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# The Beacon

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## Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,

*"For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away."* Matt 25:29

The bible study group recently went over this part of Matthew and it seemed quite the bitter pill to swallow. But in the context in which it's written – the parable of the talents – it's easier to begin to understand.

Everyone, by the grace of God, is given talents – and I mean that both in the original meaning (money) and the modern day meaning. Some talents are easier to recognize in ourselves and others, some talents are not so obvious, but nonetheless important. We are meant to share those talents, not keep them to ourselves.

I've been thinking about this in the context of Mentorship. I joke that I conned my way into becoming the mentee of Br. Rick Leblanc who is quite talented in woodworking (among other things). But in truth he has become a mentor to me and for that I'm very grateful.

But it's also got me thinking about the many talents (and wisdom) that our older Brother Knights have to offer and that I'd like to make every effort in 'conning' you into becoming our (everyone's) mentors.

By that I mean we need you to invest your talents in your Brothers by means of your presence, your input, and your wisdom.

Practically – especially in the light of 2 years of the big hiatus, we are losing the collective memory of the good works that the knights have done in the past. We need to recover that. We need the wisdom of the past.

All of us knights, of all ages, need to share of ourselves.

Fr. Ed recently spoke about sharing – in this instance Love. He mentions that there are two parts to the equation. The giving and the receiving. It must be said that we men often excel in giving, not so much in receiving.

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So I ask you all to keep this in mind in this season of giving and preparation; look for opportunities to share your talents, your wisdom and your love, but also look for opportunities that allow others to share. Ask God to soften your hearts so as to be able to receive.

Unless we receive, others cannot give.

As the parable states, as you share you will receive in abundance!

On another note; I wrote recently on challenging myself and my Brothers to perform corporal works of mercy. I dare say it isn't a coincidence that we have been given the opportunity to assist in burying our dead. I would like to thank those brothers again who volunteered to act as pallbearers for the Grey Nuns (Sisters of Charity of Montreal) and I thank the Sisters for the opportunity to serve.

In Christ through Mary and Joseph,

***Brother Brent Heit - Grand Knight, Council #4742***

## Chaplain's Corner

**B**rothers,

In praise of the family.

From my earliest memory as a child the big question I wished to ask God, if I was ever to see God was: Why in order for me to have life had I to depend on the free choice of two people, my parents?

The question stayed with me for very many years. Perhaps it was as an adult within a discussion of the source of self-esteem I came to this awareness: my parents were indeed essential for me to have life but I was human as they were and so I must be essential at least for one person in this world and perhaps more. Thus I knew the source of my self-esteem.

Jesus uses the life of families to introduce us to God. Jesus speaks of Father and Son; he gives his mother to be the mother of his disciples, he reminds us of the importance of what a child understands (Matt: 18:2-4). All the great spiritual realities; love, trust, hope, justice, courage, moderation, and the golden rule etc. can find their basic understanding in family life.

The Knights of Columbus were founded to support families including financial support for families. May all who set out to build a family with all its trials and joys know the support of the God who came among us as a child in the family of Joseph and Mary.

***Father ED, OMI***

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **December 2022**

- 4 – Sunday, Pancake Breakfast after 9AM and 11AM masses
- 5 – Monday, 5:30 PM Executive Meeting
- 10 – Saturday, 10AM – Noon, Food Collection (for St. Albert Food Bank) and Grocery Card Sales
- 21 - Wednesday, 7PM General Meeting (Coffee & Donuts)
- 31 – Saturday, 10AM – Noon, Food Collection (for Lac Ste Anne) and Grocery Card Sales

## **January 2023**

- 7 – Saturday, Starlight Mass & Dinner after 5PM mass at Star of the North Retreat Centre
- 8 – Sunday, Pancake Breakfast after 9AM and 11AM masses
- 9 – Monday, 5:30 PM Executive Meeting (note 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday for this month only)
- 14 – Saturday, 10AM – Noon, Food Collection (for Sacred Heart Parish) and Grocery Card Sales
- 18 - Wednesday, 7PM General Meeting (Coffee & Donuts)
- 31 – Saturday, 10AM – Noon, Food Collection (for St. Albert Food Bank) and Grocery Card Sales

## **February 2023**

- 5 – Sunday, Pancake Breakfast after 9AM and 11AM masses
- 6 – Monday, 5:30 PM Executive Meeting
- 11 – Saturday, 10AM – Noon, Food Collection (for Lac Ste. Anne) and Grocery Card Sales
- 15 - Wednesday, 7PM General Meeting (Coffee & Donuts)
- 28 – Saturday, 10AM – Noon, Food Collection (for Sacred Heart Parish) and Grocery Card Sales

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**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 & Grocery Gift Card sales**



Knights of Columbus Council #4742 wishes to acknowledge all the support we have received over the years from our Brother Knights, their families, and Parishioners in establishing the monthly Pancake Breakfast as perhaps the most successful monthly “Gathering Event” at St. Albert Parish. This month we would like to recognize two Brother Knights that have recently stepped away from working at the Pancake Breakfast after too many years to remember...



