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February 2005

KNIGHT LIGHT



FOR THE FAMILY OF

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

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

- Jan 29 Corporate Communion 5:00 at Elizabeth Ann Seton
- Feb 1 Business Meeting at 7:30
- Feb 6 Boy Scout sponsored Pancake Breakfast at St. Pius
- Feb 6 Super Bowl Wine and Cheese Party 4:00 PM
- Feb 8 First Degree at 7:30
- Feb 9 Ash Wednesday – Lent begins
- Feb 11 Lenten Fish Fry
- Feb 15 Staff Meeting at 7:30
- Feb 18 Lenten Fish Fry
- Feb 21 MCC Meeting at 7:30
- Feb 25 Lenten Fish Fry
- Mar 1 Business Meeting and First Degree at 7:00
- Mar 4 Lenten Fish Fry
- Mar 5 Dance for Life
- Mar 6 Pancake Breakfast at St. Pius
- Mar 6 2nd and 3rd Degree at 909
- Mar 11 Lenten Fish Fry
- Mar 15 Staff Meeting at 7:30
- Mar 18 Lenten Fish Fry
- Mar 21 MCC Meeting at 7:30
- Mar 27 Easter Sunday
- Apr 3 Pancake Breakfast at St. Pius
- Apr 4 Day of the Unborn Child Mass at St. Joes at 5:00
- Apr 5 Business Meeting at 7:30
- Apr 15 Fish Fry
- Apr 18 MCC Meeting at 7:30
- Apr 19 Staff Meeting at 7:30
- Apr 23 Wives Appreciation Dinner at 6:00

There will NOT be a K of C breakfast in February. The Boy Scouts will be holding their annual breakfast in the St. Pius X hall on February 6th.

FEBRUARY 1ST BUSINESS MEETING
 7:30 PM Business Meeting Begins

FIRST DEGREE ON FEBRUARY 8TH
 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)*

Feb 6 Bob Rosburg	Mar 6 Dick Conrad	Apr 3 Frank Reynolds
Feb 13 Bob Brown	Mar 13 Tom Richers	Apr 10 Bob Rosburg
Feb 20 Jim Grawe	Mar 20 Bob Brown	Apr 17 Frank Reynolds
Feb 27 Mark Barnd	Mar 27 Jay Kacena	Apr 24 Bob Schuster

There will NOT be a Knights of Columbus breakfast in February. Please support the Boy Scouts who will be holding their annual fund raising breakfast in the St. Pius X church hall on February 6th.

----- 7:00 TO 10:00 ----- MARCH 6TH BREAKFAST ----- 10:00 TO 1:00 -----

Steve Powers (cook)	Mike Blin	Bill Casey (cook)	Don Hatfield
Howard Schiffer	Lynn Strabala	Don Goiffon	David House
Dick Enneking	Gene Kline	Clair Thayer	Don Hodge
Dave Van Gorp	Steve Schrader	Kurt Kramer	Matt Gent
Rick Davis	Ray Thys	Robert Lange	Greg Van Gorp
Earl Ernst	Elmer Rolfes	Dave Castelluccio	Fred Gomez

----- 7:00 TO 10:00 ----- APRIL 3RD BREAKFAST ----- 10:00 TO 1:00 -----

Mike Antonelli (cook)	Don Klostermann	Ron Peterson (cook)	Gene Parker
Dave Arndorfer	Jeff Puffer	Chuck Dayton	Ron Digmann
Dennis Sullivan	Don Leonhart	Brian McGlaughlin	Owen Dietrich
Tim Funk	Tony Narmi	Dave Christensen	Chuck Luster
John Stapley	Jeff Songer	Chris Shimon	Dan Feldman
Jacob Weaver	Greg Webster-Moore	George Roushar	Tom Begley

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

EQUIPMENT FOR LOAN

We have the following equipment to loan out – **FREE**:
 Wheelchair — with foot rests
 Wheelchair — without foot rests
 Four portable walkers
 Three sets of crutches
 To borrow any of these items from our Council contact our Warden, Larry Block (phone 447-9641).

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

I would like to invite all members to come to our next business meeting on February 1st. This will be an Open Meeting. If you have any prospective candidates who wants to see what goes on at our meetings this would be a good time to invite them and bring them along with you. Our Council will have a First Degree on February 8th at 7:30 PM. If you have this night free, please plan on attending this First Degree. It should be a good one.

