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Your Executive!

Grand Knights Report - September 2014

Welcome Brother Knights

I hope you all had a great and wonderful summer well spent with your families and friends.

A small introduction of myself, my name is Daniel Chauvet and I am your newly elected Grand Knight for council 4742. I am the father of three beautiful children with my wonderful wife Jennifer. I am probably one of the youngest Grand-Knights our council has ever had at my ripe old age of 30 years old.

I am truly excited for the two years that are to come. I Believe I have some great ideas to help with raising funds for the many charities that we support, and great ideas for new projects that are to come. I am blessed to have very strong support from my fellow brother knights as they will be my Mentors for my term of office.

One of the focuses that the knights will be working on this year will be the church community; I look forward to a close working relationship with our new pastor, Parish council, the CWL and the Youth Program. We look forward to many community building events such as the Big Band Night, The Irish Hooly, The pancake breakfast every month, just to name a few. I'm always open to new ideas that will help bring our parish community closer together.

Recruitment will also be a large focus for the knights this year. Many hands make for light work and I would like to see some additional younger and stronger hands to help alleviate the work load. I would like to see additional young fathers joining our ranks as knights, these young men are crucial to the success of the knights going forward. I have a few reasons for wanting young fathers to join our ranks and one of them comes from the very reason the knights came to be. These families need to be protected and taken care of. The age of our parish seems to be getting younger, there are more young families moving into our parish and these are prime candidates for the knights. These young families need to be protected with our insurance and enjoy the other benefits of knighthood.

I look forward to a great year and many more to come.

Vivat Jesus

Daniel Chauvet , Grand Knight

Please bring a copy of this Beacon to the next regular meeting so that you can more fully participate in the readings, meditation and prayers. If you are unable to attend please reflect on the readings in your own way.

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September 2014 Meeting

The Sacraments

Opening Prayer

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

The Reading

(To be read by the Leader)

The Sacraments – Part I

My Worthy Brothers in Christ,

In last year's formation program we took a tour through the Ten Commandments. This year my goal is to walk us through the graces that will assist us more than anything else in living out the Commandments, specifically loving God and loving one another. The graces I refer to come to us from the seven sacraments. The seven sacraments are: Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation, Marriage, Holy Orders and the Sacrament of the Sick. Most of us have participated in at least five of these sacraments at different points in our lives. In fact as Knights of Columbus, Catholic men whose lives revolve in a very real way around the life of the Church, some of these sacraments, specifically Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist are a very regular part of our lives. So what is a sacrament?

“Seated at the right hand of the Father and pouring out the Holy Spirit on his Body which is the Church, Christ now acts through the sacraments He instituted to communicate His grace. The sacraments are perceptible signs (words and actions) accessible to our human nature.” (CCC 1084) Yes, that is a mouthful. In the fifth century St. Augustine defined sacraments in this way. “A sacrament is a visible sign of invisible grace.” Interestingly enough one thousand years later at the Council of Trent, sacraments were reaffirmed to be “outward signs instituted by Christ to give grace.” It is clear to me why we continue to base so much of our theology on the thought and teaching of St. Augustine. He was able to put very complex thoughts into a language that is manageable for us mere mortals.

So if a sacrament is a visible sign of invisible grace, what is grace? “Grace is favour, the free and undeserved help that God gives us to respond to His call to become children of God, adoptive sons, partakers of the divine nature and of eternal life.” (CCC 1996) The Vatican II document, *Dei Verbum*, the Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation

sums up the relationship between the sacraments and grace very well. “The sacraments by God's favour make present to our lives all the mysteries of faith, and confer upon us the saving fruits of these mysteries. The ability to live the Christian life, keeping faithfully the Ten Commandments and the commandments of love, is the fruit of grace. Prayer too is the work of grace, for it is only in the Spirit that we can pray fruitfully, (Rom. 8, 26-27). Moreover, only grace makes it possible for one to live the excellent and demanding ways of Christ, and to find this not burdensome but light and easy, (Mt. 11, 28-30).”

The Reflection

(To be read by the Leader)

Brothers, God's grace is the essence; it is the lifeblood of which we need to live our lives as practical (and I might add holy) Catholic gentlemen. The Sacraments are the most profound source of this necessary grace that we can ever avail ourselves of. We can go to India and join Blessed Mother Theresa's Missionaries of Charity and spend our lives helping the dying in the streets of Calcutta, but we will never receive the grace we need in our lives more richly or profoundly than when we receive the Holy Eucharist or absolution in the sacrament of Reconciliation. The sacraments are the primary source of the grace we need to be holy Catholic men. This is why we need to spend time understanding them to the best of our ability. (587)

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.”

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!

Good
of the Order

Please pray for
the repose of the soul of
Sir Knight David Biollo

GROCERY CARDS

It seemed that many people stopped eating over the summer, as our sales were substantially down. Our September Pancake sales totalled 6000 dollars, not too bad for a new start but still under the normal monthly totals.

Brothers, we need your help! Many of you purchase these cards but there are so many who do not. We remind you that cards are always available. You do not have to wait for the monthly Pancake Breakfast. Call Gerry or Frank and we will arrange to get cards to you.

Remember we Average close to seven thousand dollars a year in profits. Can you imagine what we would make if twenty more parishioners participated? These “new” clients will only be realized with your assistance. Remember our key word: “Networking”! We do need you!

Br. Gerry Buccini

K. of C./C.W.L. SUNDAY

Our first major event of the year occurs on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12th, at both the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses as we participate in Knights of Columbus/Catholic Women’s League Sunday.

This is our opportunity to inform parishioners who we are and the things we do in making our Church and community a better place to live.

We will be seeking various members to serve as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Greeters for both Masses. We share these ministries with the ladies of the CWL as we continue to show the “solidarity” that both organizations practice throughout the year in the many and various functions.

Again, both groups will be celebrated at both Masses, thus enabling members of both organizations to attend whichever Mass they choose.

We do hope to see you all there. A huge turnout, especially noted during the final blessing, is a spectacular sight for non-members and help encourage some of them to join.

Br. Gerry Buccini

FUNDRAISER ACTIVITIES

Once again this year...advance notice...our major fundraisers will be the popular Mardi Gras Dance and the Irish Hooly. Mark your calendars for FEBRUARY 6th and MARCH 13th for two special evenings of fun and frivolity. We will be seeking volunteers to assist with both events. If you have an interest at this time, please contact DGK Gerry.

SPECIAL CHURCH CELEBRATIONS

Following our October Masses (the 12th), we are always proud of our two other major Church Masses: our annual Memorial Mass (November 6th) and our very special Blue Sunday May 3rd. Please mark your calendars once again to join us for these wonderful celebrations.

EXECUTIVE HIGHLIGHTS

At the first Executive Meeting of the year, several items were discussed and will be reviewed at the General Meeting this week:

- **This year's parish "purchase"**
- **Caterers booked for our major activities**
- **K of C Basketball donation in honor of Bernie and Freda Melik**
- **COLUMBIA MAGAZINE submission**
- **Future meeting Guest Speakers**
- **Parish Expo**

Br. Gerry Buccini