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Grand Knight's Report

As spring continues to tease us and we say goodbye to the man-making weather (did I mention that I am a lover of winter?), there are new signs of hope all around.

This month the Knights have emerged from our groundhog holes to participate in two great events – I'm not sure why they fell on the same weekend, but don't tell me God doesn't have a sense of humour!

The Starlight Mass and Dinner, organized by Br. Terry Sperling, was a well-attended yet intimate gathering. We had the opportunity to say thank you to our past chaplain Fr. Ed Kosa and the pleasure to meet the seminarian whom we sponsor, Zachariah Black. May God Bless them both. Mass was beautiful and dinner was excellent. Thanks to Br. Terry for organizing and to all those who attended.

That same day we began our recruitment drive weekend. I would like to extend our appreciation to Br. Gregory Amerongen and his team, as well as the tremendous support of our clergy. This combination netted great results, and although I don't have the final count, I understand we've added over ten Catholic gentlemen to our ranks.

I am very excited for the Knights to begin work on our new meeting space below the old sacristy. Keep an eye out for calls for input and help for this exciting project!

In Christ,

Brother Brent Heit - Grand Knight

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Chaplain's Corner

Brothers,

Luke is our companion this year in the gospels of the Sunday Liturgies.

He presents to us in this month of February some of Our Lord's most challenging teachings e.g., "Love your enemies ".

May I note three things:

1st, For those who do not keep the Golden Rule God desires that we work to move beyond the practice of revenge in word and deed.

2nd, In Jesus God gives us grace for this endeavour. Jesus as victim did not return evil for evil. God brought Jesus to fullness of life so that He offered peace to disciples who had deserted Him.

3rd, In God's grace we are often challenged to take the first step in possible reconciliation. We are most fortunate to have companions who struggle with us to be true to the Lord's teaching and who can give us much help in our efforts.

Fr. ED omi. Chaplain



Did you know?

February 17 marks 196 years since Pope Leo XII recognized and approved the Congregation of Oblates of Mary Immaculate!



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

*"Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely
your reward is great in heaven"*

Luke 6:23

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 2022

- 5 - Saturday, Starlight Mass & Dinner
- 5 – Saturday, 10AM – Noon, Food collection at the Church
- 7 – Monday, 7PM, Executive Meeting via Zoom
- 16 – Wednesday, 7PM General Meeting via Zoom
- 19 - Saturday, 10AM – Noon, Food Collection/Grocery Card Sales

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- 16 – Wednesday, 7PM General Meeting
- 19 - Saturday, 10AM – Noon, Food Collection/Grocery Card Sale

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.

Message from your Financial Secretary:

Thank-you Brothers for submitting your 2021 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity information. Our Councils 2021 reported Fraternal Commitment was:	Total visits to sick & bereaved	320
	Total FAITH activities volunteer service hours	634
	Total FAMILY activities volunteer service hours	196
	Total COMMUNITY activities volunteer service hours	550

Please track your 2022 Fraternal Activity and submit at the end of the year – THANK-YOU!

Also, a reminder that your 2022 Membership Dues are now due. For those of you who have already paid, your membership card is on the way (or you have already received it!).

Our Council's regular membership dues are \$50.00 per year and most of this money is used for activities within our Parish. Some of the dues are used for administration and various charities of the Knights of Columbus administered through State and Supreme Councils. These State and Supreme expenses become due upon receipt of their statement, whether or not membership dues have been received. Thus, a timely collection of membership dues lessens the financial burden of our Council.

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

Good of the Order

Keep in your prayers our Brothers Gerry Buccini, Charlie McGregor, Joe Radosh, Roger Lemieux, Moe Douville, Gerry Woodlock, and Fred Esslinger. Also, those who have recently passed away; Brothers Gus Hoffart and Raymond Brunning. Br. Gus who passed away on January 16th and Br. Raymond on the 18th. Br. Gus has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for an amazing 71 years! Brother Raymond was also a long-time Knight for 36 years.

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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.

Photographs from the 2022 Starlight Mass & Dinner



Thank-you to all those that attended. It was an enjoyable evening of socializing and fraternity.

Planning is currently underway for the Wrap-Up Mass & Dinner to be held in early June at the Star of the North Retreat Centre.

Watch the Beacon and Council emails for more news on this event in the not-to-distant future!



DEAR FRIENDS OF THE ERC CHRISTMAS BAG PROGRAM,

Thank you so much for your generous donation to the Edmonton Remand Center Christmas Bag Program. During the Covid pandemic it has been especially important for chaplaincy to reach out to our prisoners in tangible ways that show them the love of God. When an inmate receives a decorated Christmas bag they know they are not forgotten. Your gift made that happen.

Here are a couple of responses from the inmates:

"I just want to thank you and all your volunteers for the Christmas cards and gift bags that have been decorated. I'll pray for you and your families to have good health and a joyous holiday."

"Hello, thank you for all you do for us underserving inmates. I personally love it. I put the Christmas bag taped to my wall. I love the effort in it."

PEACE AND ALL GOOD,

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Get to Know: *Our new Seminarian Zachariah Black*

Zachariah is currently in his 4th year of formation in the seminary, and in his 2nd year of the new Bachelor of Arts program in Catholic Medieval Philosophy.

What are your current course?

My current courses are Latin, Christianity and Literature, Ethics, Patristic Theology, and Ancient and Medieval Philosophy.

Do you have a favourite memory so far from your time in the Seminary?

I wouldn't say I have a favourite memory in the Seminary, I think I have too many to count. But something that's always fun are the end of semester skits we do in our different groups in the seminary. They're usually pretty funny!

Do you know where your pastoral placement will be?

I currently don't know where my pastoral placement and didn't have one last year. But in my first year of Formation, I worked with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and in my second year I worked at the Marian Centre up until COVID hit.

When did you start believing the Priesthood might be for you?

Back at the end of grade 9 I felt that God was pulling the strings of my heart in the direction of the priesthood. I was reluctant at first but not long after I accepted that this might be God's will and have been travelling down this road ever since.

Now I'm still not even halfway through formation, and so anything is possible. Discernment is a huge part of the Seminary and just because I'm in the Seminary doesn't automatically mean I have a vocation to the priesthood.

Ultimately, it's whatever God's will for me is and I've been trying this year to focus on following God's will rather than assuming what it may be.

