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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** ***

- Oct 23 Council Family Picnic at Don Klostermann's at 6:00 PM
- Oct 31 Corporate Communion St. Joseph Parish at the 9:00 AM Mass
- Nov 2 Meeting moved to November 9th due to the election**
- Nov 5,6,7 KC Men's Retreat-Cedar Falls
- Nov 6 Iowa Football
- Nov 7 Pancake Breakfast at St. Pius
- Nov 9 Business meeting at 7:30**
- Nov 13 Memorial Mass at St. Joseph Parish at 9:00
- Nov 15 MCC meeting 7:30
- Nov 16 Staff meeting 7:30
- Nov 19 Fish Fry
- Nov 18 First Degree Candidates should arrive by 7:30 PM
- Nov 20 Iowa Football
- Nov 21 2nd and 3rd Degree at 5390
- Dec 5 Pancake Breakfast at St. Pius
- Dec 7 Business meeting 7:30
- Dec 12 Children's Christmas Party
- Dec 20 MCC meeting 7:30
- Dec 21 Staff meeting 7:30
- Jan 4 Business Meeting & 1st Degree at 7:00
- Jan 8 Holiday Party
- Jan 17 MCC Meeting at 7:30
- Jan 18 Staff Meeting at 7:30
- Jan 21 Fish Fry
- Jan 23 Winter Party and Soup Supper
- Jan 29 Corporate Communion 5:00 at Elizabeth Ann Seton

**NOTE CHANGE OF DATE OF
 THE BUSINESS MEETING
 NOVEMBER 9TH BUSINESS MEETING**

7:15 PM Rosary
 7:30 PM Business Meeting Begins

FIRST DEGREE ON NOVEMBER 18TH

7:30 PM Candidates Meet
 8:00 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.

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)*

Nov 7 Bob Rosburg	Dec 5 Dick Conrad	Jan 2 Bob Rosburg
Nov 14 Frank Reynolds	Dec 12 Frank Reynolds	Jan 9 Tom Richers
Nov 21 Steve Determan	Dec 19 Mark Barnard	Jan 16 Frank Reynolds
Nov 28 Jay Kacena	Dec 26 Bob Brown	Jan 23 Bob Rosburg
		Jan 30 Bob Schuster

----- **7:00 TO 10:00** ----- **NOVEMBER 7TH BREAKFAST** ----- **10:00 TO 1:00** -----

Mike Antonelli Cook	Bob Gruenloh	Dick Conrad Cook	Jim McDonald
Mike Beke	Mark Lukes	Jerry Miller	Denny Wheeler
Steve Determan	Robert Schmitt	Mark Hamer	Mark LeFevre
Pat Kappes	John Wendling	Eric Sorenson	Jerry Christensen
Jacob Weaver	Sean Dunkle	Tom Banowetz	Mike Alt

----- **7:00 TO 10:00** ----- **DECEMBER 5TH BREAKFAST** ----- **10:00 TO 1:00** -----

Jim Ickes Cook	Alan Hellman	Dale Kueter Cook	Vern Hunstad
Tom Conley	John Schmidt	Steve Phillips	Don Chizek
Jeff Pitz	Bill Altenhofen	Jason Reis	Bill Hoefler
Eric Wink	John Fox	Bill Hebl	Tom Satern
Gene Schmidt	Rick Davis	Martin Litfin	Bob Bentz

----- **7:00 TO 10:00** ----- **JANUARY 2ND BREAKFAST** ----- **10:00 TO 1:00** -----

We will NOT have a breakfast on January 2, 2004 because the St. Pius X Parish Hall is booked for another event.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

I'm sure that at one time or another we have heard somebody make comments such as: "I believe in God, and I believe in Jesus, but I do not believe in the Church."

We need to realize that Jesus established the Church when He commissioned the disciples to spread the Good News of salvation. Through that spreading of the Good News, we receive our Baptism, which brings us into relationship with Jesus and His people. In the commissioning and Baptism, and through the rest of the sacraments we are made the Church. In other words, we are invited to believe in ourselves as members of Jesus. We are His body, the Church. Perhaps at times we might say we do not believe in the Church, for whatever reason. It is only human that there are aspects of the Church with which we do not agree. However, if we look at those aspects from the standpoint that we are the Church, then

we might be able to realize that whatever difference we have with the Church, the Body of Christ, can be an opportunity to get more actively involved to solve together any aspect we can solve or to understand the reason or purpose of those aspects.

We might want to approach the matter with a different attitude such as: "Because I believe in God, I believe in Jesus our savior, and because I believe in Jesus, I believe in the Church, my self, our selves."

