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FOR THE FAMILY OF

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING: 1ST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, 7:30 PM

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*** **COMING EVENTS** ***

Mar 26 Lenten Fish Fry
 April 2 Lenten Fish Fry
 April 4 Pancake Breakfast at our Council Hall
 April 6 Business Meeting 7:30
 April 13 First Degree 7:00
 April 16 Note: No Fish Fry on April 16th
 April 19 MCC Meeting 7:30
 April 20 Staff Meeting 7:30
 April 24 Wives Appreciation Dinner 6:00
 April 30 State Convention in Cedar Rapids
 May 1 & 2 State Convention in Cedar Rapids continued
 May 4 Business Meeting 7:30
 May 8 Paint Cemetery Crosses for Sisters of Mercy
 May 11 First Degree 7:30
 May 17 MCC Meeting 7:30
 May 18 Staff Meeting 7:30
 May 21 Fish Fry
 May 30 Family Corporate Communion at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
 June 1 Business Meeting and First Degree at 7:00, Election of Officers during meeting.
 June 6 Pancake Breakfast at our Council Hall
 June 15 Staff Meeting 7:30
 June 21 MCC Meeting 7:30
 June 24,25,26 BBQ Round Up
 June 25 Fish Fry
 June 29 First Degree 7:30

FIRST DEGREE, APRIL 13TH

7:00 PM Candidates Meet
7:30 PM Initiation Begins
Please let the Grand Knight know if you are bringing a candidate. The degree may be canceled if he doesn't know anyone is coming.

BUSINESS MEETINGS: APRIL 6TH AND MAY 4TH

7:15 PM Rosary
7:30 PM Business Meeting

ABBE CENTER DRIVERS [be at the Abbe Center by 8:30 AM]

Only one driver is scheduled. Find a replacement if you can't make it. *Chris Shimon (Phone 398-1528)*

Apr 4 Bob Brown	May 2 Bob Mowry	June 6 Frank Reynolds
Apr 11 Bob Brown	May 9 Frank Reynolds	June 13 Bob Mowry
Apr 18 Bob Brown	May 16 Earl Ernzen	June 20 Tom Richers
Apr 25 Bob Brown	May 23 Steve Wilson	June 27 Bob Rosburg
	May 30 Dick Conrad	

----- **7:00 TO 10:00** ----- **APRIL 4TH BREAKFAST**

Mark Lawrence Cook	Dennis Sullivan	Dale Kueter Cook	Greg Van Gorp
Mike Strabala	Jeff Puffer	Rick Davis	George Roushar
Rick Davis	Tim Funk	Kevin Ballard	Dave Christensen
Dan Arndorfer	Ron O'Toole	Jim Parent	Gene Parker
Dave Van Gorp	Don Klostermann	Chuck Dayton	Greg Webster-Moore

----- **7:00 TO 10:00** ----- **MAY 1ST BREAKFAST**

Mike Antonelli Cook	Robert Schmitt	Duane Beaudry Cook	Dave Draker
Bob Gruenloh	Pat Kappes	Joe Spoden	Vern Hunstad
Mike Beke	John Wendling	Victor Kies	Larry Block
Mark Lukes	Jake Weaver	Jim Martin	Bob Bentz
Steve Determan	Sean Dunkle	Tim Gassmann	Greg Botkin

----- **7:00 TO 10:00** ----- **JUNE 6TH BREAKFAST**

Jim Ickes Cook	Allen Hellman	Dick Conrad Cook	Jim McDonald
Tom Conley	John Schmidt	Jerry Miller	Denny Wheeler
Jeff Pitz	Bill Altenhofen	Mark Hamer	Mark LeFevre
Jason Reis	Eric Wink	Eric Sorenson	Jerry Christensen
John Fox	Gene Schmidt	Tom Banowetz	Mike Alt

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Easter Sunday is a day like no other day in the entire year. It is a day when Christians gather to express their belief in the central mystery of our faith.

St. Paul said it best – "If Christ is not risen our faith is in vain."

We believe that the tomb was empty. We believe that the Risen Lord appeared to his faithful followers on that glorious day. We believe that he will come again to take us with him to our eternal home.

Meanwhile we face the future in the spirit of those early believers, trusting that the Lord will guide us, comfort us, and show us the way! He will not leave us orphans. This is our firm foundation and it all stems from what took place on that first Easter Sunday.

