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Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,

Here we are – well into the Easter season and still dealing with the COVID pandemic. In April we celebrated Divine Mercy Sunday - what is? The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

- A. **Ask for His Mercy.** God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.
- B. **Be merciful.** God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.
- C. **Completely trust in Jesus.** God wants us to know that all the graces of His mercy can only be received by our trust. The more we open the door of our hearts and lives to Him with trust, the more we can receive.

This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

In the year 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized Sister Faustina Kowalska. This humble and simple Polish Nun was lifted to the altars, becoming the first Saint of the New Millennium. Her life and witness has reshaped modern history and led millions to discover the power of God's Merciful love. Supreme has developed a movie "Face of Mercy" which highlights God's mercy on people's lives. You can watch the movie at the link below:

<https://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/face-of-mercy/index.html>

The initiation, to our council, of the three new members registered via e-membership will hopefully occur later this month. Please continue to pray and encourage more young men to become Knights.

During the month of May we will be holding two food collections at the parish:

- May 8 – Sacred Heart Parish
- May 22 – St Albert Foodbank

Your continued support is greatly appreciated. The collections are held in the church parking lot between 10am and noon. Grocery gift cards (Safeway, Sobeys, Save On Foods and Superstore) are available for purchase during each food collection.

Our next General Meeting will be held online using ZOOM, on **Wednesday** May 19 at 7:00pm. The link to join the meeting will be emailed at a later date. I am very happy to report that the Nomination Committee has recruited a full slate of candidates. At this General Meeting, we will be electing the Executive for the next Columbian year, thus your attendance is greatly encouraged. If you would like to run for office please contact Br. Brian Wolbert (BWOLBERT@ENTERPRISEPAPER.COM) or Br. Terry Sperling (ST.SPERLING@TELUS.NET).

I conclude with the Monthly Challenge from our Supreme Chaplain.

“As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. ... This is my commandment: Love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” (Gospel for May 9, Jn 15:9-10, 12-13)

Christ tells us we will remain in his love if we keep his commandments. Saying you love someone can be easy, but it is really our deeds that reveal our love — or lack of it. Christ showed us how to love by his example and by sacrificing his very life for us. To love as Christ commands us to love demands action. The Letter of James says, “Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves” (1:22). May each of us commit to keeping the commandments and offering our very selves in service and sacrifice for others.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to meditate on the meaning of the Ten Commandments in your life by picking one on 10 different days and praying about it for at least 10 minutes. Second, during this month devoted to our Blessed Mother, I challenge you to assist your council in implementing the Faith in Action Rosary program — showing your love of Christ by showing your love of Mary.

Questions for Reflection:

Are you willing to proclaim to others that you love Christ? Does your life show this love by your obedience to Christ and the teachings of the Church, or are there areas of your life where you seem not to heed the Gospel? Are there times when you find it hard to love as Christ commands, and if so, how can you seek to grow in love?

In Christ,

Brother Bernie Hryciw - Grand Knight

May: Month of Mary

Chaplain's Corner

It is a centuries-old custom of Catholics to dedicate the month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The month of May is always part of the Easter season, the fifty days we celebrate in the liturgy the Resurrection of Our Lord, a time also of awaiting the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The celebration of May as a Marian month fits well with the liturgical celebrations of Easter and Pentecost as we recall Mary's great joy in her Son's victory over death as well as her presence with the apostles in the upper room prayerfully awaiting the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost

As Knights in our pilgrimage of faith, we walk always with Mary at our side. She is our model of faith and she helps us with her prayers to live by faith. She teaches us to believe as she believed.

During this month of Mary, I would encourage each Knight and their families to recite the rosary each day asking Mary to ask her Son Jesus to free our country and our province from the Covid epidemic.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Reminder to all that your 2021 membership dues are now due. For those who have already paid, your membership card is on the way.

Thank you to all those brother knights who have already submitted payment.

Br. Tony Csilics, Financial Secretary. (780) 458-0065

Good of the Order

Keep in your prayers our brother Gerry Buccini.

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 and Liam Connelly's wife Lorna. Those who have recently passed away including Br. Raymond Boutin who passed on May 1st and Br. Eric Bokenfohr who passed away on March 30.

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

From all the Knights of 4742 to all Mothers - Happy Mother's day!

Some notable quotes to ponder:

“All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother.”
Abraham Lincoln

“Life began with waking up and loving my mother's face.”
George Eliot

“Mother is the name for God in the lips and hearts of little children.”
William Makepeace Thackerary

“When you look into your mother's eyes, you know that is the purest love you can find on this earth.”
Mitch Albom

Nominations to Executive Council

Brother Knights, on behalf of the 2021/22 Nominating Committee of St. Albert Parish Council #4742, Worthy Council Advocate Br. Brian Wolbert, and Br. Terry Sperling, we'd like to encourage all Brother Knights to consider putting their name forward for a position on the 2021/22 Executive Council.

The 2021/22 Columbian Year promises to be a break-out year for our Council as we look to start returning to normal activities in our Parish. The election will be held during the regularly scheduled May General Meeting on Wednesday, May 19th at 7pm. To stand for a position on the Council Executive a Brother Knight must be a 3rd Degree Knight. We look forward to seeing (virtually) all of our Brother Knights on May 19th and are confident we will elect a full slate of officers. If you are not able to attend on the 19th but wish to let your name stand for a position, please feel free to contact either Br. Brian at 780-690-4938 (or by email at bwolbert@enterprisepaper.com) or Br. Terry at 780-459-5479 (or by email at st.sperling@telus.net). For more information on the Duties and Responsibilities of Council Officers please refer to: <https://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/service/council/duties-responsibilities-council-officers-directors.pdf>.

Thank-you and Vivat Jesus!

Br. Terry Sperling

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2021

- 08 - Saturday Food collection at the Church
- 09 - Mother's Day
- 19 - Wednesday 7 PM, General Meeting & Election via ZOOM
- 22 - Saturday Food collection at the Church

June 2021

- 5 - Saturday Food collection at the Church
- 7 - Executive Meeting via ZOOM
- 16 - Wednesday 7 PM, General Meeting via ZOOM
- 19 - Saturday Food collection at the Church