A Family activity I would like to see everyone attend is the Corporate Communion at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Hiawatha on Saturday, January 29th, at 5:00 PM. This is a beautiful church and it will be nice to see our Council's Families all sitting together. We will save you a seat.

As we approach the Lenten season please remember the fish fries that our Council serves to the community. We need your help and attendance at these meals. Bring your family and friends. They will be glad you invited them. Also ask them if they want a Council 5390 Cookbook. My wife has sold several of them at work and to relatives. This is a great fundraiser for our council.

Our annual Wine and Cheese Party will be February 6th at 4:00 pm. We have combined this with the Super Bowl to make it more exciting. We hope to see you there.

*God Bless you,
Gerald Fetzer, Grand Knight*

PANCAKE BREAKFASTS

Remember that February 6th is the Boy Scout breakfast at St. Pius Parish Hall. This is their main fundraiser for the year, so let's show our support. This will also allow you to rest up to cheer your favorite team at the Super Bowl Party at our Hall.

Our regular schedule of breakfasts will resume on March 6.

We are implementing a new system for the worker schedule. If there are any questions or concerns, please let us know. You can contact me at gschulte@mchsi.com or Juergen Bruckner at jmbruckner@mchsi.com.

The attendance numbers for the breakfast have increased dramatically since moving back to St. Pius Hall. December was the highest figure for a regular breakfast. A new record of 318 served will give us even more to aim at in the coming months. Thanks to everyone for all of your efforts.

George Schulte

FIRST DEGREE TEAM

The Council's First Degree team is looking for members to backup the regular Degree officers. At times the regulars can not 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.

KNIGHT AND FAMILY OF THE MONTH

December Knight of the month is Scott Kullander for the outstanding help he has given at the fish fries and pancake breakfasts. Scott is a new member and has made it to many of the meetings and activities our Council provides during the year.

December Family of the Month is BJ and Sally Curtis for the tremendous help they give our Council at our annual Children's Christmas Party. This year Mr. and Mrs. Claus were in fine form and did an excellent job for the children of our Council.

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

The district free throw contest will be held February 20th at St Joe's gym starting at 12:00 noon. Bring all your local contest winners.

There will be a second and third degree on March 6th at the Mount Vernon Road council hall. The candidates need to arrive by 12:30 PM and the degree will start at 1:00 PM. Let's make an effort to get all our First Degree members there so they can be full-fledged Knights.

The Dance for Life will be held March 5, 2005, and will begin at 7:30 PM and run to 11:30 PM. It will be held at the Mount Vernon Road council hall. The address is 810 Vernon Valley Drive SE Cedar Rapids. Your councils will be receiving their tickets very soon. If you have not seen the new council hall now is your chance.

*Vivat Jesus
Steve Powers, District Deputy*

VALENTINE'S DAY

It's that time of the year again! A time to tell your valentine just how much you really do love her. What are you going to get her this year? Flowers? Some candy and a card?

Why don't you get her something that truly shows what she means to you? We are talking about life insurance.

Give her the greatest gift of all, the financial security that she will need when you aren't here any more. Sure, flowers are pretty and smell nice, but there is nothing left when they die. Candy is great, but once Valentine's Day is over it, too, is gone. What is left when you're gone?

Call me for an appointment, so we can make sure there is something left for her.

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

HELP WANTED

We need your help! Some of the people who represent the Knights at the weddings want to move on to other things. We are asking anyone to help us by taking the time to volunteer to be on one of the teams or even better *Captain* it. We have immediate openings. Please contact *Ray Lucas* (393-9063) for details.

WINE AND CHEESE PARTY

Our annual Wine and Cheese Party will be held on Sunday, February 6th at 4:00 PM. All members in good standing and their Significant Better Halves are invited. It's free and your chance to have a good time on the Council. Wine, cheese and snacks will be provided. We will have the new TV turned to the Super Bowl, but that will not be the only entertainment. Join us for an evening of fun, games and friendship.

This is always a popular Council Event. Please come and join the fun.

