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Sights and Sounds

November 4, 2019

For the Month of November

<u><i>Birthdays</i></u>	
	
<i>November 10</i>	<i>Fr. John Zunti</i>
<i>November 17</i>	<i>Adele Longstaff</i>
<i>November 23</i>	<i>Gerry Weinkauff</i>



Wedding Anniversary

November 18 *Diane & Bernard Lepage (30) years*

Fr. Joe Jacek Update:

Fr. Joe and Fr. Nestor will be arriving home this evening, Monday, November 4 at approximately 7:00 pm. Fr. Joe will spend the next few weeks recovering and recuperating at Trinity Manor from his accident in Portugal. We look forward to their arrival home and the many stories that Fr. Joe and Fr. Nestor will have to share with their Oblate Community!



Farewell and Congratulations on Your Retirement Gaetane Paul!

On October 17, 2019 about 30 of us from the Oblate Community gathered to celebrate Gaetane's great work and to wish her a wonderful retirement. We shared stories, enjoyed delicious cake and ice cream, but most of all, we enjoyed celebrating her!





Gaetane, thank you once again for your many years of service and commitment to the Oblates, the SDC Community and OMI Lacombe Canada.

SDC COMMUNITY DAYS – OCTOBER 24TH & 25TH



Thursday, October 24th – 1:30 – 4:30

- *The afternoon began with a hearty welcome to all present, particularly to Fr. Ken Thorson, our new Provincial and to Bro. Harley Mapes – our new Treasurer given by Fr. Mike Dechant, Co-Superior of SDC. We then prayed an opening prayer prepared by JoAnne Chrones (Trinity Manor BOC).*
- *This was followed by Fr. Ken Thorson's extended sharing on his personal experiences, observations and concerns, beginning with August 15, when the new Provincial Council was officially and ceremoniously installed at Sacred Heart – 1st Nations Church in downtown Edmonton.*
- *After a break, there was an extended brain-storming session animated by Sarah Donnelly (Program Director), Martha Fergusson (Events Coordinator) and Brendon Bitz (Director of Queen's House) on the values, vision, mission, objectives and action of Queen's House Retreat & Renewal Centre.*
- *The afternoon concluded with Eucharist presided by Fr. Ken Thorson who also preached. His homily was very insightful and challenging. The Mass was followed by Preprandials, a delicious supper and social which extended into the evening.*

Friday, October 25th – 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

- *After a brief opening prayer led by Fr. Mike Dechant, the morning session began with Corrine Pambrun presenting the Financial Report of SDC.*
- *Following Corrine's report, an outstanding overview of the status of OMI Lacombe's finances and properties was given by our new Treasurer, Bro. Harley Mapes. His presentation was insightful, colorful and delightful seasoned with much humor and wit.*
- *We, the members of SDC are most grateful to both Fr. Ken and Bro. Harley for their brief but heart-felt presence among us and for their evident spirit-filled leadership.*

Submitted by Fr. Paul Fachet

Please join us in a Farewell Celebration for Bro. Don Claerhout

A Mass will be celebrated at St. Vitalis Church in Battleford on Sunday, November 10th, 2019 at 10:30 am. Fr. Bill Stang will preside with Fr. Sebastian (and anyone else who wishes) concelebrating.

A reception and lunch will follow from 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm.

We hope you can join us for fellowship and wishing Bro. Don a fond farewell!



Our next Coffee gathering at Trinity Manor will be on Thursday, November 7th at 3:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!!

Treasurer's Office:

- *Please continue to send in your GST Receipts to the Treasurer's Office in a timely manner.*

***Thank you,
Corrine Pambrun and Fr. Paul Fachet***

Saskatchewan Health Cards

The SDC office is asking all Oblates to please send in their Saskatchewan Health Card Numbers in the event of a health emergency. They will be kept in a confidential file here at the SDC Office. You can either phone Rita at (306-653-6454) or email slcsec@sasktel.net with your number.

***Thank you,
Rita McKaig and Corrine Pambrun***

Queen's House Report:

Our **Annual Gala Dinner** is scheduled for **Thursday, November 21, 2019**. This event is very important for Queen's House; it is a wonderful community builder and the funds that we generate provide a vital source of support for our mission and ministry. Again, details and sponsorships are as follows:

<u>Gala Details</u>		<u>Sponsorship Opportunities</u>	
5:30 pm	Cocktails & Silent Auction	Platinum	\$1000 plus
6:45 pm	Dinner & a short program	Gold	\$500 - \$999
9:00 pm	Greystone Singers	Silver	\$250 - \$499
Tickets are \$125 each and include a \$75 charitable receipt and a raffle ticket. Our raffle prize is a commuter package for 2 people to attend next summer's Ron Rolheiser's Summer Stillness retreat valued at \$430.		Bronze	\$100 - \$249
		Meal Sponsorship	\$2500
		Hors d'oeuvres	\$500
		Entertainment	\$700
		Wine Sponsorship	\$500

We are also conducting a new raffle we call our **Snowball Fling Raffle**. Tickets are on sale now and we have complete details posted on our website. Please check our website or call us for directions and information regarding how best to get involved.

In addition, we have launched our **Roots & Wings Campaign** designed to build on the generous financial support that we are receiving from our Oblate Leadership team. Complete information and campaign details are available on our website or by contacting us as follows:

To discuss sponsorship, silent auction items, event donations, tickets or any other detail, please contact us at Queen's House:

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