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Dear Brother Knights,

Greetings to you.

Let me take this opportunity to wish you and your dear family a happy and joyous Christmas. I would also like to wish you a healthy, peaceful, filled with God's blessings New Year!

At this time of the year when we look forward to celebrate Christmas with our loved ones, please also take a moment from your busy life to remember and pray for our deceased brother knights and members of their families who have passed away during the past 12 months. Let us also pray for our all brother knights.

On a separate note, what is of particular interest to you and what you would like to do by way of giving back to the community; please reach out to Deputy GK Brent Heit and/or me and let us know which particular area of the council you would like to be a participant and volunteer.

We would love to increase member participation in our monthly general meetings. I believe we are on the right track in trying to achieve this and I am encouraged by your participation in the past few meetings of the new fraternal year. I believe in the way our 1 hour meetings are going: business, spiritual talk, social part. I want to assure you that we look forward to see you every time when we gather. I encourage and sincerely invite you to come to our monthly meetings.

Continued....

Finally, thank you to the Executive Members and Directors for all your great work since assuming office in August. As we enter the New Year and second half of our Fraternal Year, I believe it will be another successful year for our council, perhaps we may achieve Star Council.

Mary, Mother of God, pray for us,  
St. Joseph, pray for us.

Bernie Hryciw  
Grand Knight

Fr. Ignacy Warias, omi  
Pastor, St. Albert Parish



#### Date

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

##### December

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| 14      | Children's Christmas Party - Sacred Heart Church |
| 20 & 21 | Food Hamper Drive - Sacred Heart Church          |
| 24      | Christmas Eve Masses                             |
| 25      | Christmas  |

##### January

|    |  |
|----|--|
| 1  | New Year's Day                                     |
| 4  | Starlight Mass & Dinner - Mass 5PM, Reception 6 PM |
| 6  | Executive Meeting - 7 PM                           |
| 13 | Pancake Breakfast following the 9 and 11 Masses    |
| 15 | January Social- 7 PM                               |



I read this and thought I would share it with you as we gather around our families and friends this Christmas Season

#### Chaplain 's Corner

*We live in a time in the west of great unrest. Anger and polarization are at an all time high, and political parties play into it to fire up their base. The anger in Western Europe is boiling over. Some say Europe is unravelling. Paris, Italy, The United Kingdom, and Germany are in crisis. We aren't far behind.*

*In this climate we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. He brings a sword to separate us from the worldly anger that breeds division and war. He heals the broken hearted, and binds up all their wounds. He makes us His one body, united in His Spirit and ideals.*

*He comes as a child to show us the way to wisdom. He comes vulnerable and weak to show us the way to spiritual power. He comes lowly and poor to show us the way to the wealth of God's kingdom. He is born to die on a cross and rise to show us the way to die to the old way of the old self to lead us to resurrection and new life. He shows us a whole new way.*

*Christmas is also "Christ" and "Mass." Sacramentally the Mass, or the Divine Liturgy, brings the entire Incarnation of the Son of God into the now of every moment of every day. Jesus is no longer a mere memory or symbol. He is no longer a mere theology or word on the pages of scripture alone. He is Incarnation. And that Incarnation is brought into the now of every day every time we celebrate the Mass. Put Christ and the Mass back into your Christmas this year!*

*Let Jesus be your peace this Christmas. Let Him show you a whole new way of living, of thinking, feeling, and speaking. This Christmas draw near to the true Prince of Peace. Then we have something to offer our troubled world.*

Reflection by Michael Talbot

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 4742 STARLIGHT MASS & DINNER

**Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

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 will be available at the back of the church after all Masses starting this Sunday. Over 50% already sold!



**Start 2020 with a Party!**

**Tickets just \$30 each or \$60/couple**

**Win a prize from the Gift Card Tree!**

Volunteers are needed to assist with parking at the church on Christmas Eve for the 5PM and & 7 PM Masses. If you can help please contact Brother Richard Leblanc and advise him which time slot you can assist with. You can sign up for either shift or both. We require 4 people for each shift. Please contact Brother Richard at 587 785-4699 or by email at [rick-l@telus.net](mailto:rick-l@telus.net).

## **Good of the Order**

Keep in your prayers those at the Youville and elsewhere: William Oshanyk, Ernest Sokolan, Rev. Louis Gendre and Leon Richard.

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 Csilies 780-458-0065 e-mail [kofc@stalbertcouncil4742.ca](mailto:kofc@stalbertcouncil4742.ca).

