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

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

- Nov 3 Memorial Mass 9:00 AM at St. Joseph
- Nov 4 Pancake Breakfast
- Nov 6 Open Business Meeting 7:30 pm
- Nov 10 Iowa Football
- Nov 11 2nd and 3rd Degree 1:00 pm at KC 5390
- Nov 16 Fish Fry
- Nov 17 Iowa Football
- Nov 19 MCC Meeting 7:30 pm
- Nov 20 Staff Meeting 7:30 pm
- Dec 2 Pancake Breakfast
- Dec 4 Business Meeting 7:30 pm
- Dec 9 Christmas Kids Party
- Dec 17 MCC Meeting 7:30 pm
- Dec 18 Staff Meeting 7:30 pm
- Dec 30 Corporate Communion 9:00 am at St. Joseph
- Jan 6 Pancake Breakfast
- Jan 8 1st Degree 7:00 and Business Meeting 7:30
- Jan 15 Staff Meeting 7:30
- Jan 18 Fish Fry
- Jan 20 Free Throw Contest
- Jan 21 MCC Meeting 7:30
- Jan 24 Audit 7:30
- Jan 27 Winter Party and Soup Supper 6:00

**NOVEMBER 6TH
 BUSINESS MEETING**
 7:10 PM Rosary
 7:30 PM Business meeting

Please note: If you have a conflict or cannot show up, it is your responsibility to find a substitute. If you have a problem, call your team leader; numbers are listed in the Pancake Breakfast report. We've had problems with no-shows during recent breakfasts.

----- 7:00 TO 10:00 -----NOVEMBER 4TH BREAKFAST ----- 10:00 TO 1:00 -----

Dave Albee (lead)	Dick Conrad (lead)	Tom Satern (lead)	Steve Powers (lead)
Scott Kullander (cook)	Dave Van Gorp	Duane Beaudry (cook)	Bill Hebl
Dick Enneking	Earl Ernst	Bob Bentz	Bob Blocklinger
Elmer Rolfes	Gene Kline	Chuck Dayton	Dale Eichenberger
Gene Schmidt	Mark Zittergruen	Dennis Pint	Denny Wheeler
Mike Strabala	Norb Banowitz	Don Chizek	Dan Goiffon
Pat Dale	Ray Thys	Eric Sorenson	Greg Botkin
Scott Brumm		Mike Hunstad	

-----7:00 TO 10:00 -----DECEMBER 2ND BREAKFAST ----- 10:00 TO 1:00 -----

Tom Satern (lead)	Steve Powers (lead)	Dick Conrad (lead)	Jerry Christensen (lead)
John Stapley (cook)	Harley Haber	Dake Kueter (cook)	Brian Pecinovsky
Howard Schiffer	Jacob Weaver	Chris Meyer	Chuck Luster
John Fox	Mike Blin	Craig Pilcher	Don Garland
Roger Bonlander	Shawn McAleer	Fred Gomez	Gene Parker
Steve Determan	Tom Hanley	Jim Parent	Mark Hamer
Tom Hoffman	Tony May	Mike Barron	Rick Beadle

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)*

- Nov 4 Jay Kacena
- Nov 11 Dennis Sullivan
- Nov 18 Joe Eagle
- Nov 25 Mark Barnd

VOCATIONS

Our council is supporting two seminarians:

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

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).

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brothers, we begin this month with our Memorial Mass for our deceased members. It will be Saturday November 3, 2007 at 9:00 am at St. Joseph Church. Following Mass we will have a candle lighting to honor all Council 5390 deceased members. As Knights, we are dedicated to remembering our brothers. Coffee and donuts will be served afterwards. Let's all come to honor those who formed and built our Council.

This month at our November 6th Business meeting will be an open meeting to honor our long time members. This is a chance for our wives to attend.

Special thanks to those who found time to help out with the Rose Drive at our four Parishes. See posting in this bulletin for the results. This was one of our opportunities to help the unborn.

Thanks also to Don and Verna Klostermann for the use of their acreage for the Fall Family Picnic. There was plenty of food, pumpkins, and marshmallows on a stick. There was a special surprise from Randy Bries with the balloons. There was a great campfire... long into the night.

God Bless you all.

John Stapley, Grand Knight

KNIGHT AND FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Knight of the Month for October is Dave Albee. Dave cooks for fish fries and at our installation picnic. He works the PID (tootsie roll drive), the pancake breakfast and the rose drive. His also an Eucharistic minister at St. Joe's.

Family of the Month for October is Elmer and Cecilia Rolfes. Elmer works Fish Fry prep on Thursdays, Honor Guard for the Pilgrim Virgin Statue, and is Sacristan for Weekday Masses. Cecilia handles Prayer Petitions for St. Joseph. They are both helping Ron and Mary Lou Peterson. Cecilia has been the contact to get the email status of Ron Peterson's surgery and recovery.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED DONATION

Members attending the October business meeting discussed a request from the Sisters of Mercy in Cedar Rapids for financial support of their convent-remodeling project. The renovation involves updates to provide safer living quarters for the retired Sisters, energy efficiency updates and handicap accessibility.

Members approved a first reading of a motion to donate \$1000 to this project. Per Council by-laws, this serves as written notice in advance of a final vote at the November meeting.

Sr. Lucy Frein, a long-time supporter of the KC Birthright Rose Drive and Birthright volunteer is a resident at the convent. The Council recognized her in August for her 53 years of ministry with a lunch and Certificate of Appreciation from the State Council.

OPEN MEETING

The November 6, 2007, Business Meeting will be an Open Meeting, to allow our wives to attend this event. We will honor some of our members who have been Knights for over 25 years, with certificates, pins and special cards.

