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Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,

We are off to a very good start to our Columbian year. Thanks to all those who came out to the September meeting.

Also, a very big thank you to all the volunteers who came out to serve for our first two pancake breakfasts. It was great to see all the support.

We are trying a new format this year offering all breakfasts free of charge – with donations gladly accepted and designated towards specific groups and charities. The proceeds for the September and October pancake breakfasts were \$412 and \$851 respectively, this will be donated to the St. Albert Parish Youth Group and the St. Albert Victims services.

A big thanks also to Brothers Gerry Keane and Liam Connelly for orchestrating another successful Blue Sunday mass. It was well attended, yet there's always room for more.

The good start was unfortunately accompanied by a gut punch, with the loss of our associate Pastor and brother knight Father Wes Szatanski OMI. The funeral to be held at 2pm on October 11th. Please keep him and Father Jack, as well as the parish staff in your prayers.

Until next time, keep the faith and continue to stand up for truth.

In Christ through Mary and Joseph,

Brother Brent Heit - Grand Knight

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Chaplain's Corner

Brothers,

About giving thanks, Jesus has something to say to us.

In Matthew 8:i-8 a leper says to Jesus; "*Lord if you will, you can make me clean.*" And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him saying; "I will, be clean."

The God revealed by Jesus is in the realm of persons and thus free to help us.

The God revealed by Jesus is beyond blind nature which can bless or curse us.

Therefore, the best part of a gift you receive is the spirit of the one who gives you the gift.

There can be many reasons why people give gifts. Jesus invites us to reflect on these reasons. Among those reasons can be that of someone who acts because of God's call to them to live the Golden Rule; "*Treat another person as you would like to be treated (Matt:7:12).*"

Such a person can introduce us to the God who calls people to give Thanks by sharing their gifts and helping people. At the Last Supper (Luke 22:19) Jesus took bread and gave thanks and shared with us his life (This is my Body given for you).

Let us discover the God revealed by Jesus more and more so as to give thanks with all our heart.

Father ED, OMI



Photos from BLUE SUNDAY 2022, October 2nd, 2022



Journey of Healing and Reconciliation



Pope Francis speaks to parishioners of Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples in Edmonton, Alberta, on July 25. He praised their generous “works of charity” for the poor and reflected on the meaning of reconciliation in light of the wounds endured by Canada’s Indigenous peoples.

Pope Francis addressed a packed crowd of Indigenous parishioners at Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples in Edmonton, Alberta, on July 25. Speaking before the tabernacle, designed to resemble a teepee, his words went to the very heart of his July 24-29 pastoral visit to Canada.

“The teepee reminds us that God accompanies us on our journey and loves to meet us together. And when he became man, the Gospel tells us, he literally ‘pitched his tent among us,’” the Holy Father said. “That is what we should call to mind every time that we enter a church, where Jesus is present in the tabernacle, a word that itself originally meant ‘tent.’ Therefore, God has placed his tent in our midst; he accompanies us through our deserts. He does not dwell in heavenly mansions, but in our Church, which he wants to be a house of reconciliation.”

Reconciliation and healing between the Catholic Church and the Indigenous peoples of Canada was the central aim of the pope’s apostolic journey, which took place under the theme “Walking Together.” Pope Francis visited the provinces of Alberta and Québec and the territory of Nunavut, and he apologized on several occasions for the Church’s role in running Canada’s residential schools and the abuses suffered there. For more than a century, the government-sponsored school system separated children from their families and sought to expunge aspects of Indigenous culture, language and religion.

In support of the pope’s visit, the Knights of Columbus provided financial assistance to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, and local Knights played a key role in the volunteer efforts around

the papal events. K of C leaders from British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario, Québec and New Brunswick were also present at the papal Masses in Alberta and Québec.

Former Supreme Warden Graydon Nicholas, a member of the Maliseet First Nation and consultant for the supreme knight on Indigenous affairs, was grateful that Pope Francis came to Canada to meet with affected communities.

“The residential school survivors and intergenerational families will look forward to walking with our Church and non-Indigenous brothers and sisters toward healing and reconciliation,” Nicholas said. “It will take a long time for trust and confidence to be restored, but the pope brought a message of hope.”

The Holy Father’s visit was prompted by a Vatican meeting in March between the pope and representatives of the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Indigenous peoples. At that time, Pope Francis apologized to them for the Church’s role in the residential school system and promised to do so again publicly on Canadian soil.

