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Grand Knights Report

Brother Knights

Here we are into September already – the start of our new Columbian Year. Hard to imagine all the changes that we have all had to make due to the pandemic. But we Knights are not about to just sit and watch as our world changes because of the “new order”. Our recently completed, August Executive Installation and Planning Session, shows that with God we can survive and thrive.

We started the morning with mass celebrated by our pastor Fr. Ignacy, concluding with the Executive Installation with our District Deputy Br. Gerry Woodlock. What an inspiring ceremony. At the planning session we reviewed our Faith In Action Plan, the Financial Budget and related Council activities. With everyone’s help and support we will have a wonderful year. Please take time to review these documents as they become available and see where you would like to help in our mission.

Our next General Meeting will be held online using ZOOM, on September 16 at 7:00pm. The link to join the meeting will be emailed at a later date. So looking forward to seeing you all again.

I would like to share our Supreme Chaplain’s Monthly Challenge. Please take time to read and reflect.

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” (Gospel for Sept. 6, Mt 18:20)

There is power in numbers. It’s often how we get things done. When men are united by a clear mission, they become a “band of brothers” whose whole is greater than the sum of its parts. And when that mission is given to us by Jesus, we are united in Christ, who directs and

strengthens us to accomplish great things. May we, my brothers, form strong bonds of fraternity founded on Christ as we labor to build up the kingdom of heaven.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to learn more about fraternity by viewing the “Brotherhood” episode of the *Into the Breach* video series produced by the Knights of Columbus. Second, I challenge you to help build bonds of brotherhood in your parish by offering the Faith in Action Into the Breach program.

Questions for Reflection:

Are you willing to “stand in the breach” with your brother Knights and fellow Catholics to serve Christ and defend the faith? Are you a good “brother” to others, forming male friendships marked by shared faith, honesty and accountability to fight the spiritual battle? How can a “band of brothers” ensure that they are gathered in the name of Jesus Christ?

In Christ

Brother Bernie Hryciw

Chaplain's Corner

Dear Brothers:

I read this sometime ago and thought it would be a good reflection as we begin our Columbian year, and our mission as Knights and baptized persons.

Called to Mission

Someone once asked Dom Helder Camara, Archbishop of Recife in Brazil, “Is it hard being a prophet and being a prophet in one’s own country?” Dom Helder replied that the word “prophet” is used in too narrow a sense, as though “the Lord only charged a small number of people with the responsibility of being one. Whereas we all as members of the Church have a prophetic mission.” It’s true isn’t it?

Every person baptized in the baptismal ceremony is anointed a prophet, as was Christ. Each of us is anointed, as Dom Helder puts it, “to lend the Lord’s voice to those who have no voice, to do exactly what Christ, when reading from Isaiah, declared his own personal mission to be, ‘the Lord God has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to open their eyes and set them free.’ This,” he said, “has always been the Church’s mission.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 2020

16 - Thursday - General Meeting via Internet at 7 PM.

26 - Saturday 10-noon - Food Drive at the church.

October 2020

5 - Monday - Executive Meeting - 7 PM - Via Internet

10 - Saturday 10-noon - Food Drive at the church.

17 - Wednesday - General Meeting - 7 PM - Via Internet

24 - Saturday 10-noon - Food Drive at the church.

As noted in the Grand Knight's report, a special KC executive meeting was held at the retreat house on August 29th. The purpose of the meeting was to install the new executive members and plan for the upcoming 2020/21 year. Covid 19 has drastically impacted many of our "Faith in Action" activities. Further information will be disseminated as it becomes known. Included are some of the photos from the session.



Food Drives

The food drives are continuing to support the needs of the Sacred Heart Church and the St. Albert Food Bank. Although the pancake breakfasts are temporally cancelled, you can still purchase your grocery cards at the food drives. The drives will take place every second Saturday at the church between 10 and noon. The next one is Sept 26. If you have any questions please contact:

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Good of the Order

Keep in your prayers those at the Youville and elsewhere:

Rev. Louis Gendre, William Oshanyk and Leon Richard.

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