

The Beacon

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Grand Knights Report

Brother Knights

Indeed we live in very interesting times. Holy Week and especially Easter provide for us and our families, a time to revisit and renew our commitment to God and our church (our faith lives).

In writing for this month's Beacon I am wanting to share and explain our new realities which exist as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. Knights of Columbus have had to adapt and change to these challenges. At the Supreme level, a new program was shared with all councils – Leave No Neighbor Behind. This program based on charity has five pillars (opportunities for us to get involved):

- Support your Brother Knights
- Support your Parish
- Support your Community
- Feed the Hungry
- Participate in Blood Drives

Online Exemplification – on April 16, 2020 at 6pm the Supreme Council will be hosting its first online exemplification to welcome new candidates plus current First and Second Degree Knights to advance to full Knighthood.

State Convention – originally scheduled for April 24-26 in Calgary has been changed to an online format being held on April 9.

Nominations for our Council's 2020/21 fraternal year. Our Nomination Committee of Terry Sperling and Brian Wolbert are recruiting our third degree members to serve on our Executive. Please contact Terry or Brian if you wish to serve in some capacity on our executive. Our election for the next Executive will be held at our May General Meeting (using online technology).

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April Executive Meeting – on April 6 our Executive held its first online meeting using the “ZOOM” program. All members in attendance were impressed with the results from our meeting and thus we are planning our near future meetings to be held using this technology.

April General Meeting – on April 15 at 7pm we will be holding our first General Meeting using the “ZOOM” program. You will be receiving notice/invite for this meeting shortly. If you have issues with this technology please contact me directly.

Just one more thing – our June year-end mass and dinner have been canceled. I am hoping that we might hold this event (in person) in September but rather than a Year End it will be our New Fraternal Year celebration. In closing let us pray for our Deacon Chris – at this time we do not have confirmation if his ordination will be held in June as previously scheduled.

Br. Bernie Hryciw
Worthy Grand Knight

Dear Brothers.

Chaplain's Corner

This Easter is very different from any other in the past, we may be feeling discouraged and hopeless but Christ's victory over death gives us hope that we too will rise from the tomb of this death in which we now live to new life in the days ahead.

In the Paschal sequence will hear the following words: 'Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous; The prince of life, who died, reigns immortal.' This sums up the paradox of the paschal victory over Satan and sin and yes over the coronavirus. Just at the moment when the devil believed that he had won the definitive victory, he lost through his very trap, that of death. This is a paradigm for our Christian hope. When we hear in Romans 5 about Abraham who 'hopes against all hope,' it's when all hope seems to be lost, when we have walked to the end of the plank and there are only the raging waters of the stormy sea beneath us, it is at that very moment where hope becomes victorious, real and takes on its greatest meaning in our lives.

Why is that? It is because once all hope seems to be past and like an impossible dream that we put our full trust in the Lord as our only solution, as our only true hope. Up until that point, we most often put our hope in ourselves. In our lives, when we have felt the most down trodden or beaten, for some amazing reason, it can be at that very moment where life surges anew and our spirits fly out of the abyss just as today we heard, it is when the Prince of life dies that he will reign immortal. What an amazing support for our Christian lives as we battle against the forces of the Coronavirus! What a glimmer of hope in the most precarious moments on our path; through Christ's reign anew, we know that victory is ours and we can thus shout out, "Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen alleluia!" as we run our Christian race and prepare to take the prize.

What an amazing support for our Christian lives as we constantly wage the battle against the forces of evil and sin! What a glimmer of hope in the most precarious moments on our path; through Christ's reign anew, we know that victory is ours and we can thus shout out, "Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen alleluia."

At the dawn of that great day for humanity we, too, are called to live each morning as a great new dawn, a great new victory, a great new invitation to encounter Christ risen, even if we don't understand too much, let our hearts tell us, yes, alleluia, he is risen, he is risen in Jerusalem, he is risen in each one of our hearts, he lives, he reigns, he will ever be with me at my side, calling me to be with him forever.

Fr. Ed Kosa

Good of the Order

Keep in your prayers those at the Youville and elsewhere:

Rev. Louis Gendre, William Oshanyk and Leon Richard;

Ely Estillore's wife Remedios

Richard LeBlanc's mother Therese;

Ray St. Martin's wife Gail, who had surgery.

Father Ed Kosa who had surgery.

Br. Gerry Buccini who is in the hospital.

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.

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



Pancake Breakfast

The Pancake Breakfasts are cancelled pending further notice.

Remember you can still purchase your grocery cards and pay with your credit cards.

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Knight Events!◆

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Our Council's regular membership dues are \$50.00 per year, most of this money 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 on our Council.

Please forward outstanding membership dues as soon as possible.

Br. Tony Csilics, Financial Secretary.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Note - All Masses open to the public are cancelled until notified otherwise.

April 2020

10 - Good Friday

12 - Sunday - EASTER

15 - Wednesday - General Meeting 7PM - **Via Internet**

May 2020

3 - BLUE SUNDAY 11AM Mass - **Cancelled**

Pancake Breakfast following 9AM & 11AM Mass - **Cancelled**

4 - Monday - Executive Meeting - 7PM - **Via Internet**

20 - Wednesday - General Meeting 7PM - **Election of Executive (On-line vote)** - **Via Internet**

June 2020

1 - Monday - Executive Meeting - 7 PM - **Via Internet**

17 - Wednesday - Executive Meeting - 7 PM - **Via Internet**

Our Executive Council has made the decision to unfortunately cancel the June 20th Wrap-up Mass & Barbeque event.

If you are interested in joining the Executive, there are several positions that must be filled. This could be an excellent opportunity for furtherance of your commitment of "In Service to One, in Service to All".

The Knights make a difference in our community and around the world. That wouldn't be possible without the leadership of men like you. Join the Executive and have a stronger voice in "Neighbors helping neighbors, and culture of life, where it's needed most. This is your opportunity to get more involved. Please contact Terry Sperling or Brian Wolbert.