*Happy Easter,
 Rev. Gerald Condon*

HALL RESERVATIONS

Do you know anyone with a wedding coming up? Why not suggest our hall? We are getting many referrals from people who have been to our hall and want to rent it. So it must be a good deal. We have work crews that take care of the wedding party so they may enjoy their day. And our rates are very reasonable. Have them give me a call so they can see our hall and decide.

John Mercil, 377-1664, KC Hall Rental

VOCATIONS

Our council is supporting a seminarian. You can write to him at the address below:

Nils Hernandez
 5400 Roland Ave
 Baltimore, MD 21210

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all members of Council 5390:

Our Council has been really busy this month with the Lenten Fish Fries every Friday night. I want to thank everyone who has been a part of this enormous community service. This type of activity would not be possible without dedicated families who support the Knights of Columbus.

It is a great time to have a Wives Appreciation Dinner so they can relax and let someone else worry about the food preparation. We would like to take this time to honor our members' wives. Please make sure you have a reservation for this event.

The State Knights of Columbus Convention is coming up in Cedar Rapids on April 30th. Our Council is looking for many 3rd degree Knights to join the 4th degree. This is a great opportunity while the Fourth Degree Team is in our area.

Council 5390 will have a First Degree on April 13th. If you know someone who would make a good member, let me know before April 13th.

Gerald Fetzer, Grand Knight

STATE CONVENTION

The Knights of Columbus State Convention will be held in Cedar Rapids on April 30th and May 1st and 2nd. Convention details were published in the March issue of the State K of C news paper *The Knight Today*. They can also be found on the State K of C Web site. You can find a link to the State web site on our Council web site: www.kofc5390.org If you do not have internet access you can contact Grand Knight, Gerald Fetzer (phone 378-1843) for more information. All members are encouraged to attend.

FISH DINNERS

We thank all KC's, wives, and children for their help at the Lenten fish dinners. You have made the dinners a success with your contribution of your time and desserts.

KC and MCC board of directors.

WHAT ARE YOU BUYING?

Sometimes, we can have a wrong impression of what we are spending our hard-earned money for. For example, you don't spend 50¢ to buy a paper; you spend that money to buy news. You don't buy glasses; you buy vision. You don't buy an awning; you buy shade. See what I mean? The same holds true for life insurance. You're not just buying life insurance in case you die.

You buy an education for your children or a life income for your wife or a pension plan for the old man you will eventually be. (It's been said that the difference between an "old man" and an "elderly gentleman" is money!) You buy peace of mind, happiness, and more than a little contentment when you buy life insurance.

Call me today to arrange an appointment. Your future is my first concern.

*John Cunningham, KC Insurance Agent
Phone: 365-0025*

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

The state convention is coming up fast and there is a lot to be done yet. We need to sell the advertising in the convention booklet. If anyone knows someone who might advertise in the booklet, contact myself or Ron Peterson and pickup up an ad contract. When your Grand Knight asks you to help at the convention say yes and come and enjoy the convention. Make sure your council elects two delegates for the convention.

This fraternal year is quickly coming to an end. Election of officers should be held between May 15th and June 15th. Get your nominating committee going and start finding candidates to run for office. The success of your council depends on finding qualified leadership and each person has his own special qualities that can contribute to the success of the council.

We have several councils very close to Star Council status. Let's make that final effort and attain our goal of Star Council. That little extra effort could be the difference in making it or not making it.

Vivat Jesus

Steve Powers, District Deputy

NEW MEMBERS

The following men joined our Council during the past month: Bill Holtz, Ken Cook and Pat Gray. When you see them welcome them to our Council!

PANCAKE BREAKFASTS

Our next Breakfasts are scheduled at our Hall on April 4 and May 2. Come out and join us from 7:30 to 11:30 AM for good food and great fellowship. Bring your friends.

George Schulte, Coordinator

BLOOD DRIVE

April 8th -- Noon To 6 Pm

Mercy Blood Bank will hold a blood drive at Xavier High School on Holy Thursday, April 8th from noon to 6:00 PM. St. Elizabeth's Celebrate Life Committee and Xavier High School together are sponsoring this blood drive.

You must be 17 years old with parental permission or otherwise 18 and over. Please call Gail at 395-7236 for more information and to schedule an appointment. The blood bank needs at least 30 prescheduled donors to hold this drive.

EMAIL ADDRESSES REQUESTED

We are still trying to expand our list of email addresses of our members. We will not send out junk mail, only news that may not be in the *Knight Light*, prayer requests, and time critical information such as the Supreme Council Legislative Alerts. We would like them as soon as possible. Please send your email address to John Mercil at:

jbmmercil@kofc5390.org

If you have a prayer request please send it to John Mercil at the email address above and he will forward it to all Brother Knights on our list.

