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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 *****

Nov 1 Pancake Breakfast at St. Pius X
Nov 3 Business Meeting 7:30 PM – First Degree 7:00 PM
Nov 7 Iowa Football
Nov 15 1st Degree at Council 5677 at 11:00 AM
Nov 15 2nd and 3rd Degree In our Council club rooms
Nov 16 MCC meeting 7:30 PM
Nov 17 Staff meeting 7:30 PM
Nov 18 December Knight Light Deadline
Nov 20 Fish Fry
Nov 21 Iowa Football
Nov 29 Corporate Communion (Details at the Nov. meeting)
Dec 1 Business meeting 7:30 PM - First Degree 7:00 PM
Dec 6 Pancake Breakfast at St. Pius X
Dec 13 Christmas Kids Skating Party
Dec 15 Staff meeting 7:30 PM
Dec 21 MCC meeting 7:30 PM
Dec 31 6:00 PM New Years Eve Party
Jan 3 Pancake Breakfast at St. Pius X
Jan 5 Business Meeting 7:30PM
Jan 10 First Degree 3:00 PM
Jan 15 Fish Fry
Jan 17 Free Throw Contest
Jan 18 MCC meeting 7:30 PM
Jan 19 Staff Meeting 7:30 PM
Jan 21 Audit 7:00 PM
Jan 24 Winter Soup Party 5:00 PM
Jan 31 Corporate Communion

NOVEMBER 3RD, 2009
Business meeting and 1st degree

6:30 PM Candidates meet
7:00 pm 1st Degree
7:30 pm Business Meeting

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday,
the Bulletin Deadline for the
December issue of the
Knight Light
is
Wednesday, November 18th.

----- 7:00 to 10:00 -----	November 1st Breakfast	----- 10:00 TO 1:00 -----	
Albee, Dave (lead)	Schrader, Steve (lead)	Callahan, Dan (lead)	Powers, Steve(lead)
Beaudry, Duane(cook)	Davis, Rick	Kueter, Dale(cook)	Gent, Matt
Fox, John	Bonlander, Roger	Blocklinger, Bob	Alt, Mike
Wendling, John	McAleer, Shawn	Wheeler, Denny	Esker, Mike
Kuehnle, Mark	Steger, Ted	Hatfield, Don	Zwanziger, Scott
Strabala, Mike	Hoffman, Tom	Botkin, Greg	Dewit, Tim
Banowitz, Norb	Fejfar, Mark	McDonald, Jim	Guler, Wayne
Thys, Ray		LeFevre, Mark	

----- 7:00 to 10:00 -----	December 6th Breakfast	----- 10:00 TO 1:00 -----	
Callahan, Dan (lead)	Evers, Kevin	Christensen, Jerry (lead)	Miller, Jerry
Powers, Steve (lead)	Dale, Pat	Satern, Tom (lead)	Martin, Jim
Kullander, Scott (cook)	Huber, Paul	Casey, Bill (cook)	Hamer, Mark
Schaffer, Bill	Huber, John	Christensen, Dave	Lange, Robert
Gruenloh, Bob	Dunkle, Sean	Pint, Dennis	Soukup, Roger
Garland, Don	Determan, Steve	Goiffon, Dan	Gassmann, Tim
Wink, Eric	Hanley, Tom	Sorenson, Eric	O'Shea, Tim
		Albee, Jason	

----- 7:00 to 10:00 -----	January3rd Breakfast	----- 10:00 TO 1:00 -----	
Christensen, Jerry (lead)	Satern, Tom (lead)	Albee, Dave (lead)	Beke, Mike (lead)
Ickes, Jim (cook)	Van Gorp, Dave	Jump, Mike (cook)	Bentz, Bob
Dake, Del	Klostermann, Don	Meyer, Chris	Dayton, Chuck
Leonhart, Don	Schmidt, Gary	Thayer, Clair	Schueler, Cliff
Ritchie, John	Bruckner, Juergen	Castelluccio, Dave	Parker, Gene
Strabala, Lynn	Zittergruen, Mark	Hurt, Glen	Berns, James
Blin, Mike	Brumm, Scott	Chaisson, Jim	Digmann, Ron
Lokmer, Sean		Phillips, Steve	Lokmer, Sean

