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Message from your Grand Knight.

Happy New Year to you and your families.  
Wishing you health and happiness. Take time

to appreciate those that mean so much to us and remember those that have departed this life for their reward.

The next general meeting is scheduled for January 16th in the Grandin Room. We will start the evening at 6PM with a pre-meeting social with pizza and refreshments. Afterwards will be the meeting. Some of the topics will include planning our 60th anniversary, preparing for Blue Sunday and introduction of our newest undertaking "Coats for Kids".

It is imperative that you attend this meeting so that you will not only be aware of the great work done by your fellow Knights for our community and church but also be an active part of organizing and actualizing the plan to help get it done. See you on the 16th.

Vivat Jesus

*Br. Brian Wolbert*

## **Good of the Order**

Keep in your prayers those at the Youville and elsewhere:

William Oshanyk, Ernest Sokolan, Rev. Louis Gendre, Leon Richard and recently departed Jessie Dust, Brother Norm's wife.

We will visit our fellow Brothers who are ill and in continuing care. Some members of our council will visit them, preferably in the mornings. If you are able to participate please contact Br. Brian Wolbert at 780-460-8294 or Br. Tony Csilics 780-458-0065e-mail [kofo@stalbertcouncil4742.ca](mailto:kofo@stalbertcouncil4742.ca).

If you are aware of a Knight who is ill or who passed away please call Br. Tony Csilics.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **January**

- 16 Wednesday, Social with Pizza & Refreshments - 6 PM
- 16 Wednesday, General Meeting - 7 PM

### **February**

- 4 Monday, Executive Meeting - 7 PM
- 20 Wednesday, General Meeting - 7 PM

## **Your Executive!**

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Dear Brother Knight:

There have been times in our country's past when uninformed or prejudiced people questioned whether Catholics could be good citizens or honest public servants. That's why Father McGivney chose the name "Columbus" for our Order – because the discoverer was the Catholic figure from American history most admired and accepted at the time. In fact, from our founding in 1882, until the election of Brother Knight John F. Kennedy in 1960, many still held that Catholics were unfit for public office. Throughout that time, the Knights of Columbus worked to counter such prejudice.

Sadly, it seems that in some quarters, this prejudice remains. First, in 2017 a Notre Dame law professor was deemed unfit for a federal judgeship by a United States Senator who feared that "the dogma lives loudly within you." Now, two more senators have questioned a Brother Knight's fitness for the federal bench precisely because our Order holds firm to the Church's teachings on the sanctity of life and marriage.

Such attacks on the basis of our Catholic faith are hardly new. The Knights of Columbus was formed amid a period of anti-Catholic bigotry. We stood against that then, and we do so now. We have spoken out against persecution around the world for nearly a century. At the same time, here at home we stood against the Ku Klux Klan, including its attempts to ban Catholic education, and we published books on the black and Jewish contributions to American history decades before the Civil Rights movement. More recently, we stood with the Little Sisters of the Poor in their fight for religious liberty and have worked with both the Obama and Trump administrations – and both sides of the aisle in Congress – to help Christians, Yazidis and Shi'a Muslims targeted for genocide by ISIS.

From our very beginning, the Knights of Columbus has been an organization adhering to the teachings of the Catholic Church. As with the Church, our primary motivation in everything is Christ's great commandment, that we love God completely and our neighbor as ourselves.

As the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church explains, "Jesus Christ reveals to us that 'God is love' and He teaches us that 'the fundamental law of human perfection, and consequently of the transformation of the world, is the new commandment of love.

This love impels us to our great charitable endeavors on behalf of those in need. From inner cities in the United States to refugee camps in the Middle East our Order's donations over the last decade – more than one billion dollars and hundreds of millions of hours in volunteer work – are the result of this faith.

These works of charity have practical impacts that transform lives as we help people here at home and around the world. Our charity helped typhoon victims in the Philippines rebuild their lives and livelihoods; it brought prosthetics and rehabilitation to thousands of Haitian youth after the earthquake there; it puts coats on poor, cold children in some of our country's most impoverished neighborhoods each winter; it gives wheelchairs to those who otherwise could not afford them in countries like Vietnam and Mexico; and it provides education, housing and medical care to AIDS orphans in Africa.

