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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 ***

Dec 3 Pancake Breakfast 7:30 am to 11:30 am at St. Pius
 Dec 5 Business meeting at 7:30 pm
 Dec 10 Children's Christmas Party 4 to 6 pm
 Dec 15 **Note:** No Fish Fry in December
 Dec 18 MCC meeting at 7:30 pm
 Dec 19 Staff meeting at 7:30 pm
 Dec 25 Christmas
 Jan 2 Business meeting at 7:30 pm
 Jan 7 Pancake Breakfast 7:30 am to 11:30 am at St. Pius
 Jan 9 1st Degree – Candidates meet at 7:30 pm, degree starts at 8:00 pm
 Jan 15 MCC meeting at 7:30 pm
 Jan 16 Staff meeting at 7:30 pm
 Jan 19 Fish Fry 5 to 7 pm
 Jan 21 Life is Sacred Day
 Jan 25 Audit Meeting 7:30 pm
 Jan 28 Winter Party and Soup Supper at 2:00 pm
 Feb 4 Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast at St. Pius X
 Feb 6 Business meeting at 7:30 pm
 Feb 16 Fish Fry 5 to 7 pm
 Feb 17 Wine and Cheese Party
 Feb 19 MCC meeting at 7:30 pm
 Feb 20 Staff meeting at 7:30 pm

**DECEMBER 5TH
 BUSINESS MEETING**
 7:15 PM Rosary
 7:30 PM Business meeting

----- 7:00 TO 10:00 -----**DECEMBER 3 BREAKFAST**----- 10:00 TO 1:00 -----

Jerry Christensen (lead)	Mike Beke (lead)	BJ Curtis (lead)	Gerald Fetzer (lead)
Kevin Evers	John Stepanek	Fred Gomez	Dennis Henderson
Marcus Lawrence (cook)	Howard Schiffer	Dale Kueter (cook)	Bill Hoefler
Tony May	Harley Haber	Steve Hess	Bill Hebl
Ted Steger	Dick Enneking	Martin Litfin	Chuck Dayton
Roger Bonlander	Mark Zittergruen	Jim Parent	Gene Parker
Mark Kuehnle	Don Leonhart	Jim McLaughlin	Ron Digmann

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

BJ Curtis (Lead)	Jerry Fetzer (Lead)	Steve Powers (Lead)	Dave Albee (Lead)
Jim Ickes (cook)	Tom Hoffman	Bill Casey (cook)	Steve Phillips
Rick Davis	Ray Thys	Mike Hunstad	Mike Alt
Norb Banowetz	Mike Blin	Mark LeFevre	John Pacha
Lynn Strabala	Elmer Rolfes	Jerry Moore	Dan Goiffon
Earl Ernst	Dave Van Gorp	Don Chizek	Denny Wheeler
Bryan Stonerook	Bill Holtz	Dennis Pint	Bob Bentz

There will NOT be a K of C 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 4th.

VOCATIONS

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

Gary Mayer	Steve Garner
Saint Meinrad Seminary	St Paul Seminary
200 Hill Dr	2260 Summit Ave
Saint Meinrad IN 47577-1301	Saint Paul MN 55105-1010

HALL RESERVATIONS

Our hall costs \$500 for a Saturday function. But for our members it is still only \$300. Call 373-9834 for more information.

EQUIPMENT FOR LOAN

We have the following equipment to loan out – **FREE**: two wheelchairs, four portable walkers and three sets of crutches. To borrow any of these items from our Council contact our Warden, John Pacha (phone 373-1762).

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 366-2707)*

Chris Shimon will be calling to arrange for drivers.

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Our next business meeting will be on December 5th at 7:30 pm. We will say the rosary at 7:10 pm. Everyone is welcome. We will be doing our annual survey of all members' charitable work done in the last year. This includes: blood donations, church work, cleaning, usher, reader, Eucharistic Minister, music, etc. Also included are Boy Scout work, volunteering at food kitchens, driving for shut-ins, hospital work, hospice, plus many others. Each individual can make up a list and turn it in at the January 2nd meeting. It is due at Supreme on January 31, 2007. The Supreme Council keeps a record of all charitable works and donations made by members.

At Thanksgiving we all look forward to family and large meals. But do we take time to go to Mass and thank the One who gives us all we have? Let's see: We could live in Iraq where kidnapping for ransom and killings take place every day! What about Sudan, where the president started sending in his militia to slaughter entire villages of his own citizens in 2003? To this day it is estimated as many as 400,000 men, women and children have been killed. 2.5 million people were driven from their homes. It still goes on, yet most Americans are hard pressed to find Sudan on a world map, and don't care.

To all Knights and their families, I hope that you had a Happy Thanksgiving. Soon we will enter the season of Advent. Let us all take time to enjoy the season leading up to the Birth of Jesus, born in a manger with humble surroundings. They say Christmas is for the children, but at Christmas we all become children. May God bless each of you in a special way and may you have a very Merry Christmas.

Charles Luster, Grand Knight

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Our next breakfast is set for December 3rd at St. Pius Parish Hall. Serving hours are from 7:30 to 11:30AM.

A big thank you goes out to all who have worked with the breakfast in the past year. Your efforts have helped us have a very successful year raising funds for the Council's many charitable endeavors. We are looking forward to even more success in 2007.