VOCATIONS	EQUIPMENT FOR LOAN: We have the following equipment to loan out: wheelchair, portable walker and crutches. Some of these items may already be loaned out so contact our Warden, Wayne Waters (373-0458) to check for availability. When you are finished with item please call so it can be picked up for reuse.
Our council is supporting seminarian Mark Murphy The other two seminarians that we were supporting were ordained in May 2009 Mark Murphy St. Pius Seminary 1235 Mt Loretta Ave. Dubuque, IA 52003-7826 equipment for loan	

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights:

Over 100 years ago, Fr. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus to protect member Knights and their families. Our opportunity has come to do this. The wife of one of our members, Mike Nurre, (Tara) suffers from a degenerative spinal disc disease. Their health insurance does not cover this. An operation in Germany is required, at a cost of about \$45,000, U.S. Council 5390 has generously offered to help them with the costs by donating the profits from our next pancake breakfast, scheduled November 1, to them. Our Council has also pledged to donate the profits from our next fish fry on November 20. Please come and support Mike and Tara.

Our next meeting is on November 3. As far as I know, there will be no county election that day, so we will not have to move the date.

Please do not forget that we will be hosting a 2nd and 3rd degree on Sunday, November 15. Please attend and offer support to all first degree members who attend. If you know a first degree Knight, please encourage him to attend, or personally bring him, if possible.

Thanks to all who attended the fall picnic at our home last Saturday night. (October 17) I think everyone enjoyed it, even though weather dictated that it should be an indoor picnic.

Special thanks to Linda and Dave Albee for coming early and doing the cooking for Shirley and me.

We will be discussing whether or not we will have a Memorial Mass at our next meeting. It is scheduled for Saturday, November 21.

*Blessings,
M.C. Ries, Grand Knight*

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

The excitement is starting to build for the 2nd and 3rd degrees which will be held at Council 5390 in Marion on November 15th. There will be many First Degree Knights from our five councils in District 27 plus many from District 26, District 11 and District 12. They will be arriving at 12:30pm to do the honors of the 2nd and 3rd degrees of our Order. Please take the time and make the commitment to become a Full Knight in our ranks. For the Knights who have already been through the Degrees, we would like you to attend and observe because you learn more about the Knights of Columbus and your faith each time you see them.

There will also be a First Degree at 11:00 am at Council 5677 which is at the corner of Mt. Vernon Road and Highway 13. We hope to see you there.

Gerald Fetzer, District Deputy

FIRST DEGREE TEAM

The Council's First Degree team is in need of members to backup the regular Degree officers. If you are interested in initiating new members into the Knights of Columbus, contact the First Degree Captain, Ken Bauer at 377-0978.

BENEFIT EVENTS SLATED FOR MARION WOMAN

Marion Knights of Columbus will hold two benefit events to assist the wife of a member who is hoping to have an artificial titanium disc inserted in her neck to counter a degenerative bone disease. The procedure, which would be done in Germany, costs upward of \$45,000.

All proceeds from the Council's November 1 pancake breakfast at St. Pius Parish Hall and from the November 20 fish fry at Council 5390, 5650 Kacena Ave., Marion, will go toward a fund being established for Tara Nurre, wife of brother Mike Nurre. The Nurre family lives at 435 34th Ave., Marion. They are members of St. Joseph's Parish.

Tara Nurre, 33, is the mother of three. She is also a woman who every day, in an attempt to deflect pain, tries not to turn her neck. She suffers from a degenerative disc disease that doctors say will only get worse in years to come.

The problem was revealed five years ago when her family doctor ordered an MRI. Surgery, the neurosurgeon informed her, was not an option at her young age. Optional treatments didn't work. Several treatments at a spine clinic in Florida ended with doctors saying nothing further could be done.

After consulting doctors and further research on the Internet, the Nurrees concluded the only remaining alternative was an artificial disc placed in a vertebrae at the base of her neck. It would be similar to an artificial hip or knee, except more complicated medically and financially.

Mike Nurre works at Whirlpool Corp. in Amana, and the company's insurance does not cover any type of artificial disc replacement. Tara Nurre works part time at the Marion Hy-Vee Starbuck's.

The Federal Drug Administration has approved a Basic C56 Disc procedure, but has not yet endorsed a longer-lasting ball and socket device being used at Stenum Hospital in Bremen, Germany. Tara Nurre said the cost of either procedure is about the same. The cost estimate for the German operation includes travel.