This love also motivates us to stand with the Church on the important issues of life and marriage, precisely because the Church's teaching reflects and is based on that love. We stand with our Church because we believe that what our faith teaches is consistent with reason, is timeless and transcends the changing sentiments of any particular time or place.

We do not stand alone.

In his first message to our international convention, Pope Francis asked "each Knight, and every Council, to bear witness to the authentic nature of marriage and the family, the sanctity and inviolable dignity of human life, and the beauty and truth of human sexuality."

And our positions on life are not new. My two predecessors as supreme knight spoke out forcefully to defend the rights of the unborn. In 1973, Supreme Knight John McDevitt wrote that Roe v. Wade was "a mortal blow to all who consider human life sacred." He urged the Order to "to initiate or increase efforts to offset the harmful effects of this lamentable decision."

My immediate predecessor, Virgil Dechant, said in 1977: "With some 1.2 million unborn babies being killed by abortion each year in the United States alone, we are confronted with an outrage against human life paralleled only by the ravages of a bloody war."

Simply put, our positions are now, and have always been, Catholic positions.

We must remember that Article VI of the U. S. Constitution forbids a religious test for public office, and the First Amendment guarantees our free exercise of religion, freedom of association and freedom of speech. Any suggestion that the Order's adherence to the beliefs of the Catholic Church makes a Brother Knight unfit for public office blatantly violates those constitutional guarantees.

Let us continue to express our love of God and neighbor by helping those in need and by standing with our Church, regardless of the popularity of doing so. Let us remember that our "Christian witness is to be considered a fundamental obligation.

Let us also remember that, from our founding, we have embodied the truth that a good Catholic is a good citizen who shows civility and dignity even in the face of prejudice.

As we begin 2019, Dorian and I wish you a new year filled with the joy and wonders of His love. Thank you as well for all the many ways in which you have brought joy into the lives of millions around the world. May the inspiration of our founder prompt us to greater confidence in that love and encourage us to even greater works of charity.

Fraternally,

Carl A. Anderson

Message forwarded to us from WGK Alfred D'Souza of Father Michael Troy, Council No. 15290

Further to last evenings Chapter meeting and our presentation on the Spiritual Retreat Program to be held in Corpus Christi Parish Hall on March 9, 2019; please see attached poster highlighting the five topics that will be presented by Archbishop Emeritus Sylvain Lavoie.

The retreat is open to Knights, their spouses and anyone else who may be interested in attending a day long workshop on Personal Growth, Fullness of Life and a Spirituality for Our Wisdom Years.

Venue:

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Vivat Jesus,

Alfred D'Souza

GK - FMT Council 15290



FACILITATED BY ARCHBISHOP SYLVAIN LAVOIE OMI

# STILL GREEN AND GROWING

A WORKSHOP/RETREAT ON  
PERSONAL GROWTH, FULLNESS  
OF LIFE AND A SPIRITUALITY  
FOR OUR WISDOM YEARS

DISCUSSING FIVE TOPICS

- THE ART OF BEING HUMAN.
- SPIRITUALITY AS A TRANSFORMATIVE POWER
- OPENING TO RECONCILIATION
- GOOD GRIEVING
- AGING GRACIOUSLY AND THE GRACE OF DYING

**SATURDAY MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup> 2019**

IN THE PARISH HALL OF THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF CORPUS CHRISTI

