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Grand Knights Report - October 2013

It was another successful Parish Expo held on the last Sunday of September and Council 4742 was able to sign up three candidates as well as one transfer.

At the September General Meeting we discussed numerous ideas for fundraising that will help offset the loss in revenue from no longer participating in Casinos. Two of the ideas were brought to the Parish Council meeting the last week of September and I'm very happy to report that they were accepted into the Parish Event Calendar for the 2013/14 liturgical year. Knights of Columbus Council 4742 will sponsor a St. Patrick's Day event on Friday, March 14th, and the very popular "Thank God for Marriage" Couples Retreat in late May 2014. These two new events will nicely complement our existing events and should be able to bring in the revenue we need to maintain our ongoing commitments and the level of philanthropy Council 4742 has been known for at St. Albert Parish.

To ensure the success of these new events, and our existing events, we first look to the Knights and their family and friends to be the first level of support. With nearly 200 members in our Council there should be no problem selling out each and every event. But as we are a fraternal organization within St. Albert Parish we are looking to share our events with all Parishioners. As such the events will be framed as St. Albert Parish events sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 4742. Success will also be realized when we have the volunteers needed to run these events smoothly. Each event will have an Event Chairman with an appropriate Team of Volunteers necessary to make the event successful. When an Event Chairman taps you on the shoulder to help out, consider doing your part.

Unless you've been hiding under a rock for the last couple of years, you no doubt are seeing St. Albert Parish as a very happenin' parish and the place people want to be. For it's part Council 4742 will use this momentum to build up our current events. This year you will see Pancake Breakfast's with themes at special times of the year (Christmas, Mardi Gras, Easter, ...); for Mardi Gras the Hall will be decked out like you've never seen it before. To make this happen and to encourage Knights and Parishioners to support our events, Parish Council are allowing the Knights to advertise and sell tickets for our Events at the back of the church after all masses. This will be the year we sell out the Mardi Gras weeks BEFORE the event! Father Andrew has also agreed to allow the Knights to sell our Grocery Cards at the back of the church after masses on two Sundays a month. Our first sale will be after the CWL / K of C Sunday on October 20th.

And Lastly, Council 4742 is planning a First Degree Ceremonial to be held prior to the November General Meeting. If you know of any prospective candidates please let myself or Br. Gerry Buccini know and we will approach them regarding joining our Council. We are also contemplating a Major Degree (2nd and 3rd) in the Spring.

I think that's enough for now. As you can see our Council is quite active in St. Albert Parish. Don't be a bystander, jump onboard this fun ship we call the **Knights of Columbus Council 4742!**

Vivat Jesus

Terry Sperling, Grand Knight



October 2013 Meeting Ten Commandments The Second Commandment

Opening Prayer

Lord teach us to pray:
Our Father...

The Reading(to be read by the Leader)

“You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain”

“Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore! (Psalm 113:2)”

Brothers, why is it that God desires for us to keep His name holy? “Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed (holy) be thy name...” When you share your name with another there is a degree of trust expressed in this action. When we tell someone our name, we are revealing part of who we are to that individual. In other words we are opening our hearts and making ourselves somewhat vulnerable to this individual. We are allowing them to know something of who we are.

God has revealed Himself to us through His name. Imagine, the creator of all that was, all that is, and all that will ever be has allowed us in a small way to know Him. The Israelites of the time before Christ would not even call God by His name; they had such reverence for who He is. “God is absolute truth. When someone calls absolute truth by name, but uses it to testify to a lie sins seriously, (Youcat 359).” We know God only because He has entrusted His name to us. He has revealed Himself to us in the fullness of revelation that is another name entrusted to us, Jesus Christ.

The Reflection(to be read by the leader)

As Catholic Gentlemen we acknowledge and believe that all that is good comes from our God. The blessings we enjoy in our lives, our families, our friends, our possessions, in our hearts we know they are gifts of God's unfathomable love for us. Did we do something to deserve these blessings, did we earn them? Perhaps we cooperated with God's grace in attaining them, but the reality is that they are freely given gifts of God's love for us His children. It is not rational then, to curse the one who has blessed us with all that is good. The expression “don't bite the hand that feeds you,” rings very true here. We are for the most part in our lives absolutely blessed with more than we will ever need. Note, our needs may vary dramatically from our wants.

What do we do when we are in dire need?