Four months later, on July 25, Pope Francis began the first full day of his apostolic journey with a visit to the First Nations community of Maskwacis in central Alberta, formerly the site of one of Canada’s largest residential schools.

“I am here because the first step of my penitential pilgrimage among you is that of again asking forgiveness, of telling you once more that I am deeply sorry,” the pope said. “I ask forgiveness, in particular, for the ways in which many members of the Church and of religious communities cooperated, not least through their indifference, in projects of cultural destruction and forced assimilation promoted by the governments of that time, which culminated in the system of residential schools.”

Later that afternoon, the Holy Father visited Edmonton’s Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples, which was renovated after a devastating fire with support from the Order in time for the pope’s visit (see story below).

On July 26, the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, Pope Francis celebrated an outdoor Mass in Edmonton’s Commonwealth Stadium before traveling to Lac Ste. Anne, a site sacred to Indigenous peoples in Alberta. A Catholic pilgrimage to the lake has been held each July since the late 19th century, drawing tens of thousands of Indigenous peoples annually.

“The grandmother, the *kokum*, is very important in Indigenous cultures,” explained Archbishop Richard Smith of Edmonton. “As the mother of the Blessed Virgin and therefore the grandmother of Jesus, a wonderful, beautiful devotion to St. Anne has grown.”

In his homilies and addresses, Pope Francis underscored the importance of honoring one's parents and grandparents and the traditions they pass on.

"Mothers and grandmothers help to heal the wounds of our hearts," he said in his address at Lac Ste. Anne. "At the dramatic time of the conquest, Our Lady of Guadalupe transmitted the true faith to the Indigenous people, speaking their own language and clothed in their own garments, without violence or imposition. ... In Canada, this 'maternal inculturation' took place through St. Anne, combining the beauty of Indigenous traditions and faith, and fashioning them with the wisdom of a grandmother, who is a mother twice over."

A 'Historic and Sacred Space'

TWO YEARS AFTER a fire gutted Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples in Edmonton, the church was renovated days before parishioners welcomed Pope Francis on July 25. The renovation was made possible, in part, through the support of local Knights of Columbus and the Supreme Council.

"What a feeling you have when a dire need is happening, and the Knights of Columbus are there to help," said Father Susai Jesu, the pastor of Sacred Heart since 2017 and a member of the Knights.

Sacred Heart Church, built in 1913, has been a spiritual home for the country's Indigenous Catholics since it was established as the first national parish for First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples in 1991. In August 2020, an accidental fire caused major damage to the church's interior.

"You could see people walking around with tears running down their face. It was just heartbreaking," said Ronald Martineau, secretary of the parish finance council and a member of the Frog Lake First Nation, as well as St. Christopher Council 4788 in Edmonton.

The community was forced to celebrate Sunday Mass in a school gym for almost two years. The discovery of asbestos and subsequent decisions to renovate the parish, including the installation of a new heating system, drove the cost to more than CA\$9 million. Insurance covered only CA\$7 million.

Recognizing the importance of restoring this place of worship, Knights in Alberta raised more than CA\$155,000 toward the CA\$2 million shortfall. The Supreme Council also contributed \$50,000 to restore the "historic and sacred space." In a letter to Archbishop Richard Smith of Edmonton, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly said that this combined support "adds another important dimension to the Order's ongoing efforts to aid Indigenous communities."

Father Jesu invited Pope Francis to visit his parish this past spring, shortly after the pope met with Indigenous leaders in the Vatican. Upon the Holy Father's acceptance and the scheduling of his visit, arrangements were made to expedite the church's renovation, which wasn't slated to be complete until November.

Among the Indigenous design elements introduced in the church's remodel were a teepee-shaped tabernacle and a set of tall teepee poles over the new altar, which was crafted from a large tree trunk.

During Pope Francis' meeting at Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples, he expressed his desire to continue the healing process for Indigenous people. Two Knights from Council 4788 — Martineau and Fernie Marty — were among several parishioners who met the pope and presented him with gifts.

"It means the world for him to come here, especially with his message," Martineau said afterward. "We are so proud of the Indigenous aspects of this church. ... I was looking around the crowd today and I wasn't the only one that had tears."