*Br. Danny Boisvert and Br. Bob Pampu*

## Blast from the Past, Pancake Breakfast in 1984...



*Not much has changed, except we now use a deep fryer and not electric frying pans to cook our delicious sausages!*

### **Rides to our Monthly General and Executive Meetings**

Further to our Grand Knight's appeal for Brother Knights within our Council to “*look for opportunities to share your talents*”, we are asking any and all Br. Knights that are able to assist with giving rides to Brothers that are no longer able to drive to these meetings to put your name forward to assist with this worthy cause. And also, any Knight that wishes to attend the meetings but is not able to get to the meetings on their own, to please forward their name to our Deputy Grand Knight, Br. Marc Lambertus (587)982-3557 or by email at; [lambertusm@shaw.ca](mailto:lambertusm@shaw.ca)



After expenses we raised **\$1,025** for the Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples at the December 4<sup>th</sup> Pancake Breakfast.

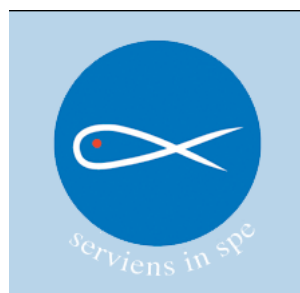


At the January 8<sup>th</sup> Pancake Breakfast, we will be raising funds for:

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

EDMONTON AREA

Serving Christ by Providing Assistance to People in Need



## Photos for recent Knights of Columbus Council #4742 events ...



*Fr. Jack was our Guest Speaker at the November Monthly General Meeting*



*"Coats for Kids" presentation to Br. Evan Holstein (second from left), Principal for École Father Jan.*



*"Coats for Kids" presentation to Michelle Belanger (third from left) at Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples*



*Santa and children at the December 4<sup>th</sup> Pancake Breakfast*



*Santa helpful "Elves" at the December 4<sup>th</sup> Pancake Breakfast*



*A "Heit Family Affair" at the December 4<sup>th</sup> Pancake Breakfast*



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

**Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 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**

Did you miss buying your tickets at the last Pancake Breakfast and are worried you might not have another chance to get them? Don't fret, you have three more chances to buy your tickets in person; at either the December 10<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup> Food Drives or at the December 21<sup>st</sup> Monthly General Meeting. We have no less than four (4) options for you when paying in person;

1. Cash
2. Debit Card
3. Credit Card
4. E-transfer

Still not able to make it out to any of those dates. Well now you don't even need to leave your home to buy your tickets! You can simply E-transfer (for Interac Autodeposit) the money to; [kofc4742@gmail.com](mailto:kofc4742@gmail.com) and put "Starlight" in the subject line. Easy/Peasy. And you don't ever need a security question for this transaction.

And lastly, you can always reserve tickets by contacting Br. Terry Sperling at 780-459-5479 or by email at [st.sperling@telus.net](mailto:st.sperling@telus.net).



## Council Meeting Message – December 2022

Merry Christmas! To all my brothers and their families, I extend my very best wishes for a merry and a blessed Christmas. As we are celebrating the Christmas season, we give thanks that God sent his Only Begotten Son to live among us and save us! That gift from the Father sets the stage for our giving gifts at Christmas.

It seems we say it every year: “It’s Christmas; where did the year go?” Seems like a good time to look back on the year and note all the gifts given by you and our members worldwide. As Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly mentioned in his annual report this year in Nashville, Tennessee, we have much to be thankful for and much more work ahead of us.

Consider these gifts that SK Kelly mentioned. The Order gave more than \$154 million and more than 48 million hours of volunteer service. But those are the big totals. Look at these specifics: we gave the gift of warmth to more than 150,000 children through the Coats for Kids campaign. We gave 8,891 physically challenged individuals the gift of mobility this year through our wheelchair program. We raised more than \$19 million for Ukraine support and gave those families the gift of respite at Mercy Centers and Easter packages. RSVP gave the gift of financial support to nearly 5,900 seminarians or postulants. And we had more than 450,000 members give the gift of life through donating blood.

These are gifts that change lives. Real people, real individuals benefited from these gifts.

As I consider Christmas I think of the gift of support and encouragement that you have given me. I appreciate the opportunity to work with you and your families this past year and I look forward to a new year and renewing connections with you.

**Again, a very Merry and Blessed Christmas!**

Vivat Jesus!

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**From the desk of our Worthy Financial Secretary,  
Br. Tony Csilics**



### **Membership Dues**

The 2023 Membership Dues for Council #4742 will be mailed out after December 15<sup>th</sup>. Please consider using e-transfer to pay for your membership. Please use the following email address for e-transfers to Council #4742: [kofc4742@gmail.com](mailto:kofc4742@gmail.com)

This email address has been registered for Interac Autodeposit and doesn’t require a security question. Transfers sent to this email address will be deposited directly into the account and cannot be cancelled. Please use “2023 Membership Dues” in the subject line of the email.

### **Changes to your Contact Information**

Please advise the Council of any changes to your mailing address, telephone number, and email address. Simply send an email to; [kofc@stalbertcouncil4742.ca](mailto:kofc@stalbertcouncil4742.ca) with all the particulars.



# Good of the Order



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Keep in your prayers our Brothers Charlie McGregor, Joe Radosh, Liam Connelly, 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.