When a family member is sick or has died. When we feel we are up against a very difficult situation. What do we do? In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen. That's it brothers we

pray. We call God by name and ask for the help that we know that only He is capable of. He has entrusted us with access to His love and intercession by calling upon the three persons, one being of God. It is doubtful or at least very seldom that someone takes the Lord's name in vain because they are in fact angry with God. Most often this expression comes at a moment of frustration or anger at someone or something. To be clear, this does not make it right or acceptable, but most of us have failed in this way. We need to break ourselves of a very ugly habit. Pick a different curse word if necessary but leave our Lord and Saviour out of it, unless it is to thank Him for our blessings. We as Catholic men need to use the Lord's name daily, but only for His providential care, and in thanksgiving.

Reflection Questions

1. Ask yourself, why would I curse using the name of my Creator and the source of all blessings in my life? It does not make rational sense.
2. What steps might I take in order to curb the use of the Lord's name in vain, or inappropriate language in general? God doesn't deserve it and neither do our families and friends.
3. Habits are challenging to break, but it is possible. How can I break myself of the cursing habit that is indeed a curse in my life? (670)

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)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.



Thank you!
Thank you!



Brothers,

Thank-you to everyone that came out today and brought their families to enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast. Both sittings after the 9:00 and 11:00am masses were at capacity! Brother Knights of Council 4742 rallied to support this event in our parish that is very important to our community and the reputation of the Knights. I would especially like to recognize the Brother Knights that came out for the first time to help as well as the Knights that have perhaps not come out as often lately but are making an effort to become involved with the Knights again. St. Albert Parish is a vibrant community and you Brother Knights are a huge part of this vibrancy. Most important were the Brother Knights, their wives, and families that stuck around after the 11:00am sitting to help with the clean-up. We were all done by 1:05pm, which I think is a record. Let's keep this momentum going throughout the year and supporting all of the the Parish Events from now till next summer!

Super promoter, Janet Bailey, and our Pastor, Fr. Andrew, are both very supportive of the Knights and our events. Janet has challenged us to bring the WOW! to our events and when, not if, we do this, we will see our events sellout and our stature in the Parish continue to rise.

Reminder; our next General Meeting is Wednesday, October 16th in our Council Chambers.

And lastly, we will be renovating our Council Chambers in the very near future. We will be looking for Knights to help out with this over a couple of Saturday's hopefully before Christmas.

Thank-you and Vivat Jesus,

Terry Sperling
Grand Knight, Council 4742
Knights of Columbus, St. Albert



Up-coming Events

◆REMEMBER◆
◆Knights support
Knight Events!◆



Bingos at Grandin Mall

Sat., Nov 9

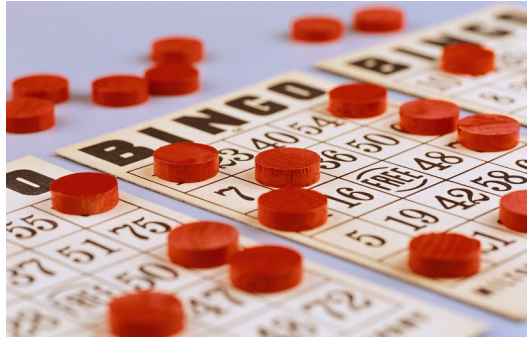
Afternoon 10:45 am start

Thurs., Dec 26

Evening 4:45 start

Sun., Jan., 19

Afternoon 10:45 am start



Do you
wear your
Pin?

Have you
attended
a
meeting lately?

Please come and join
your fellow brothers!



Grocery Cards

Grocery Cards are
available. Please call:

Br. Gerry Buccini at
780-459-7384

or

Br. Frank Polanski at
780-459-7941

Upcoming church/knights events:

- K OF C GENERAL MEETING.
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 16 AT
7:00
- CWL/KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MASSES. Sunday, October 20. 9:00am and 11:00am
masses. Grocery cards will be
available for sale after both
masses.
- HARVEST SUPPER
SATURDAY, OCT. 26 AT
FOLLOWING 5:00 PM
MASS.



PANCAKE BREAKFASTS

Please remember that the first
Sunday of every month is our
Pancake Breakfast. We are in
need of volunteers; with many
hands we make light work!

The Knights of Columbus need you!

We are one of the best Knights councils but
we can always improve. You have already
done the first step by being apart of this great
council, now we need to see you as well!
Please come out and join your fellow brothers
and show your support for our great Parish
and our council at the upcoming events!