The 2022 CWL / Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass and ceremony to Honour our Deceased Knights will be held on Thursday, November 3rd at 7PM in the Main Church. Refreshments and snacks will be offered in the Parish Hall immediately following the Mass. We are asking family members of deceased Knights and all brother Knights in St. Albert and surrounding areas to join us in honouring and remembering our deceased brother Knights who served Council #4742 so faithfully. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Br. Terry Sperling @ 780-459-5479 or by email at st.sperling@telus.net . Thank-you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 2022

- 1 – Saturday, 10AM – Noon, Food Collection/Grocery Card Sales
- 2 – Sunday, Pancake Breakfast after 9AM and 11AM masses
- 3 – Monday, 5:30 PM Executive Meeting
- 15 – Saturday, 10AM – Noon, Food Collection/Grocery Card Sales
- 19 - Wednesday, 7PM General Meeting (Coffee & Donuts)
- 29 – Saturday, 10AM – Noon, Food Collection/Grocery Card Sales

November 2022

- 3 – Thursday, CWL/Knights Memorial Mass, 7PM in the Main Church
- 6 – Sunday, Pancake Breakfast after 9AM and 11AM masses
- 7 – Monday, 5:30 PM Executive Meeting
- 12 – Saturday, 10AM – Noon, Food Collection/Grocery Card Sales
- 16 - Wednesday, 7PM General Meeting (Coffee & Donuts)
- 26 – Saturday, 10AM – Noon, Food Collection/Grocery Card Sales

December 2022

- 3 – Sunday, Pancake Breakfast after 9AM and 11AM masses
- 5 – Monday, 5:30 PM Executive Meeting
- 21 - Wednesday, 7PM General Meeting (Coffee & Donuts)
- 24 – Saturday, 10AM – Noon, Food Collection/Grocery Card Sales

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Food Drives – Grocery Gift Cards

Food Drives and Grocery Gift Card sales continue every second Saturday from 10AM until Noon in the Parish Hall.

Thank-you to everyone who supports the Drive and Grocery Gift Card sales



After expenses we raised **\$851** for
St. Albert Victim Services at the October 2nd
Pancake Breakfast.



At the November 6th Pancake Breakfast we
will be raising funds for:



A message from Br. Kevin Paish...

Blessed Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus 140 years ago with two purposes in mind: to strengthen men in their faith and to provide for the widow and orphan if the breadwinner died or could not work. Our Order continues his mission today. That two-pronged approach to the young Catholic men of New Haven, Connecticut was important then and even though much has changed in our society since 1882, I believe that approach is important now. I am honored and blessed to be a part of continuing that mission.

While we work together to strengthen our brother Knights in their faith, I am able to work to secure the future for those who are left behind. For those who know me and the indispensable work I do for our members, you already have a good idea of how I do that work. But I'd like to take a minute to explain my approach.

My approach is to help members solve problems. The most important thing I can do for you is listen: listen to what you want to accomplish, listen to what keeps you up at night, listen to the plans you have for you and your family's future. And the first step is to take stock of where a family is at the present...a snapshot of this time in your life. The Order has equipped me with a financial needs analysis platform to help you take that snapshot. We plug in the numbers and it does the calculations, taking any bias out of the process.

If your analysis shows there are gaps, we can discuss how to fill those gaps. We have a wide range of life insurance products that can be tailored to your needs if that is where the gap is. We have fixed rate annuities that are designed for retirement savings. Long-term care insurance and disability income insurance can provide peace of mind for the unexpected that life throws at us.

Stepping back and taking stock is not a difficult process and I try to make it as easy as possible. I can meet with you face to face or if you prefer, we can meet virtually. My goal is to fulfill Fr. McGivney's mission of taking care of every member and his family in this council. But I want to further his legacy and offer membership to every man eligible in the parish. His goal was to protect Catholic families...that's my goal, too.

Vivat Jesus!

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**+ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL 4742
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MASS & DINNER**

Saturday, January 7th, 2023

Mass at 5:00 p.m. in Main Church

Reception from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Dinner at 6:45 p.m.

Social time after dinner.

Star of the North Retreat Centre

**Tickets go on sale in
December!**



Start 2023 with a Party!
Tickets just \$35 each or \$70/couple

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Keep in your prayers our Brothers Charlie McGregor, Joe Radosh, Moe Douville, and Fred Esslinger.

We have returned to visiting our fellow Brothers who are ill and in continuing care. Please call Br. Tony Csilics at (780) 458-0065 if you are aware of a Knight who is ill or who has passed away.