"I have sort of gotten use to the pain," said Tara. "I'm on the highest dose of oxycodone. The prognosis is that discs will keep degenerating without correction. If I get a replacement, doctors believe the rest of the back will fall back in place. Right now adjoining discs are overcompensating and eventually will take a degenerative path."

The Nov. 1 pancake breakfast runs from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. The Nov. 20 fish fry begins at 5 p.m.

BROTHER CHUCK LUSTER

Chuck was helping his brother cut down a tree and it kicked back on him and broke both bones in a leg about 4 inches up from his ankle. He is staying with his brother John in Prairie Du Chien, Wisconsin. The address you can contact him at is 126 N Michigan Street, Prairie Du Chien, WI 53821.

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GREAT WORK KNIGHTS!

Knights should be especially proud after reading the most recent issue of Columbia magazine. The annual meeting summary lists all of the charity works we do as an organization. It underscores the first principle or our order: charity. By the way, Columbia is an extraordinary magazine for not only our members but all Catholics. When you are finished reading it, instead of tossing it, why not share it with a Catholic friend.

Another good source of Catholic information is our diocesan newspaper, *The Witness*. All Knights should receive *The Witness* in their homes. It not only gives a Catholic angle on religious information, but has many good columnists that write about practical and everyday living. Fr. Beck's column on the Sunday readings is especially good.

If you don't subscribe to *The Witness*, your family should consider it. It costs only \$22 a year. The address is PO Box 917, Dubuque, IA 52004-0557.

Dale Kueter, Council Lecturer

KNIGHT AND FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Knight of the Month – Mike Beke was last month's Knight of the Month. He was awarded this honor because of his tireless work and organizational abilities with the Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (PID) drive. Congratulations Mike.

Family of the Month – Roger and Sharron Konzen were well deserving of the Family of the Month award. Since we have an "unwritten rule" that officers are not to receive awards, Roger is about 16 years overdue for this award. That is how long he served as our Financial Secretary. Congratulations to both. From all members of 5390, a special thank you to Roger.

WORKING AT U OF IOWA FOOTBALL GAMES

I want to invite any new members that are interested in helping out at this fundraiser that there are only three games left on 10/31, 11/7, and 11/21. We are ticket takers, pass gate workers, and door keepers.

We ride down in carpools from St Joe's and the NE corner of Sam's parking lot. The only game time that has been scheduled is the Indiana game at 11:00 AM. We usually leave 3 hours before game time to catch the first train as we need to report in as soon as possible. We need to send in our list of workers on Sunday night prior to the home game.

The basic dress code is black shoes, socks, pants, and white shirt. Per Mar furnishes ball caps, and light jackets but in cold weather they have stocking caps and raincoats. In inclement weather you may wear whatever to keep you warm, hooded sweatshirts, insulated coveralls, sweaters and whatever you think you will need to keep you warm.

If interested you may contact me at 377-6423 davevangorp@mchsi.com.

Dave Van Gorp, Coordinator



Knights of Columbus
INSURANCE
Making a difference for life.

LIFE INSURANCE: Now More Than Ever

Buy Yourself Time and Peace of Mind

With the stock market having lost roughly half its value, some have jokingly suggested we rename the 401k the 201k. But the losses so many of us have experienced are no laughing matter. You may already be thinking about how to rebuild your lost assets. But what would happen to your loved ones if you die before your catch-up plan is in place? In the short-term, only life insurance can make up the difference between what you had and what your family would need to manage financially in your absence.

Now Is the Time to Buy, Not Shed Life Insurance.

Just meeting everyday living expenses is a big challenge these days. Even so, this is not the time to consider dropping or scaling back life insurance if a need for coverage remains. To the contrary, the coverage is more important today than it was a year ago because other aspects of your financial life are not what they used to be. If you drop coverage now but decide to purchase a policy in a year or two, you'll likely be asked to take another health exam. You'll be older, your health might have worsened, and you may find it harder to qualify for coverage at an affordable rate.

The Bottom Line is your income is what is helping to put food on the table and keep a roof over your head. But what if you died tomorrow? In that unfortunate circumstance, your life insurance is what your family members would rely on to maintain their quality of life. It is difficult to look past the bills that are due at the end of the month; you should maintain your current life insurance or even consider more. It will provide an anchor of stability to your family finances, ensuring that your loved ones will be financially secure when you die. Let's talk I am at 270-9307 or david.albee@kofc.org



HAPPY THANKSGIVING