SPRING HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP

We will hold our Spring Highway Clean-Up on Sunday, April 25, 2004. We will meet at 1:00 pm at the KC sign on Highway 13. The sign is at Burnett Station Road, which is 8 miles north of our Council Hall on Highway 13.

Our two-mile stretch starts at Burnett Station Road and goes to Bunker Hill Road. With 10 to 15 workers it usually takes one to one and half hours to complete the pick-up.

This is a family event so bring your wife and older children. It's a good idea to wear gloves and old shoes. Refreshments will be served in the KC Hall after the clean-up is done. Please respond to this worthwhile community service project.

The rain date for the clean-up is Sunday, May 16, 2004. Please call me if you have any questions.

Larry Block, 447-9641

LENTEN FISH FRY

The public is invited to join us for our Lenten Fish Fries. The last one will be held on Friday, April 2nd. There will **NOT** be a fish fry on Good Friday. The dinner is served from 5:00 PM until 7:30 PM.

COUNCIL 5390 WEB SITE

Our Council now has it own Web Site! Take a look at it. The address is:

www.kofc5390.org

Our thanks go to Ray Kamin who set up the web site and volunteered to be the webmaster for the site. He also donated the site registration and hosting fees. THANKS!

KNIGHT AND FAMILY FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Randy Bries Knight of the month
Michael & Cathleen Beke Family of the month

WIVES APPRECIATION DINNER

All wives and their husbands of Council 5390 are invited to our annual Wives Appreciation Dinner. Mark your calendar for this special evening. It will begin at 6:00 pm on Saturday, April 24th at our Council Hall.

I will have a reservation list you can sign at our next business meeting or you can call me with your reservation before April 15th. We hope to see you there.

Gerald Fetzer, Grand Knight

PAINTING CROSSES AT MT. CALVARY CEMETERY

Council 5390 is looking for volunteers to help paint the crosses on the graves of the sisters from Sisters of Mercy at Mt. Calvary Cemetery on Saturday, May 8th. The Sisters of Mercy are providing the paint and rollers. There are over 200 crosses, which are one foot tall and need our attention. If we had 10-20 Knights the work will go quickly. We plan to start around 8:00 am and work till we are finished. I will have a signup sheet at the next meeting for those who want to volunteer.

Gerald Fetzer, Grand Knight

SUPPORT OF VOCATIONS AWARENESS

The Knights of Columbus has a long tradition of providing financial support to religious vocations through the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) and our Pennies for Heaven campaign.

However, the Knights of Columbus can and should also provide financial support to the promotion of vocations awareness. Thank you to those members who attended the March business meeting and voted to send \$200.00 to Fr Phil Gibbs to be used within the Archdiocesan Office of Vocation Awareness for promoting vocations.

Ken Bauer, Vocations Director

CORPORATE COMMUNION

On the last Sunday of May we will have a Corporate Communion for all the families of our Council. It will be held at the 7:00 am Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Hiawatha. We will have seats reserved. A Knight will be there to show you where we are sitting. There will be coffee, juice and donuts afterwards.

The Family Corporate Communion will signify to the Parish, the strength and presence of the Council within the parish community.

Gerald Fetzer, Grand Knight

MAKING AN IMPACT

*The following is an excerpt from Supreme Knight Carl Anderson's message in Knightline, February 5, 2004 • Vol. 21 • No. 2. The complete article can be view at:
<http://www.kofc.org/officers/leadership/knightline/index.cfm>*

Father Michael J. McGivney founded our Order to act on behalf of others. He united men of faith to respond in charity to families and others in need. Fraternal service and volunteer involvement by Knights, Father McGivney believed, would benefit both the recipient of the charitable act and the Knights who performed those selfless deeds.

The intangible rewards of service are what drive most Knights to get involved in the Church and community. Father McGivney's spiritual genius, however, inspired the founders to establish our fraternal insurance program — a more "tangible" reward or benefit of membership, if you will — for those Knights who choose to protect their families with us.

As Knights who time and again have pledged their solidarity with Pope John Paul II, we are called in a unique way to be in the forefront of efforts to build the civilization of love. We do this best when we live up to the vision of Father McGivney and serve selflessly the Church, our communities, families, brother Knights and youth.

By working hand-in-hand with others in service, we are building a better world, a civilization of love. We must begin to view our charitable and fraternal projects in this manner, and encourage prospective members to view them this way as well. In doing so, they will see that by becoming Knights they can make their own impact on society, help their families and better themselves.