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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 *****

Oct 30 Corporate Communion at St Joseph's
 Nov 1 Business meeting 7:30 pm
 Nov 6 Pancake Breakfast, St. Pius
 Nov 20 Memorial Mass and Potluck 5:00 pm
 Nov 13 1 & 2 & 3 Degree 4:00 pm at Council 5390
 Nov 15 Staff meeting 7:30 pm
 Nov 18 Fish Fry
 Nov 20 Memorial Mass and Potluck 5:00 pm
 Nov 21 MCC 7:30 pm
 Dec 4 Pancake Breakfast, St. Pius
 Dec 6 Business Meeting 7:30 pm 1st degree 7:00 pm
 Dec 11 Christmas Skating Party
 Dec 19 MCC 7:30 pm
 Dec 20 Staff meeting 7:30 pm
 Dec 25 Christ's Birthday – Remember to keep Christ in Christmas
 Jan 1 No Pancake Breakfast – New Year's Day
 Jan 3 Business meeting 7:30 pm
 Jan 8 First Degree 3:00 pm
 Jan 8 January Breakfast
 Jan 15 Free Throw Contest
 Jan 16 MCC 7:30 pm
 Jan 17 Staff Meeting 7:30 pm
 Jan 20 Fish Fry
 Jan 22 Winter Soup Party 5:00 pm
 Jan 29 Corporate Communion St. Pius

**Business Meeting
 Tuesday, November 1st
 7:00 pm 1st Degree
 7:30 pm Business Meeting**

----- 7:00 to 10:00 -----		November 6th Breakfast	----- 10:00 TO 1:00 -----	
Callahan, Dan (lead)	Guler, Wayne		Satern Tom (lead)	O'Rourke, Dave
Beke, Mike (lead)	Hamer, Mark		Curtis, BJ (lead)	Oviatt, Brian
Alt, Mike (cook)	Hellman, Alan		Kueter, Dale (cook)	Pecinovsky, Brian
Antonelli, Mike	Holtz, Bill		Parent, Jim	Schirm, Russ
Perra, Dan	Holubar, Mel		Hatfield, Don	Strabala, Mike
Arndorfer, Dan	Jump, Mike		Holm, Kevin	Wendling, John
Bentz, Bob	Lawrence, Marcus		Martin, Jim	Wissink, Tony
Botkin, Greg	LeFevre, Mark		McGlaughlin, Jim	Wieck, Gregg
Freemon, Steve			Miller, Jerry	

----- 7:00 to 10:00 -----		December 4th Breakfast	----- 10:00 TO 1:00 -----	
Schrader, Steve (lead)	Nurre, Mike		Christensen, Jerry (lead)	Kuehnle, Mark
Conrad, Dick (lead)	Pasker, Steve		Albee, Dave(lead)	Luster, Chuck
Lochner, Frank (cook)	Schmidt, Gene		Phillips, Steve(cook)	May, Chris
Stapley, John	Schueller, Cliff		Pint, Dennis	Meyer, Chris
Waters, Wayne	Sullivan, Dennis		Ballard, Kevin	Ritchie, John
Bries, Randy	Van Gorp, Dave		Klima, Trevor	Soukup, Roger
Enneking, Dick	Bruckman, Robert		Gansemer, Nicholas	Thys, Ray
Klostermann, Don	Huber, John		Hurt, Glen	Waldron, Denny
Leonhart, Don	Huber, Paul		Kremer, Kurt	Null, Wayne

**Deadline for the December issue of the
 Knight Light is:
 Wednesday, November 23, 2011.
 Please make sure you submit your
 articles before the Thanksgiving holiday.**

**BREAKFAST WORKERS PLEASE NOTE: If you
 have a conflict with your scheduled time,
 please find your own substitute and then
 notify Dan Callahan by email
 (danpcallahan@aol.com) of the change.**

VOCATIONS
 Our council is sponsoring 2 seminarians, Mark
 Murphy and Jeff Dole. Their address is:
 Pontifical North American College
 00120 Vatican City State, Europe
 Mark's email: mmurphy@pnac.org

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.

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

I want to reflect on three things about Fall. The first is about my father's death. My father was a German from my hometown German parish in Omaha, St. Joseph's. It is important to relay this characteristic first, because faith was first for him. He is Otto Joseph May Jr. He was a 3rd generation immigrant whose ancestors were from Bavaria, home of Pope Benedict. My father grew up with German spoken in the home when his parents wanted private conversation. He was a man with limitations, but there were certain things he could do and that is what he focused on. As I now have a scratched lens in the center of my view, I think about him who had a permanently scratched lens from a rock fight when he was young, which he had to live with – a cross he bore. He was a mail carrier. When I would fall asleep on the kitchen table doing my high school homework, he would be up at 4 AM doing his speed reading exercises before going to work at the Post Office, in the days of the Pony Express logo. I saw his "every day" when I occasionally would do an all-nighter. Dad was always one to exercise his mind. He would study to get an insurance license, since postmen many times have more than one occupation. Later when I was in the Air Force, he obtained technician class, then eventually, a General Class amateur radio license. He knew Morse code from his service days and he memorized his way through the technical part. Spurned on by the love of each other, we delved into amateur packet radio. He achieved his General Class license at age 60. When I would visit home, especially in my adult years, I would catch him kneeling at the side of his bed praying the Rosary. This really made an impression on me – to develop my own prayer life.

