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**MAY 2005 KNIGHT LIGHT**  
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**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING: 1ST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, 7:30 PM**

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**\*\*\* COMING EVENTS \*\*\***

Apr 29 - May 1st KC State Convention, Council Bluffs  
 May 1 Pancake Breakfast at St. Pius  
 May 3 Business Meeting at 7:30  
 May 14 Stem Cell Forum, Xavier, 1 p.m.  
 May 16 MCC Meeting at 7:30  
 May 17 Staff Meeting at 7:30  
 May 20 Fish Fry  
 June 5 Corporate Communion at St. Pius at 10:00  
 June 5 Pancake Breakfast at St. Pius  
 June 7 Business Meeting and First Degree at 7:00 and Elections  
 June 17 **\*\*Steak Fry\*\***  
 June 20 MCC Meeting at 7:30  
 June 21 Staff Meeting at 7:30  
 Jul 2 Mortgage-burning Ceremony  
 Jul 3 Pancake Breakfast at St. Pius  
 Jul 5 Business Meeting at 7:30  
 Jul 10 Summer Picnic and Installation of Officers  
 Jul 15 **\*\*Steak Fry\*\***  
 Jul 18 MCC Meeting at 7:30  
 Jul 19 Staff Meeting at 7:30  
 Jul 31 Corporate Communion at St. Joseph at 9:00

<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>MAY 3RD BUSINESS MEETING</b> Business Meeting Begins
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**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 389-1528)*

May 1 J. Dolphin	June 5 T. Richards	July 3 J. McDonald	Aug. 7 B. Rosburg
May 8 P. Kappes	June 12 F. Reynolds	July 10 F. Reynolds	Aug. 14 D. Conrad
May 15 F. Reynolds	June 19 J. Spoon	July 17 J. Day	Aug. 21 B. Schuher
May 22 J. Day	June 26 J. Grawe	July 24 B. Rosburg	Aug. 28 J. Kaloun
May 29 B. Brown		July 31 J. Weaver	

<b>----- 7:00 TO 10:00 -----</b>	<b>MAY 1ST BREAKFAST</b>	<b>----- 10:00 TO 1:00 -----</b>
Scott Kullander (cook)	John Wendling	Duane Beaudry (cook)
Steve Determan	Sean Dunkle	Jim Chaisson
Pat Kappes	Bill Altenhofen	Steve Sawyers
Bob Gruenloh	Eric Wink	Kevin Ballard
Mark Lukes	John Stapely	Conrad Baumler
Robert Schmitt	Gene Schmidt	Victor Kies
		Larry Block
		James Berns
		Steve Hess
		Dennis Henderson
		Robert Bills
		Fritz Geers

<b>----- 7:00 TO 10:00 -----</b>	<b>JUNE 5TH BREAKFAST</b>	<b>----- 10:00 TO 1:00 -----</b>
Mark Lawrence (cook)	John Hubler	Bill Casey (cook)
Alan Hellman	Gary Schmidt	Jim Martin
Tom Conley	Pat Dale	Greg Botkin
John Schmidt	Kevin Evers	Tim Gasmann
Jeff Pitz	Mike Strabala	Jerry Moore
Paul Hubler	Lynn Strabala	Dave Draker
		Dennis Pint
		Joe Spoden
		Ray Dufek
		Mark Hamer
		Eric Sorenson
		Jerry Miller

**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

Greetings to all members of Council 5390. At our next Council Meeting on Tuesday, May 3, we will hold the nomination of officers for the next term, which starts July 1. We will have an Election of Officers at the June business meeting. If you are interested in serving as an officer for our Council, this would be a great time to be nominated. Contact Ray Banowetz at 377-9321 if you are interested in serving in any of these positions. Come to the meeting. We are expecting a good turnout.

The offices up for election are: Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Recorder, Treasure, Advocate, Warden, Inside Guards and Outside Guards.

The MCC is having a BURN THE MORTGAGE PARTY on July 2 and all families of our Council are invited. This will be a catered meal and a good day to relax with many of the families who are members of our Council. Mark your calendar and we will see you there.

*God Bless you,  
Gerald Fetzer, Grand Knight*

## FISH FRIES AND MORE ON FRIDAYS

We will have our regular fish fries on the third Fridays. And, for the summer we will have something else on the First Friday of June, July and August. It may be Steak, Pork or Chicken. We will be informed in our bulletin. Keep your eyes open,

If you are called to help, please step up and help make our council the best.

*John Mercil*

## KNIGHT AND FAMILY OF THE MONTH

The March Knight of the Month is **Mike Antonelli** for all the help he gives our Council. Mike is a great chef and is always creating some delicious baked fish during our Fish Fries. You will also find him cooking pancakes at our Pancake Breakfast at St. Pius or grilling steaks for our summer Steak Fries. Mike attends many of the business meetings and MCC meetings of our Council.

The March Family of the Month is **Robert and Phyllis Lange**. They are very active in our Council and work at many of the Fish Fries and Pancake Breakfasts which are the first Sunday of the Month at St. Pius Church. Robert is also planning to attend the 4th Degree Exemplification at the State Convention in Council Bluffs on April 29th.

## CORPORATE COMMUNION

The date for the Family Corporate Communion at St. Pius has been changed to Sunday, June 5, at the 10 a.m. Mass to coincide with the Pancake Breakfast that morning. We will have seats reserved. A Knight will show you where our group is 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.

