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The Beacon

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EASTER SUNDAY

UPCOMING EVENTS

March



- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 20 Spring Begins
- 21 Wednesday, General Meeting - 7 PM

April

- 1 Monday, Executive Meeting - 7 PM
- 17 Wednesday, General Meeting - 7 PM
- 19 Good Friday
- 21 Easter Sunday

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Sunday*

Good of the Order

Keep in your prayers those at the Youville and elsewhere:
William Oshanyk, Ernest Sokolan, Rev. Louis Gendre, Leon Richard, Philipe (Phil) Dumontier, Paul Yurkiw, Noel O'Sullivan, Marc Lambertus, and Alex Csilics.

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 780-458-0065 e-mail kofc@stalbertcouncil4742.ca.

Message from your Grand Knight. March 2019

The Lenten season has begun, and it is a time we look at how we may improve and express penance. This is also a time to look at how we may increase our activities in the council. If you are a newer knight or have never upgraded your membership to third degree now is a good time to consider that.

There are opportunities made available on a regular basis to attend sessions that will allow you to upgrade your degree. Updating your degree offers a further understanding in the membership and what the order has to offer, and one of these is the ability to become involved in the Executive.

Gaining experience by becoming an executive member is not as difficult as it may seem on the surface because the Club has members who have a lot of experience you can fall back on. If you are interested in further information, please feel free to contact Br. Kevin Paish or any member of the executive.

A special thanks to those who have supported various functions so far this year, Two of which are the grocery card program and the pancake breakfast.

This year is our Council's 60th Anniversary. You will see advertisements for various activities such as the end of the year celebration, which this year will replace the year end barbeque in June. It is best to get these tickets when they become available because they are sold in advance and limited in number. Admission will not be available at the door to the event.

We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming meetings and events.

Vivat Jesus

Br. Brian Wolbert



Very Important Date - Mark your calendars - Saturday June 15 2019, Mass and Banquet.

We are celebrating the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Knights of Columbus St Albert Council 4742 . Formal invitation and information to follow.

Founded February 16, 1959.

We thank our founding members for having the foresight and determination to make this happen.

Oblate Moment — Br. Bernie Hryciw

His Spiritual Horizons

De Mazenod's most basic attitude before humanity is one of trust and faith. Two very solid convictions explain this attitude. First: everything which occurs on earth, on the personal as well as the civil and social level, depends on Divine Providence. Second: God wants all to be saved, and all, both rich and poor, have been purchased by the blood of Christ.



In his pastoral letters, he emphasizes the following points:

- All are called to salvation and holiness. He proposes to the Oblates: "We must strive first of all to lead people to act like human beings, and then like Christians, and finally, we must help them to become saints."
- To remain on the road to sanctity and make progress, Christians should look upon themselves with the eyes of faith. No matter how poor or destitute they might be, in the eyes of faith all are "children of God" "brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ" and "heirs of His eternal kingdom."
- Holiness consists in conversion of heart, fidelity to the law of God and to the inspiration of his grace, in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. To love the Jesus Christ is to love

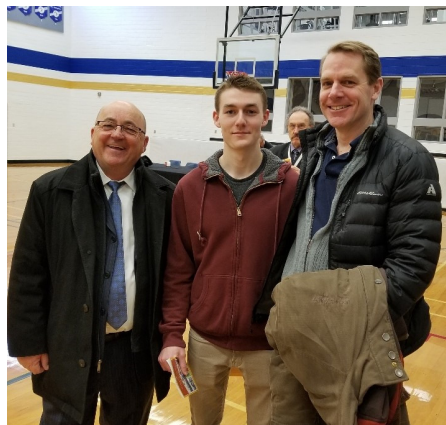
the Church.



Shown above is the presentation of a cheque to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to Br. Ken Gallagher. Father Ed Kosa (on the left), Br. Ken Gallagher (center) and Worthy Grand Knight Brian Wolbert (right).

Thank you to all that helped make the State Council Annual Charities Appeal Raffle a success.

Last year our Council's profits from the raffle was shared by The Edmonton Marion Centre, The Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Hudson's Bay - Churchill Manitoba and Society of St. Vincent de Paul - St. Albert.



We welcome our new Knight, Br. Jasper Heit, shown here with Br. Kevin Paish and Br. Brent Heit.



Pancake Breakfast
On the first Sunday
of the Month.

Have your Breakfast
and meet your
fellow Parishoners

A great time to also buy your Grocery Gift Cards to support the Knights work in the Parish.

