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Grand Knights Report - May 2015

Welcome Brother Knights,

It is that time of the year again, the kids are almost done school and its almost summer time. It seems that this past year flew by in a blink of an eye. With my first year as Grand Knight almost behind I'm looking forward to the year to come. I'm looking forward to working with many more of my fellow Knights in service to our church.

Many of my fellow Knights have joined long ago and some have joined very recently, but I don't see you at the meetings or helping out at the activities as much as I would like to see, let us never forget our promise of charity and service to our church. I am eternally grateful for the men that come to every event and participate with great vigour and enthusiasm but I fear that some of them are starting to get tired and some have expressed their desire to "pass the torch".

With the elections coming up this month it is great opportunity for all of our Knights to come and show your support for the new executive and also to meet them after the election. We will also be talking about the different Committees that are looking for Knights to fill the roster. Although the executive is only open to 3rd degree Knights the Committees are great way for any knight to show their support. Many of these will only require a few hours a year to fulfill them. I can use Christmas parking as an example, it will only be a few hours on one night. We have many positions that need to be filled and if you have any special talents or ideas we are always open to listen to all the possibilities to improve our council in its service to its members and the Church.

I would ask that all Knights please come to the May general meeting at the very least to listen to our past year in a snap shot. Also if you can't make it but you wish to help in some way please simply call me and we can discuss all the possibilities that will fit your situation the best.

Thank you all my Brother Knights for your generous time and skills

Vivat Jesus,

Grand Knight Council 4742

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The General Meeting on May 20, 2015 is for the purpose of the Election of Officers. Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

May 2015 Meeting

The Sacraments: Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) – Part IX

Opening Prayer

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

The Reading

(To be read by the Leader)

“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ‘And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the holy Spirit. Those whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and those whose sins you retain are retained.”’ (Jn. 20, 22-23)

The Reflection

(To be read by the Leader)

These words, spoken by Jesus to his disciples after his resurrection on Easter Sunday in the upper room were really the commissioning and the institution of this sacrament. Interestingly, Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper just prior to his passion and cross. What does he do immediately upon his resurrection? He gives us the sacrament of forgiveness.

Why do you suppose he would do this as the very first step after his resurrection? Duh...Because we are all in extreme need of the sacrament of forgiveness. We are all in need of being reconciled to God in a variety of ways, shapes and forms. Brothers, make no mistake, we have been “created in God’s image and likeness, (Gen.1, 26).” Therefore, we are created good. We are far more good than anything else, but for clarity, scripture states we are created in His image and likeness. So by the grace of God we are created like Him, but most days we are a galaxy away from being perfect like Him. Hence the need for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The reality of our human condition, from the time of our first parents, is that we have failed to fully live up to God’s loving invitation to be in relationship with Him. When we make selfish choices in our lives, we are placing ourselves before our brothers and sisters. Remembering that love is about the other and not about ourselves, we all fall short of achieving this goal at times. What results when we fail to love the other, is that we are in effect saying **NO** to God’s invitation to be in relationship with Him. When we sin, when we make selfish choices, there comes with these actions an implicit guilt. Guilt that results from our well-formed consciences, us knowing that we have acted or thought contrary to God’s law of love. When we have done wrong there is an inherent need within us for forgiveness.

Think about your children when they were very small. When they got into something they shouldn’t have or they had been fighting with a sibling, they really did not have to tell you, did they. The look on their face often told the story that something was amiss. Brothers, we are no different; we are simply older and we have a lot more practice at hiding it. This does not mean that we are not carrying around a burden, at times, buried deep in our hearts. We feel the wrongness of our acts and this affects the way we interact with others. When I do not feel good about myself because I am feeling bad about a wrong that I have done against my neighbour, this affects my ability to

be in good relationship with my God, with my neighbour and with myself. And you know, the beauty of our Lord and Saviour, being one like us in all things except sin, is that he understands our frailty, our failings and our weakness. He loves us unconditionally in spite of ourselves. “See what love God the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, for indeed that is what we are.” (1 Jn. 3, 1) Our Lord loves us like we love our children. He knows we won’t get it right all the time but he loves us despite our failings. He simply waits for us to come like a repentant child and say, “Lord, I am sorry for what I have done.” His response to us, “I love you and I forgive you.” It does not get better than that brothers.

We may say or we have heard someone say, “I don’t need to go to a priest in the confessional; I can go directly to God.” This is true, particularly with sins which are venial or non-grave in nature. Remember, it is God who forgives sins; the priest’s role is that of mediator for this sacrament. The seal of the confessional is absolute. It is the safest and least judgmental place in the world for you to *bring your dirty laundry*. For sins that are serious in nature, we need to confess them to a priest, receive a penance and absolution. Why? Because you and I are very good at rationalizing things away. When you confess your sins to a priest there is no mistaking and no rationalizing the gravity or lack of gravity of a sin. We name it, it is real and the priest may have some helpful advice in how to deal with a particular area of struggle.

To hear the words of absolution and to know that our God forgives us because of His love for us is truly a beautiful gift that allows us to make a fresh start, in effect to be the love of God for those whom we love. I, a sinner, am very grateful for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I partake in the sacrament on a monthly basis. From month to month I am actually able to keep track of whether I am growing in my faith journey or if I am slipping in a particular area. I love the gift of a fresh start and feeling that loving forgiveness. It truly allows me in a real way to be the love of God for others. Brothers, I encourage you to participate in this sacrament on a regular basis. We all need it and indeed it is a great gift of God’s love for each of us, His children.

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

Grocery Gift Cards

The grocery card project is very successful. It provides a major source of income to our work in the parish. Please remember that we are more dependant on our projects because of the absence of income from Casinos and Bingos. Grocery Cards are available at the back of the Church and at meetings. You may contact Br. Gerry at 780-459-7384 or Br. Frank at 780-459-7941.



Br. Robert Pampu, Br. Danny Boisvert, Br. Gerry Keane, Br. Ray St. Martin, Br. Urban Stang and Br. Moe Douville at the Shrove Pancake Breakfast.

Pancake Breakfasts stop for the summer, but will start up again in the fall.

Thank you for your participation.

Upcoming Events:

May 29 at 7:00 pm—General Meeting,
Council Elections;

June 1 at 7:00 pm—Executive Meeting, Grandin Room;

June 7— Parish Country Fair;

June 12—Council Wrapup BBQ; Mass 6:00 pm;
Dinner 7:00 pm



Blue Sunday Mass

The Blue Sunday Mass was well attended this year and well organized. It was impressive to see the uniformed Police, Emergency, Medical and Military Personnel in a procession with a Fourth Degree Honour Guard. A blessing was given at the end of the mass.

Mothers' Day Roses

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who purchased roses after the masses on Mothers' Day. Through your generosity, \$1,475.75 was donated to the Edmonton Pregnancy Crisis Centre.

Br. Ray St. Martin

Please welcome new transfer in to the club

Fr. Ignacy Warias and Br. Michel Boucher.

Good
of the
Order

Please pray for
Our deceased Brother
Grant Mann,
State Deputy Elect