*Grand Knight, Gerald Fetzer*

## SANCTITY OF LIFE

The killing of Terri Schiavo by starvation highlights the importance of Advanced Directives regarding future medical care. The National Right To Life organization has available on its web site guidelines for preparing a Will To Live and a blank will that one can use. The information is available for each state at [www.nrlc.org/euthunasia/willtolive/index.html](http://www.nrlc.org/euthunasia/willtolive/index.html).

A Stem Cell and Cloning Educational Forum will be held at Xavier High on Saturday, May 14 from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Dr. Lam will provide a biblical perspective, Dr. Don Nelson will provide a medical perspective and Kim Lehman from Iowa Right To Life will provide a political perspective. Admission is free.

Have you called our two U.S. senators about the filibuster issue yet? The Archdiocese and the U.S. Council of Catholic Bishops are asking all Catholics to contact their senators to end the practice of filibusters for Judicial nominees. U.S. Senators should not require support for Roe v. Wade or any other single issue as a prerequisite for consideration for judicial office. Sen. Grassley's telephone number in Washington, D.C., is 202-224-3744 and Sen. Harkin's telephone number is 202-224-3254.

The Culture of Death is real, merciless and evil. Joyce Morrison, a news correspondent for the Southern Illinois News, reported on March 22, 2005, that a mother was arrested at an abortion clinic for trying to keep her daughter from having an abortion. The mother of the man who allegedly impregnated the 14-year-old girl allegedly took the girl to the clinic. The mother saw her daughter's name and the time she had checked in. The staff told her that she couldn't prove her daughter was there. A medical technician told her, "It's your daughter's right, it's her body. You have no rights." The mother continued to call out her daughter's name and said, "Don't do it." The police were called and the mother was handcuffed and arrested. As she left the clinic, the mother called out "Please, please help me--- my daughter is in there." After the abortion, the clinic staff told the girl, "No one will ever know you were here, we'll bury the records."

*Building a loving culture of life, Bill Brennan*

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Join us for the May pancake breakfast at St. Pius on May 1 from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Enjoy pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, juice, coffee and conviviality!

## 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

## DISTRICT DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

Our fraternal year is rapidly coming to a close. Look and see where you stand compared to the goals you set for the year. Let's make that last effort and close the year with a bang.

It is also time to think about officers for the coming year. You should have your nominating committee working to get candidates for office. Remember each person has his own unique qualities to offer to the council in a leadership roll. As a member when you are asked to fill a position as an officer or director, lend the council your talents and say yes. All officers must be at least a third degree member.

*Vivat Jesus  
Steve Powers, District Deputy*

## INSURANCE

Nobody knows how long they are going to live. That's why it is essential to buy life insurance. With life insurance you can live forever in the eyes of your family.

Right now you have questions: How will they survive without me? What would they do if I were no longer here for them? How would they live? With life insurance all these questions are answered.

There is no need to spend your living years worrying about how your family will cope without you. Let life insurance take the worry out of life so that you can enjoy it.

Call today for an appointment.

*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.

## NEW MEMBERS

We have added five new members to our council since the last bulletin was printed. Let's all welcome these men when you see them: Michael V. Dove, Dennis H. Holdgrafer, William Mulcahey, Sean M. Rice and Mark M. Zittergruen

## 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.

## MCC: MORTGAGE BURNING

It's time for a big Knights of Columbus 5390 family celebration. Mark Saturday, July 2, on your calendar now. Go ahead. We'll wait.

OK. It may not be news hot off the press, but our building as you may already know is debt free. Some time ago the Marion Columbus Club, the official group that administers the property, paid off the bank debt, and late last year we paid off the remaining personal loans that were so graciously given to finance the original construction.

All of this is nothing short of a miracle. Most people expected it would take 10 years at best for us to pay off our debt, but then we must have underestimated ourselves. Hard work by many people allowed us to pay off all loans in about seven years.

Here's some history:

- ❖ The Marion Columbus Club was instituted June 4, 1996, to discuss finding new quarters for Council 5390. By-laws of the organization prohibit the Council per se to own real estate.

- ❖ By April 1997 some members had already made contributions to cover costs associated with the research of property. A number of ideas were reviewed and rejected.

- ❖ On Sept. 30, 1997, MCC purchased 1.1 acres of land for \$60,000 at 5650 Kacena Avenue in Marion.

- ❖ That fall and winter a formal fund drive among members was organized with a goal of \$100,000. The balance of 1998 was spent with the fund drive and drawing up plans. Later Marion and northeast Cedar Rapids merchants were also contacted to support the project.

- ❖ Ground breaking, with prayers conducted by our Chaplain Father Phil Gibbs, was held March 6, 1999.

- ❖ Construction soon followed, financed by member contributions and a \$130,000 loan from Farmers State Bank at the institutional rate of 7.25 percent. The fund drive raised \$83,000.

- ❖ The first event in the new hall was a wedding reception in the summer of 1999.

- ❖ Archbishop Jerome Hanus officiated at dedication ceremonies May 25, 2000.

- ❖ The last of the loans were paid off in November 2004.

For the Marion Columbus Club -- *Ray Lucas, president*

## 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