Chaplain's Corner

Dear Brothers, I have taken this from a book I read on Lent by Fr. Nicholas Sheehy, and thought it was a good reflection for the season of lent that I wanted to share with you.

Lent is a time to pick a side

What would happen if you lived the next forty days intensely for Christ?

Lent is an important time and planning it out well is worth a shot.

Look back at the last forty days of your life. You can whip out your phone and check out your calendar, or you can take a few moments to think back and see your life over the course of the last forty days.

What have you done? How much have you lived for Jesus and how much have you lived for yourself?

Lent commemorates the forty days Jesus was fasting and praying in the desert. Who else was in the desert? The Devil was there. So this means that we can think of our living of Lent as basically time that we are accompanying Jesus or the Devil. We have to pick sides. Who are you going to choose?

Look back at the last forty days once again. How often have you picked Jesus and how often have you picked the Devil? Be honest straight forward be even brutal with yourself. It's okay. You probably have to admit that you have not been so perfect. Even if you like to identify yourself as a Christ-follower, you have probably had quite a few bumps on the road.

Fr. Ed. Kosa ,omi
Chaplain

All Council members are reminded that 2019 membership fees are now due. If you have an outstanding invoice please send payment to:
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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

Brothers, last month we explored the morality of marijuana in relationship to its legalization for recreational purposes. In a comparative discussion we concluded that though alcohol is only morally (sinful) an issue, when it is abused, with cannabis it is not the excessive use or abuse but the use of it itself. Why? What makes cannabis different than a cold beer? Fr. DeSouza makes another comparative argument, again using alcohol as the comparison.

The Christian tradition has never considered the consumption of alcohol sinful. The Holy Scripture have a long tradition of looking in a positive way on the "fruit of the vine." With that comment we also see that alcohol has been problematic historically in Scripture. As well we see that abstaining from alcohol has been a long and honored tradition in the ancient (Samuel) and the modern world, (John the Baptist). So how and when was the use/abuse of alcohol line drawn in the sand? "The traditional answer was refined during the scholastic period by authorities such as St. Thomas Aquinas. Alcohol consumption becomes immoral when it compromises our reason, that rational faculty which makes us distinctively human, (DeSouza)." The challenge often enough with alcohol is that the line between jovial and upbeat and where our rational faculties go out the window is that the line can be kind of blurry between the two. "When wine or spirits or beer help us to be more convivial, or even help us to relax or appreciate the goodness of creation, they are to the good. When they corrupt us, in reason, in speech, in behavior, drinking is a moral problem, (DeSouza)." I realize Brothers that these observations on alcohol are not new revelation for you, but they help set the stage for the marijuana argument, and drugs in general for that matter.

"Thus, the moral problem with drugs is that they aim directly at compromising the reason, altering the perception of reality and the capacity to think clearly. With marijuana, it is often this hallucinatory effect that is the principal purpose of the use. Drug use is better likened to alcohol abuse, a violation of temperance, not simple alcohol use, (DeSouza)." To summarize Fr.

DeSouza's commentary, alcohol is only immoral (sinful) when it abused to the point where our rational faculties are compromised, which can lead to behaviors that might be quite regrettable and inappropriate. Marijuana use is immoral (sinful) simply in its use, not its abuse, because the pure intent is to escape from the rational faculties that God has blessed us with in order to function as we are called to function, as God's children created in His image and likeness.

The Reflection

(To be read by the Leader)

Up to October 17, 2018 Canadians had civil law and moral law to guide us in the choices we made regarding marijuana. We now have moral law alone to guide us, which as Catholic men should not be much of an issue. This secular world we live in though, sends a clear message and that it is all about me and my own perceived happiness. The message our Lord delivered was straightforward as well. Love God and love one another (Mt. 22, 37-39). Note the disconnect between the two messages.

Finally, I would say there is a tendency in these situations to say, I am only affecting my own life when I abuse alcohol or smoke pot. Brothers make no mistake; when we eliminate the reason and rationale that our Lord has blessed us with, others will suffer the consequences of our decisions. The unfortunate side of this legalization, long term is that we do not know long range social and health effects with any degree of accuracy. Prohibition of alcohol was lifted about one hundred years ago. It will be interesting to see the social, economic and health challenges that will result from legalized recreational marijuana, even a generation from today.

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Meditation Period

(The Leader now invites the members to spend a few moments in silent reflection, as the above text is not meant to be a ready-made answer but a starter for personal reflection on the theme.)

Fraternal Sharing

(The leader now invites the members to share with their Brother Knights any relevant thoughts that came to them during the meditation period.)

Closing Prayer

(Recited by all)

Let us pray:

"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

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