The Council Staff

NEW MEMBERS

We have added three new members to our Council since the last bulletin was printed. Let's all welcome these men and their families when we see them: Tony May, Jeffrey Simoneau, and Dave Tschudi

CLOTHES FOR AFGHAN ORPHANS

One of our members, David Schick, is stationed in Afghanistan. Our Council collected about 10 boxes of clothes, school supplies etc. for the orphans. He is in town for the next few weeks. He surprised his Mom January 13th when he returned. He told us how much everything is appreciated. He told us how the older kids steal the shoes from the younger ones. At 7500 feet they have cold temperatures and lots of snow. So far there is 28" of snow on the ground. They need shoes, socks and mittens. He is supposed to return home this summer. I am sure we all pray that he does, safely.

John Mercil

COOKBOOKS

Our council cookbook is a wonderful gift for showers, weddings, birthdays and other important occasions. The price is \$15. The books will be available at our fish fries and pancake breakfasts or by calling one of the following.

Eileen Van Gorp	377-6423	Mike Antonelli	373-5550
Linda Albee	377-7876	Chuck Luster	393-1862
Jerry Fetzer	378-1843	Janice Stanek	377-2305

MORE HELP WANTED

Lent is approaching quickly, which means six consecutive weeks of Friday night fish fries. Reinforcements are needed to help our dedicated ladies prepare desserts in our hall kitchen. This involves about 3 hours on Thursday mornings making pies and helping with the cleanup. It is also a fun social time. For more information call Eileen Van Gorp at 377-6423.

HALL RESERVATIONS

Our hall now will cost \$500 for a Saturday function. But for members in good standing, it still is only \$300. And if you are on a work crew, you know we take care of the wedding party.

John Mercil 377-1664, KC Hall Rental

CORPORATE COMMUNION

On the last Saturday in January we will have a Corporate Communion for all the families of the Council. It will be held at the 5:00 Mass at Elizabeth Ann Seton in Hiawatha. We will have seats reserved. A Knight will show you where we are sitting. The Family Corporate Communion will signify to the Parish the strength and presence of the Council within the parish community. We hope to see you there.

Gerald Fetzer, Grand Knight

SANCTITY OF LIFE

The third annual KC "Life is Sacred Day" was held on Sunday, January 16, 2005. The event was covered on KGAN TV who ran a 30 second clip on the 10 PM news. They showed the symbolic funeral procession, the prayer service at St. Ludmila's Church and a segment of an interview with Bill Brennan. Teahen Funeral Home provided the hearse for the symbolic funeral procession. Father Mark Osterhaus was the celebrant and he gave a wonderful homily. He talked about our need to put a face on the aborted children so we can comprehend the reality of abortion. The statistics of 44 million children killed are easy to dismiss. Lud Svoboda led the rosary and Steve Powers was the lector. Dave Albee lined up six 4th degree Knights to lead the prayer service procession. Thanks to all who attended and helped with the preparations.

Bishop Bernard Schmitt, Wheeling-Charleston West Virginia, in his Pastoral Letter, dated October 2004, states "All evils are not equal. Abortion, representing as it does an attack on the most innocent of all human life and the most sacred of all human relationships, is so grave and profound an evil that it calls all men and women of good will to action."

It is not enough to be intellectually opposed to abortion. We are all called to action. Life is Sacred Day is one way to stand up for the defenseless unborn children who are unwanted.

Another way to save lives is to attend the 16th annual, KC-sponsored Dance for Life to support Birthright. This year the dance will be at KC Council 5677, which is located at the corner of Mt. Vernon road, and Highway 13. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$7.50 at the door. Contact Bill Brennan or Jerry Fetzer for your tickets. It's a fun event for the family and a great way to support Birthright.

Building a loving culture of life, Bill Brennan

US CELLULAR CENTER UPDATE

Hello fellow Knights. I apologize for being absent from meetings and articles in this newsletter. Personal and business issues have overwhelmed me in recent months and will probably continue to do so for some time yet. I have not been in contact with U.S. Cellular Center since May 2004. The concessions are under new management. If we wanted to participate again, we would need to sign a new contract. I would be happy to work an event or two each month but would not be able to line up the workers needed. If anyone is interested in handling that portion, please contact me.

Thank you all and God bless you this new year!

Rick Hingtgen 377-8282