, evolving in response to the needs of the time and place, ranging from "secular institute" to monastic enclosure, but mostly to convents connected to boarding schools.

**FAVOURITE BIBLE VERSE:**

As a child I was deeply influenced by our parents' trust in divine Providence and took comfort in the often quoted passage:

"If God cares for the sparrows...how much more for you..{Matt 6:26-34}. When reluctant to respond to God's call, the young Jeremiah 20:7 shocked me: "You seduced me, LORD, and I let myself be seduced; you were too strong for me, and you prevailed." John 8:31f, has often called me to stay on or return to the right path:"If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciple; you will know the truth and the truth will set you free".

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## Knights of Columbus Alberta-Northwest Territories Formation Program-December-2021

### Communion, Communion, Communion

#### *Opening Prayer*

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

#### *The Reading*

*(To be read by the Leader)*

Brothers, about six weeks ago we celebrated Thanksgiving weekend, hopefully with family and those we love. Certainly, we were prone to a more rigid protocol once again, regarding gatherings in general. We are now in the process of preparing to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord. This experience and a recent Gospel got me thinking about the reality of how God made us, and who He made us to be. It also allowed me to reflect on how this time of Covid has had such a negative/divisive effect upon our ability to live our lives as God made us, in relationship with one another. The Gospel I am referring to is (Luke 11, 15-26). In this Scripture Jesus had cast out a demon from an individual, and He was immediately accused of casting the demon out by Beelzebul, "the ruler of the demons." Jesus rebuts their accusations by noting that "Every kingdom divided against itself becomes a desert, and house falls on house" Jesus says, if Satan is divided how will his kingdom stand?

That statement and the commentary by Bishop Baron got me thinking about how the evil one goes about his daily business here in the world, and how Covid has provided a wonderful opening for the evil one to flourish in his activities. One of the many detrimental effects that Covid has imposed on our society, and the Knights are a case in point, is the concept and reality of isolation. We, in so many ways have been restricted in our natural God-given desire to be in relationship with one another. This is how God made us. "It is not good that humanity should be alone (Gen. 2, 18)." We need one another in order to give life meaning and value. I know that you are all aware of this basic human principal and Thanksgiving/Christmas with or without your loved ones and extended family, certainly reinforces this reality.

My point this day, is that the way the devil succeeds is when he can divide us, have us work against one another. Divide and conquer is a real thing my Brothers. "The demonic power is always one of scattering. It breaks up communion. But Jesus, as always, is the voice of communion, of one bringing things back together, (Barron)." Covid has provided a very apt tool for isolating and scattering us, even from our own families. We are very blessed in our parish community's for many many reasons. First and foremost, we for the most part, have been able to remain a Church of communion.

#### *The Reflection*

*(To be read by the Leader)*

There is no question that there are varying opinions within our community/councils, about steps taken and not taken.

About things like masks, vaccinations, social distancing, grouping sizes, limitations on worship like funerals and weddings. There is no end to the variety of topical issues. Clergy abuse, residential schools, Covid protocols. What do they all have in common? They all have the potential to divide us. First, in our opinions, and then literally physically from one another. Did you ever think you would see the day when you worshipped your God in your Church, and that you would become uncomfortable if someone sat closer to you than six feet away? Yikes. We come together as family, as friends, and as a community of faith, to give thanks to God for the many blessings that are part of our daily lives. Yet....

My Brother Knights, we are diverse in our opinions and our perspectives about many things, and rightly so. **There is one thing we cannot be diverse in. That is the importance of our relationships with one another. These relationships are integral to the communion that our Lord created us to joyfully live our lives in. Communion with our Lord, with one another and with ourselves.** Brothers, diverse as our opinions might be, about things going on around us, **we absolutely must remain as people of communion.** When we allow the wedge of differing opinions to push its way between us, and to separate us from one another, I am sure the evil one smiles. I am not saying we cannot differ in our views about things. What I am saying is this. **We cannot let our own agendas/opinions separate us from communion with one another, and with our loving God, who made us to value, respect and love one another.** When we push ourselves away from our community of faith, from our families, from our friends, from our Councils, the devil smiles and says my work here is done. This divisiveness I have created between them, will complete what I started.

My dear Brothers in the Lord, be diverse, be different, but above all else be in communion, with God, with one another, with ourselves. I cannot say I love God, if I have separated myself from loving my neighbor, my Brother Knight, particularly a family member or that person sitting six feet away from me in the pew. Worthy Brothers, our God created each of us uniquely, but our commonality is that we are all children of God created to be in relationship with God, with each other and with ourselves. We, as **those men called Knights** need to lead the charge on communion within our councils, our parishes and most importantly our families. May the good Lord bless your Christmas festivities and gatherings as communities of faith and families. May 2022 be a year of union and communion.

#### **Communion, Communion, Communion**

#### ***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.)*