

The Beacon

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Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights

Into June and thus the close of another Columbian year; It has been a great year! We are now hearing that potentially a return to "normal" will happen if our vaccinations continue to rise and our COVID hospitalizations continue to decrease. An end of the pandemic would be a wonderful way to end our year. Speaking of ending, my time as the Grand Knight of Council 4742 has come to an end as well. Please welcome Br. Brent Heit as our new Grand Knight.

The State Convention was recently held online again this year. Our new State Deputy is Br. Ferdinand Mendita. I do not have the complete list of all the elected State members but will post as soon as I have positions and names for the entire team.

It only seems like yesterday when you encouraged me to become your Grand Knight. It has been such a learning and faith filling journey for me. I would like to thank each and every one of you for your continued help and support the past two years. I am sure with Br Brent and all of us helping, Council 4742 will continue to grow and be a vibrant and vital part of St Albert parish.

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 June we will be holding two food collections at the parish: June 5– Lac Ste Anne Parish and June 19 – Sacred Heart Parish. The collections / grocery card sales will also continue during the summer months: July 3, 17 and 31; August 14 and 28; September 11 and 25.

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 June 16 at 7:00pm. The link to join the meeting will be emailed at a later date.

An election was held at the May General Meeting. Initially the Deputy Grand Knight position was vacant however Brother Marc later agreed to stand in. Here is your Executive for the next Columbian year. The Lecturer position is still vacant so if you wish to fill that position, please contact Br. Brent or me. Congratulations to all!

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I conclude with the Monthly Challenge from our Supreme Chaplain;

“To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade.” (Gospel for June 13, Mk 4:30-32)

Every gardener has witnessed how great things can come from small beginnings. Planted in its proper season and cared for over time, the tiniest seed can blossom into a glorious plant. Parents, teachers and mentors responsible for the moral and spiritual formation of children know well the value of “planting seeds.” Instructing children in virtue at a young age gives them a firm foundation of faith as they mature. May we be intentional in our instruction and example to our children and others, knowing small actions can have great influence.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to share your faith and beliefs in at least one conversation with your children or friends. Second, I challenge you to join with your brother Knights in planning and participating in the Faith in Action Family Prayer Night program or Holy Hour program.

Questions for Reflection:

What “seeds” of faith did your own parents or others plant in your life as a youth that blossomed later in life? What are some of the concrete ways (even small ways) you can share your faith with your family and friends? What role does your witness — attending Mass, going to confession, serving others and being willing to discuss your faith — play in helping to strengthen the faith of others? In Christ,

Brother Bernie Hryciw - Grand Knight

Chaplain's Message

The feasts of the Body and Blood of Christ and the Sacred Heart of Jesus

The Eucharist is not just a symbol. It is not just a re-enactment of a special meal, or a happy reminder that Jesus loves everyone. The Eucharist is a reminder of the “scandal” of God’s incredible love for humanity. The Eucharist is the ongoing manifestation of Christ’s humanity that is made possible only because of his divinity. The two natures are inseparable in the Eucharist. This should shake us and make us uncomfortable. A love like that should pierce us to the heart, even break our hearts, with its intensity and goodness. The all-powerful God longs to be one with us, so much so, that he became one of us. If that doesn’t give us pause, then we probably aren’t taking that mystery seriously enough.

Likewise, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart points both to the fact that, because of the Incarnation, God now possesses a real human heart that beats with divine love for humanity. The Sacred Heart of Jesus bled for humanity—both literally and figuratively. God took on human nature for the specific purpose of having a heart capable of bleeding, suffering, and dying. His Sacred Heart isn’t just a symbol, but a profound reality that reveals the love of God for us.

This June, as we celebrate these feasts, let us more deeply contemplate and allow ourselves to be in awe anew over the great love of God, who united himself to human nature out of love for us.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 2021

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

July 2021

- 3 - Saturday Food collection at the Church
- 17 - Saturday Food collection at the Church
- 31 - Saturday Food collection at the Church

Reminder: If you have changed your email and/or mailing address, please notify Tony Csilics.

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.

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