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





## Pancake Breakfast with Santa

*There is no General Meeting in December.*

## January Social - Games Night !!!!!

There will be **NO** General Meeting in January however in place there will be fraternal building with games etc. This is not a closed event and spouses are invited to attend. Br. Terry Sperling is planning this event and will send out more information as the event gets closer. Mark your calendars for January 15th and ---- stay tuned!.

## State Hockey Tournament - Wainwright AB - April 3 - 5

Calling all Hockey players. If you wish to take part in the tournament you should make your wishes known soon. There are a limited number of positions available on the team so contact Br. Shannon Scott ASAP. [Shannon.Scott@forces.gc.ca](mailto:Shannon.Scott@forces.gc.ca)

## Coats for Kids

This year our council purchased 24 new coats for distribution to children needing them. The coats (for both boys and girls ) were distributed to the school district in St Albert and to Sacred Heart Parish.

*Vital Grandin Principal Cheryl LaBuick  
and Br. Evan Holstein*



*Sacred Heart Parish - Father Susai Jesu*



*Rt to Left*

*Bernie Hryciw,  
Father Susai,  
Ron Martineau,  
Al Arendt.*

| <b>Faith in Action</b>   | <b>Responsibility</b> | <b>Date</b>  | <b>Completed</b> |
|--|-----------------------|--------------|------------------|
| <b>Faith - Director Scott Venne</b> <a href="mailto:venne1@shaw.ca">venne1@shaw.ca</a>                         |                       |              |                  |
| Guest Speaker at General Meetings  | Bernie                | Sep - June   |                  |
| Seminarian   | Gerry B               | Jan & June   |                  |
| Grade 4 Bibles   | Bernie                | Sept         | X                |
| OMI Mission  | Bernie                | Oct          | X                |
| Pilgrimage   | Marc L                | Aug          |                  |
| Padre Night  | Bernie                | Oct          | X                |
| Blue Sunday  | Gerry K               | May          |                  |
| Formation Programme  | Bernie                |              | X                |
| Recruitment & Retention  | Kevin P / Gerry B     | ongoing      |                  |
| Membership Drive   | Kevin P               | Oct 27/28    | X                |
| Memorial Mass  | Gerry B               | Oct          | X                |
| Blue Sunday  | Gerry K               | May          |                  |
| <b>Family - Director Terry Sperling</b> <a href="mailto:st.sperling@telus.net">st.sperling@telus.net</a>       |                       |              |                  |
| Keep Christ in Christmas   | Terry                 | over to 2020 |                  |
| Christmas Dinner   | Terry                 | Jan          |                  |
| Archbishop Lori Prayer   |                       | ongoing      |                  |
| Pizza-Pizza, Splash-Splash   | Terry                 |              | with HFP         |
| Fish Fry   | Bernie                | March        | assist           |
| Country Fair   | Terry                 | June         |                  |
| Welcome Back   | Bernie                | Sept         | X                |
| Parish Expo  | Bernie/Marc           | Sept         | X                |
| Christmas Parking  | Richard L             | Dec          |                  |
| Year End BBQ   | Terry                 | June         |                  |
| <b>Community - Director Bernie Hryciw</b> <a href="mailto:bhryciw@telusplanet.net">bhryciw@telusplanet.net</a> |                       |              |                  |
| Pancake Breakfast  | Kevin / Ken           | ongoing      |                  |
| Grocery Gift Cards   | Gerry B               | ongoing      |                  |
| Youth Ministry   | Bernie                | ongoing      |                  |
| Sacred Heart Parish  | Bernie                | ongoing      |                  |
| Coats for Kids   | Kevin P / Evan        | Sep/Oct      | X                |
| St. Vincent de Paul  | Ken                   | ongoing      |                  |
| Phoning Committee  | Gerry B               | ongoing      |                  |
| Religious Education Scholarship  | Bernie                | Oct          | X                |
| Chocolates for Remand Centre   | Gerry B               | Nov          | X                |
| <b>Life - Director Tony Csilics</b> <a href="mailto:tonyjc@telus.net">tonyjc@telus.net</a>                     |                       |              |                  |
| Brothers in Need   | Tony                  | ongoing      |                  |
| Mother's Day Roses   | Brent                 | May          |                  |
| Marian Centre  | Brian                 |              |                  |
| Charities Appeal   | Brian                 | Oct-Feb      |                  |