Rev. José Luis Comparán

VOCATIONS

Our council is supporting two seminarians. You can write to them at the addresses below:

Gary Mayer	Steve Garner
Vianney House	St Paul Seminary
1235 Mount Loretta Ave	2260 Summit Ave
Dubuque IA 52003-7826	Saint Paul MN 55105-1010

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

I would like to invite all members to our next Council meeting on Tuesday November 9th. We will not have the meeting on the first Tuesday because it is Election Day and our Council Hall is a voting place. Also please remember to vote in this very close election.

Many thanks go out to Bob Buckley and Mike Beke for the fine job they did running the Mentally Handicapped Drive. We collected a total of \$15,608.41 this year. I would also like to thank all the members who donated their time to this great cause.

Next month we will have our annual Memorial Mass at St. Joseph Parish in Marion on Saturday November 13th at 9:00 am. This is a great way to remember our past brothers with the lighting of the candles for each former member.

Many Knights have been putting in extra hours of work this fall with the Lemonade Stand, Mentally Handicapped Drive, Highway Cleanup, Iowa Football Games, Fish Fries, Hall Rentals and the Rose Drive. We would like for you and your families the time to relax at our Fall Family Picnic. It promises to be a great time to relax and enjoy a great meal with the other families of our Council. We will see you there.

Gerald Fetzer, Grand Knight

PANCAKE BREAKFASTS

Our next Breakfasts are scheduled for November 7 and December 5, 2004 at St. Pius Parish Hall. Bring your family and friends to enjoy a delicious breakfast of pancakes, eggs, and sausage. Prices are very reasonable and the proceeds help support our Council in its work. We look forward to seeing you on these Sundays between 7:30 to 11:30 AM.

George Schulte

VOCATIONS SUPPORT

The Council received a donation of \$500.00 from the Knights of Columbus International Camporee with the stipulation that it be used for Vocations. This money has been given to Bob Gross, a second year Theologian for the Archdiocese of Dubuque, who is currently attending St. Meinrad Seminary. He has plans to continue his studies in Rome and has indicated he will use the money for this purpose. You may write to Bob at:

St. Meinrad Seminary
200 Hill Drive
Saint Meinrad, IN 47577

Seminarians Gary Mayer and Steve Garner were each sent \$500.00. The money was sent at the beginning of the school year to help with their expenses.

NEW MEMBERS

We have added six new members to our Council since the last bulletin was printed. Let's all welcome these men when we see them.

Jeffrey J. Songer Steven R. Hess Ted W. Steger
Scott T. Kullander Tony D. Voss Pat M. McDonald

CORPORATE COMMUNION

On the last Sunday of October we have a Corporate Communion for all the families of our Council. It will be held at the 9:00 AM Mass at St. Joseph's Church in Marion. There will be coffee, juice and donuts afterwards in the Church Hall.

The Family Corporate Communion will signify to the parish the strength and the presence of the Council within the parish community. It is a beautiful way to bring our families together in the celebration of our faith. We will have seats reserved. A Knight will be there to show you where we are sitting. See you there.

Gerald Fetzer, Grand Knight

FIRST DEGREE TEAM

The Council's First Degree team is looking for members to backup the regular Degree officers. At times the regulars cannot be at a Degree and we need to be able to call on someone who is prepared to step in.

The parts need to be memorized which makes the ceremony for the new members much more meaningful. If you are interested in this rewarding role of initiating new members into the Knights of Columbus, contact the First Degree Captain, Ron Petersen at 377-2781.

HIGHWAY CLEANUP

We had a beautiful Sunday afternoon, October 10, 2004, for our fall highway cleanup project. We collected eight bags of trash. The workers were: Brad Anstoetter, Dave, Linda, and Jason Albee, Mark Lukes, Chuck Luster, Mark and Mary Lawrence, Harley Haber and Shawn McAleer. Thanks to Shawn for also providing the truck. We all enjoyed cookies and drinks after completing the project. Thank you very much to the work crew. We can always use additional helpers for this project. See you in the spring of 2005.

2005 COUNCIL DUES

I am preparing the annual billing for 2005 Council dues. The \$24.00 total includes \$1.00 for Catholic Advertising (such as in the Sunday Gazette's Parade magazine), \$3.50 per capita for Supreme dues, State assessments of \$1.50 for a Catholic Education Fund, and \$5.50 for per capita dues.

Save yourself and the Council postage by paying your 2005 dues at the November 9th or December 7th meeting. Bills will be mailed around December 15th for those who have not paid by then. Dues can be paid quarterly but most find it more convenient to pay for the whole year at once.