Honorary membership will be afforded to these members over 65 years of age: Joe Conlan, Jim Klein, Roger Konzen, Marc Lawrence and Gene Schmidt. Their dues are reduced to ten dollars a year.

Honorary LIFE membership, with no more dues, goes to these members over 70 years old: Gerald Erzen, Fritz Geers, Verne Haaland, Leon Hartogh, Jim Hynes, Dale Kueter, Richard Linden, Ed Sellner, Larry Sillman, Orrin Smith, Gerald Steepleton and Lynne Strabala (he'll be 70 in a few weeks).

MEMORIAL MASS

A Memorial Mass to honor our departed brothers, including Joseph Carroll, of Council 5390 will be held on Saturday, November 3, 2007 at 9:00 am at St. Joseph Church. Father Greg Bahl will celebrate the Mass, followed by a reception in the St. Joseph Room. This is one of our Council's family activities so bring your spouse and children. Invite a potential member and his family. We look forward to seeing you there.

IOWA FOOTBALL

We are running a little short of what we have done in the past few years taking tickets at Iowa football games. If you could help out on last 2 games (11/10 and 11/17) that would be great. We carpool and meet at St Joe's church parking lot and this year so far at Sam's parking lot on the west side. Newcomers may contact me for more information as to dress and time we leave, etc. at 377-6423. We have to have the list of workers in on the Sunday night prior to the game.

Dave Van Gorp, Coordinator

CATHOLIC INFORMATION SERVICE

The Catholic Information Service of the Knights of Columbus has recently launched a podcast version of the popular Luke E. Hart course. Luke E. Hart series, written by Peter Kreeft, gives an introduction to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* in 30 easy-to-read booklets. Now you can listen to them on your computer! Or you can download each program to your iPod or other mp3 player, so that you can listen while driving or jogging. To listen to these programs, go to cis.podbean.com.

There are three easy ways of learning about your Catholic faith: order a free copy of the booklet from the CIS website, www.kofc.org/cis, read it on the same website, or listen to it at cis.podbean.com.

FREE T-SHIRTS

At the October Business Meeting our Council voted to give a free Knights of Columbus T-shirt to each member who recruits a new member. The new member will have to fill out a K of C form 100 and attend a 1st degree Ceremony. When you have the name of your new recruit call John Stapley at 377-9791 and he will let you know when the next first degree is. This offer expires June 30th 2008 so get your new members lined up.

Gerald Fetzer, Membership Committee

ST PIUS X ROUND TABLE

October 3rd 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 10 Knights working 1.5 hours. We also removed several large bushes and trees in the front of the rectory so that a porch could be built – it looks good!

The St Pius X Round Table Project needs a new coordinator. I'm stepping aside. I've done it for 12 years and will be 75 next year. **WE NEED NEW BLOOD TO TAKE OVER THIS WORTHY ACTIVITY.**

Vern Hunstad, Coordinator

ROSE DRIVE RESULTS

I would like to extend a thank you to all those who helped after the Masses on October 6 & 7 to make the Rose Drive a success. The following are the totals from the parishes that our Council serves:

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	\$674.63
St. Pius X	\$470.85
St Joseph	\$874.22
St. Isidore	\$443.65

A check will be sent to Birthright of all money collected.

Chuck Luster, Birthright Chairman 2008

COUNCIL DUES

I am preparing the annual billing for 2008 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 2008 dues at the November 6th or December 4th business meeting. Bills will be mailed around December 15th for those who have not paid by then.

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*

CATHOLIC WORKER HOUSE

Our Fall work session on 18 October was supported again by 10 hard working Knights. Work included cleaning up the yard, repairing the kitchen ceiling and moving a light fixture, hanging bamboo roll-up shades in the closed-in porch, adding curtain rods in the corner bedroom, patching cracks in the basement walls and mounting nameplates and icons on all bedroom doors. Our next work session will be in the spring.

I'll continue coordinating the Catholic Worker House project.

Vern Hunstad, Coordinator

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

The movie "Bella" is scheduled to be in theaters soon. This movie was previewed in the Columbia magazine this past summer. Having seen it earlier this summer in Des Moines, it is a very powerful movie that the family can enjoy. Be sure to include it in your entertainment this season.

There is a 2nd & 3rd degree at Marion Council 5390 on November 11. If you haven't observed these degrees recently, plan to attend. If you have not yet received your 2nd & 3rd degrees, you need to attend. After being on the Cedar Rapids degree staff for 6 years, I still learn about the Knights of Columbus and my faith each time we participate in a degree.

Vivat Jesus

Roy Tangeman, District Deputy

THE THANKS IS IN GIVING THE GIFT OF LIFE INSURANCE

Believe it or not, the holiday season is upon us. A popular movie, shown often this time of year, is "It's a Wonderful Life." In it, the lead character (played by Jimmy Stewart), in a moment of desperation proclaims "it would have been better if I had never been born." His "guardian angel" then gives him the opportunity to see how much different the lives of his friends and family would have been had he, in fact, never been born.

None of us will have that opportunity. But, like George Bailey, we do have a positive impact on the lives of our friends, our families, and those in our communities. We do this through our membership in the Knights of Columbus, by volunteering in our Churches and communities and, not insignificantly, by making sure we have enough life insurance.

Life insurance will allow your family to remain in their home, and maintain their lifestyle, if something should happen to you. It will guarantee a college education for your children, or even your grandchildren. It will ensure a comfortable retirement for you and your wife. It can even help your favorite charity to continue its humanitarian work.

No doubt about it – being an insured member of the Knights of Columbus helps make this a "wonderful life." Make sure your family has everything they'll need. Unlike George Bailey, you won't get a second chance to give the gift of life insurance.

Martin Wernimont 319-268-1492