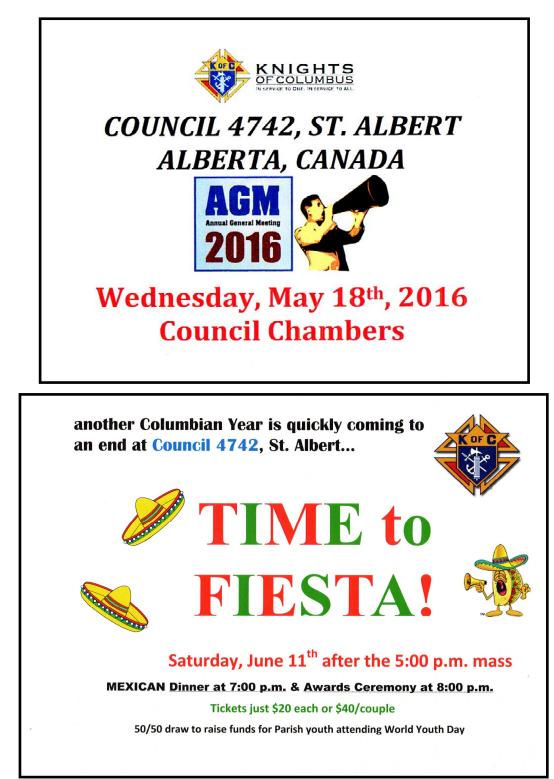


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Grand Knights Report - May 2016

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. I'm looking forward to the year to come and 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 Br. Dan Chauvet

Opening Prayer

Lord, teach us to pray: "Our Father..."

> *The Reading* (*To be read by the Leader*)

Our Principles: Charity-Unity-Fraternity-Patriotism

"So Faith Hope and Love remain, these three, but the greatest of these is love, (1Cor. 13, 13)."

We have spoken at length on the importance of Charity, (a response of love) as our guiding principle within the Knights of Columbus. Last month we focused on the importance of the principle of Unity. As Knights we profess a unity of purpose and direction and particularly a unity of faith. We acknowledged that how live that unity within the Order, our families, our Church and our community will be as unique as we are unique children of God. The third principle of our Order is one that will assist us in a unified response of charity and that of course is the principle of Fraternity. Webster's Universal College Dictionary gives these definitions of fraternity. "An organization of laymen for religious or charitable purposes. Brotherhood." In the same breath we see the definition of fraternal as follows. "Of or befitting a brother; brotherly. Of or being a society of men associated in brotherly union, as for mutual aid or benefit, (Webster's)."

Brothers, when you think of your Brother Knights, do you think of them as brothers? This is what the principle of fraternity calls us to. To think of our Brother Knights in a similar way that we would think of our own blood brothers. For the majority of us, brother is a definition in itself. When we consider the term brotherhood we think of our own families and the love that makes these relationships so important to us. Regarding brotherhood, one of the definitions that Mr. Webster offers us is the following: "The quality of being brotherly. The belief that all people should act with warmth and equality toward one another." All this to say that the principle of Fraternity is understated in its importance and value within the Knights of Columbus. Though fraternal is not a distinctly biblical statement or term, brotherhood is.

The Reflection

(To be read by the Leader)

"In Aramaic, Jesus' mother tongue, there is only one word for sibling or cousin. When the Gospels speak about the 'brothers and sisters' of Jesus, (e.g. In Mark 3, 31-35), they are referring to Jesus' close relatives, (Youcat 81)." Much as we see fraternity as important within the Knights, we see that fraternity can clearly be linked to the brotherhood that was just as essential in the life of Jesus as it is for each of us Catholic gentlemen. One of the concepts I have pushed hard with reference to charity within the Order is that it needs to be part of our worldview. Love is the lens with which we need to gaze at the world around us. In the same way, if our worldview embraces the principle of fraternity/brotherhood when we consider our brothers within the Knights, we come to a sense of quasi-family which for the most part evokes a response of charity that is based on the love we are all called to in all areas of our lives.

In some ways we can view **Fraternity** as the glue that binds our Order and our individual Counsels together in unity and charity. When we view one another with fraternal love there is no limit to what we are capable of doing with and for one another and for our greater world community.

"So Faith Hope and Love remain, these three, but the greatest of these is love, (1Cor. 13, 13)."

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.

The Good News from Our Parish – Blue Sunday, World Youth Day Dinner and Special Mass

Last weekend's Blue Sunday Mass was well attended. Many firefighters, police officers, military members and others in uniform attended this special Mass honouring their service to our community.



At the end of the Mass, Father Ignacy and Father Ed led the blessing as the whole congregation sang and then applauded the work of these wonderful citizens.



Following the celebration, our special guests and their families were treated to a delicious pancake breakfast in the parish hall.

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for another special day on Mission Hill!



Electric Scooter to be Sold

The electric scooter pictured above will be sold. It is used but is in excellent condition. A price will be determined by committee review. Please contact Br. Tony Csilics at 780-458-0065 or e-mail to kofc@stalbertcouncil4742.ca



Grocery Cards.

Please help us to continue with our great projects by purchasing some grocery cards.

To buy cards, call Gerry (780-459-7384) or Frank (780-459-7941).

Event Manager Required

There is an opportunity to become involved in managing the Pancake Breakfast. Ideally if more than one person is involved the task could be shared, each person taking a turn.

The process is documented and training will be provided.

If you are interested please contact Robert Pampu at 780-460-6740.



Good of the Order

Please include in your prayers the following Brothers[who are ill:

- Br. William Oshanyk
- Br. Ernest Sokolan
- Br. Marcel Venne
- Br. Louis Rev. Gendre
- Br. Gerry Hartel
- Br. Leon Richard

At the February Executive meeting a decision was made to visit our fellow Brothers who are in continuous care.

Currently the plan calls for a visit by two or three members of our Council to take place preferably in the mornings.

If you are able to participate please contact Br. Tony Csilics at 780-458-0065 or e-mail to <u>kofc@stalbertcouncil4742.ca</u>