9:00 AM REGISTRATION  
10:00 START  
ENDING WITH AN INVITATION TO 4:30 MASS

PRESENTED BY  
K of C 15290



**WITHOUT LUNCH \$30 WITH LUNCH \$40**



## Oblate Moment - Br. Bernie Hryciw

### The Mature Apostolic Man

As bishop in Marseilles, Eugene de Mazenod was at his full spiritual maturity. An untiring and zealous pastor, solidly anchored in the love of Christ and of the Church. Forgetful of self, he focused all his energies on the task of evangelization entrusted to him, both in Marseilles and beyond. During this time of intense ministry he remained a man of prayer. The Eucharist was his source of inspiration and renewal. He insisted on celebrating Mass daily, sometimes at great inconvenience, particularly while traveling. The Eucharist, his privileged place of identification with Christ was also the space for gathering together friends and members of his religious family. As he himself said, the Eucharist was in fact “their living center of communication”. There he remembered his missionary sons, particularly those far away, and he asked them to do likewise. “While identifying ourselves with Jesus Christ, we shall be at one with him, and by him and in him we shall be at one among ourselves”.

Donation from our council to assist the Doctors and Nurses helping the people in Ecuador



Advent Mass and Supper at the Star of the North - January 5th.  
Pictured at the right is Donald McDonald, charter member of 4742 from 1959. At the bottom left is State Deputy Ron Schuster with his wife Kathy. On the bottom right is State Secretary Ferdie Mendita and his wife Merle.



**January 2019 Meeting**  
**Knights of Columbus Alberta-Northwest Territories**  
**Formation Program-January-2019**

***Opening Prayer***

Lord, teach us to pray:  
“Our Father...”

**The Reading** (To be read by the Leader)

**“Everything is lawful, but not everything is beneficial.  
Everything is lawful but not everything builds up. (1 Cor 10, 23)”**

**“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace, (Numbers 6, 24-26).”** My dear brothers, this beautiful Hebrew blessing imparting sincere wishes for happiness and prosperity is my prayer for you and your loved ones as we enter the year of our Lord 2019. We listened to this Blessing Prayer as part of the First Reading, on January 01, the Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God. We continue our journey of becoming conversant on the morality of the legalized marijuana for recreational purposes. In December 2018 the Holy See facilitated an international conference on Drugs and addictions as obstacles to integral human development. As a preamble to the beginning of this conference, Pope Francis regarding stated: “addictive drugs are a worrisome problem in the world today” which is fueled, not without concessions and compromises on the part of institutions, by a shameful market that crosses national and continental borders, intertwined with organized crime groups and drug trafficking.”

Is marijuana one of these addictive drugs? The jury is split on this issue. Is alcohol addictive? Under the right conditions it certainly is and so are eating, gambling and various other forms of, can we use the word self-gratification. “Marijuana use can lead to the development of a substance use disorder, a medical illness in which the person is unable to stop using even though it is causing health and social problems in their life. Severe substance use disorders are also known as addiction. Research suggests that between 9 and 30 percent of those who use marijuana may develop some degree of marijuana use disorder. People who begin using marijuana before age 18 are four to seven times more likely than adults to develop a marijuana use disorder. **(National Institute on Drug Abuse NIDA June 2018)**” As Catholic men gratification and a joyful living of our lives results from the good we do in our families and our greater communities. Our Lord created the virtue of charity is such a way that when we serve the other, when we care for the other, often we feel that perhaps we have received more than we have given. Having said this, the consumption of any mind-altering drug, (yes alcohol is also a drug) has the ability to change our perspective on and perception of reality, or to provide one with a feeling of euphoria (feeling of well-being) regardless whether the situation at hand is a good situation or not. To consume alcohol at a gathering of friends and family is not a bad thing. In moderation the feeling of well-being might be heightened by the addition of alcohol. To consume alcohol after experiencing devastating news, the death of a loved one for instance, will also have the tendency to heighten our emotions and therefore potentially our reaction to the news. Our sudden devastation at this bad news can potentially be magnified in a negative way, by the use of alcohol. Marijuana is no different, in that it alters our perception of the reality that we are engaged in. There is a corny but apt expression used in the AA world. Reality is for people that can’t handle drugs and alcohol. Yes, I do find that expression very amusing and very true.

Please bring a copy of this reading to the next regular meeting so that you can more fully participate in the  
reading, meditation and prayers.

## The Reflection

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*(Recited by all)*

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“Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

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