If you want to contribute to our "Pennies for Heaven" fund for vocations, you can add an additional amount to your dues check and make a note that the extra money is for this cause.

*Roger Konzen, Financial Secretary,
2330 McGowan Blvd., Marion, IA 52302*

COUNCIL FALL PICNIC

Council 5390 is planning a great Fall Picnic at the Don Klostermann's Farm located at 120 Alburnett Road, Marion. Their place is easy to find, it is on the east side of Alburnett Rd. just a few hundred feet south of Boyson Rd. intersection.

The Council will provide pork sandwiches, hotdogs, drinks and table service. Please bring a dish or dessert to share and lawn chairs. A roaring bonfire will keep us all warm after the meal. Plan to arrive at 5:30 PM and plan to eat around 6:00 PM

The council would like to know how many adults and children are attending. Please call me (378-1843) if you plan to attend our Fall Family Picnic.

Grand Knight, Gerald Fetzer

WORK CREW REPORTS

St. Pius X Round Table

September 29th wrapped up this year's activities to trim, edge and clean up the grounds around the church, rectory and school. The 12 work sessions were well supported again by an average of 12 Knights working 1 1/2 hours. After the dedication of our renovated facilities in June, we did our best to tidy things up.

Catholic Worker House

Our fall work session on October 14th was supported by 10 hard-working Knights. We painted the upstairs hallway, leveled part of the back yard and sodded it, replaced the shutters on the front of the house and repaired all the smoke detectors. Our next work session will be in the spring.

There are 36 Knights on the rosters to support these 2 projects and their work is appreciated.

These 2 Projects will continue next year and I will coordinate them.

Vern Hunstad, Coordinator

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

IOWA TICKET TAKERS

I want to thank all the people who have helped take tickets so far this year. We have had a nice enjoyable dry season so far. Anyone who is interested in helping take tickets at the Hawkeyes final 2 home games on November 6th and 20th can call Dave Van Gorp at 377-6423 for specifics. Ticket takers must be over the age of 18. You normally get to see 3/4 of the game and you will also be helping the club out.

Dave Van Gorp

KNIGHT AND FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Knight of the Month for September is Mike Beke for the tremendous job he did rounding up site Captains and organizing the Mentally Handicapped Drive.

Family of the month for September is Matt and Vicki Gent for the outstanding effort they gave running the Lemonade Stand at the Swamp Fox Festival for our Council.

MENTALLY HANDICAPPED DRIVE

The 2004 Mentally Handicapped Drive was a huge success. Thanks to everyone's hard work, we were able to increase donations by \$1,228 over the previous year—despite the closure of 2 Econo-Foods locations. Special thanks go out to our site captains: Chris Simon, Roman Schuh, Tom Satern, David House, Dick Conrad, Ray Dufek, Bill Brennan, Mike Blin, Chuck Hammes, Chuck Dayton, Chuck Luster, Tom Meade; and to Lynne Strabala and Bob Buckley for their coordination efforts.

Location	2003	2004
Drug Town Boyson Rd	\$1,303.56	\$1,144.48
Drug Town Marion	\$566.87	\$661.30
Drug Town Blairs.	0.00	\$640.35
Econo-Foods CR	\$921.83	0.00
Econo-Foods Marion	\$616.75	0.00
Fareway Marion	\$822.25	\$988.88
Farmers St. Bank	\$631.83	\$502.90
Hy Vee Lindale	\$1,602.68	\$1,882.36
Hy Vee Marion	\$1,641.01	\$2,198.55
K-Mart	\$1,709.20	\$1,821.18
Wal-Mart	\$1,893.21	\$2,801.47
St. Joseph	\$1,073.19	\$897.56
St. Pius X	\$443.72	\$582.17
St Elizabeth	\$583.05	\$676.28
St. Isidore	\$112.40	\$116.35
Other (see note below)	\$458.20	694.58
Total	\$14,379.75	\$15,608.41

Other: Includes Xavier H.S. football game, and sale of tootsie rolls at cost at the St. Pius X Pancake Breakfast and October K of C meeting.

Mike Beke, MHD Co-Chair

SOCIAL SECURITY

Social Security is a wonderful thing, and you pay up to \$3,000 a year for it. Some folks pay more to FICA then they do in income taxes. But do you know the amount of benefits you will receive under the law?

Social Security benefits are intended to supply a floor of protection for a plan of family security and financial independence in old age. It is important to understand them and how they tie the rest of your financial assets together.

I would be happy to share my knowledge of this topic with you. Call me for an appointment.

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