George Schulte, Pancake Breakfast Coordinator

DISCOVERY LIVING TRAVEL FILM SERIES

Ballantyne Auditorium – Kirkwood Community College
Sundays at 2:00 PM – For tickets call: 378-7470

- January 14, 2007: **Rails Across Russia** with Sid & Mary Lee Nolan
- February 25, 2007: **Ireland: Celtic Myths & Splendors** with Sandy Mortimer
- March 18, 2007: **Live of the Islands: Indonesia, Borneo & the Falklands** with Richard Kern
- April 29, 2007: **The Real World of New Zealand** with Rick Howard

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Council 5390 is planning a Children's Christmas Party at Super Skate, 5100 Northland Ave N.E. Cedar Rapids on Sunday, December 10th from 4 to 6 pm. Last year we had a great turnout and are expecting more children and parents to be skating this year.

This will be a private party. The council will pay for the admission and skates for all school age children. Adults can come and watch for free or for five dollars they can skate with their children.

Santa will arrive at 4:15 pm. We want to take a picture of each child with Santa. Children younger than school age may also have their picture with Santa. There will also be face painting available, so be prepared for an exciting two hours with your children. We will see you there.

Chairman Gerald Fetzer, Chairman

ST PIUS X ROUND TABLE AND CATHOLIC WORKER HOUSE

St Pius X Round Table

September 27th 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 9 Knights working 1 1/2 hours. We were also able to do some major work around the rectory this year.

Catholic Worker House

Our Fall work session on October 19th was supported by 7 hard working Knights. Work included cleaning up the yard, staining several hall doors, remounting a security camera and mounting a ceiling fan. Our next work session will be in the spring.

Thirty Knights are on the rosters to support these 2 projects and their work is appreciated. These projects will continue next year and I will continue to coordinate them.

Vern Hunstad, Coordinator

INSURANCE

This Christmas give your family a gift that they'll cherish. It is a gift that shows that you truly love your family: Life insurance.

When you purchase life insurance it isn't just for yourself. It is for your entire family.

Life insurance does two things. The first thing is it provides you and your wife with an income during your retirement years. It enables you to live and not worry about money. You may go and do what you want.

The second thing it does is it protects your loved ones if you were to die prematurely. It gives your family financial protection so that they may survive in your absence. It can be nearly impossible for a family to live without life insurance when the breadwinner dies.

Be a real St. Nick and get life insurance today.

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

MEMORIAL MASS WRAPUP

Fifty to sixty members and families of Council 5390 attended the annual Memorial Mass at St. Joseph to honor our departed brothers and the legacy they built which provides the foundation for our Council today.

A 4th Degree honor guard of District Master Dick Makinster, Past Faithful Navigator, Steve Powers and Leon Hartogh provided an escort as a candle was lit for each deceased member.

Thanks to all those who helped in the preparation of the liturgy, especially Council Chaplain, Fr. Greg Bahl, for taking time out of his busy schedule to celebrate Mass.

A reception was held following the liturgy, thanks to Gerald Fetzer who brought the refreshments plus setup and clean up with assistance from GK Chuck Luster and others.

Thanks also to all those who provided the various ministries, especially brother knights: Bob Buckley (cantor), Richard Stanaway (music); Steve Malerich (Lector), Michael Swanson and Jim McGlaughlin (Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion).

It was suggested that next year the Memorial Mass be held during the week with an evening meal. Comments or suggestions on our Memorial Mass event can be directed to Chuck Luster (393-1862) or Ken Bauer (377-0978).

2007 COUNCIL DUES

I am preparing the annual billing for 2007 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 2007 dues at the December 5th business 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*

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP

I would like to thank Tom Satern, Jim Bern, Roger Soukup, George Schulte, Tony May and Gregg Wieck for their assistance at the Grounds of Grace benefit breakfast.

Frank Stull

COUNCIL 5390 WEB SITE

Our Council now has its own Web Site! Take a look at it. You can read the current and back issues of the *Knight Light* there. The address is:

www.kofc5390.org

IOWA FOOTBALL TICKET TAKERS

I want to thank all who participated in taking tickets at the Iowa football games this year. We set a new record this year with a gross income of \$7470. There are expenses to come out of this such as parking and reimbursement to drivers.

Dave Van Gorp

ANNIVERSARY PARTIES

The Marion Columbus Club has voted to allow all paid-up members of Council 5390 to use our Knights of Columbus Hall at no charge for wedding anniversary parties for anniversaries of 25 years and over. They will be able to use the hall without charge, providing they agree to abide by the usual rules, including cleanup.

It was the unanimous feeling by MCC board members that this is one way our Council can thank members and families who volunteer their services for various functions. However, the benefit will be available to all whether they are active or not.

As has been the case in the past, nominal fees will apply for other member rentals for non-commercial uses, e.g., birthday parties, graduation, etc. All rentals must be cleared with John Mercil, 377-1664.

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

As we approach the end of the year, we may be inclined to look at options to reduce taxes. The Iowa Knights of Columbus has established a Charitable Foundation to ensure permanent funds for Religious Vocations, Catholic Education, Persons with Intellectual Disabilities, and help to our Brother Knights and their families in Iowa. This Foundation is certified by the IRS as a 501(c)3 organization and all donations are tax deductible. If you are interested in learning more, your Grand Knight has brochures and can steer you in the right direction or go the Iowa KC website (www.iowakofc.org) and click on state programs.

As we patiently await the arrival of **Christmas** during this Advent season, I would like to wish each of you an early Merry Christmas and to thank you for all you do to make your council, parishes and communities a better place.

Roy Tangeman, District Deputy

COOKBOOKS

Our council cookbook is full of tried and true family recipes from our KC members. It would make a great gift for the cooks on your Christmas list. Several of the dessert recipes in the cookbook are used for our fish dinners. Cookbooks are available at our dinners or by calling Eileen Van Gorp at 377-6423 or Linda Albee at 377-7876.

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