My father died in November and I have come to appreciate the loss of the greenery as the loss of not only his life, but of others' and eventually our own. We have a hidden life in Christ as the Apostle Paul tells us (Colossians 3: 1-4). With my father's loss, now 14 years ago, he is not really gone. Many of his characteristics are imbedded in me. One of his delightful traits was his being a "nice guy". I only appreciated this when I was older. He treated people well and was a positive influence on his culture, his sphere of influence. I used a Rod Stewart love song as a theme of his remembrance at the wake service "You're in my heart and in my soul". But more than just a secular salute to a nice man, he is with the Lord, or as a Catholic, I pray that he is. I talk to him and wonder what he thinks about some of my trials, my wife and her career change, our children who were 8 and 6 at the time.

Fall is a great time to be involved in retreats to make our faith firmer in Christ. My own past experiences have included overnights at New Melleray Abbey. It is a great time to get back to the Lord Jesus after all the overstimulation of the summer months. The drive up and the walks around the area are ways to appreciate what the agricultural community does for all of us up close. We see how men have harvested and we can allow Christ to harvest our souls and refine us. They have great food as well.

I want to offer you a local faith experience for November, "The Pope of the People" put on by a travelling company, a musical, by Tom Quinier about the early Papacy of Pope John Paul II, November 20 at 2:30 at Immaculate Conception Church. See <http://www.thepopeofthepeople.com> for more details Bring family and friends.

Tony May, Grand Knight

Corporate Communion is Sunday, October 30 at 9:00 AM at St. Joseph's Church. The Knights will provide Pastry/Bagels.

Grand Knights Honorable Positions

Our phone callers will be going South for the winter, so we need some phone call help. Steve Pasker has provided excellent spreadsheet call lists and schedules. We need more callers during Lent as well. If you have not yet discerned your own personal apostolate with the Knights, please consider this.

Birthright Rose Drive Results

Thank you to all Knights who collected and donated to the Birthright Rose Drive.

The results are St Joseph's \$870, St Elizabeth Ann Seton \$560 and St Pius \$643, St. Isidore \$615 This is a total of \$2688.

For those Knights with suspended memberships, remember that you can be reinstated for \$7.50 plus this year's dues. You are always welcome back. Contact me or Steve Pasker.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Vern Hunstad of St. Pius X is the Knight of the Month for October. Vern is a widower with two sons, Mike and Mark. Mike is a Knight, is a St Pius parishioner also, and has given Vern two grandchildren. Mark died in a C-130 aircraft accident in the USAF in 1980. He served as a Forward Air Controller and was going to an assignment, a tragedy that the family worked through. Vern has been involved with Bingo, the Parish Festival (pre-Chili Days), Chili Days and Parish Fall Festival. Vern has been a member of Social Concerns (currently Social Justice and Outreach) for 9 years and Parish Council for one term. Vern encourages the younger parishioners to be involved to the extent you can be. He stated that whatever your level of involvement, "You must have a commitment to serve the church," since that is part of being Catholic. Vern started the Round Table at St. Pius and led that group for 10 years. Vern had served as a mental health advocate at the Abbe Center and most recently started a Mental Health support group at St Pius, which is now in its fifth year. There is an annual Mass which St Pius hosts for people with mental illness and their families which took place on October 9 at 2 PM.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH:

Jerry and Mary Seifried of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton are the October Family of the Month. The Seifrieds have helped with Fish Fries. They started two parishes: St. Pius and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Jerry served on the finance committee during development of St. Pius. Jerry still farms his acreage, but hires out the planting and harvesting. Jerry has three

brothers and his younger brother is a retired priest, Fr. Kenneth Seifried of Holstein, near Sioux City. Jerry is an usher and has been an Eucharistic Minister in the past. Mary helps with Tuesday Masses at the Hiawatha Care Center and formerly Northbrook Care Center. Mary provides salon care for one of the residents. Mary has helped with Green Square meals before the flood. Mary was also in the Resurrection Choir at St. Pius and volunteered at Kennedy High School. Jerry has served on the St. Pius Board of Religious Education. He has served on the Hiawatha City Council. He was involved in routing I-380 under Blairsferry. The Seifried's enjoy walking at the Rec Center and have 5 children and 7 grandchildren. Three children live in Minneapolis, one in Hiawatha and one in South Carolina

1ST DEGREE

There will be a 1st Degree before the November 1st Business Meeting. The new candidates should arrive at 6:30 pm and the Degree will start at 7:00 pm.

Gerald Fetzer, Membership Director

FALL HIGHWAY CLEANUP REPORT

The cleanup went great, we only collected seven bags total, along with a broken sign and some truck tire retreads. Larry Block found the grand prize: an old life jacket.

The workers included: Jim Ford, Mark Lukes, Bill Schaffer, Ray Schmidt, Bill Casey, Steven Freemon, Larry Block, Chris May, Carol Brown, and her Daughter Jennifer, and granddaughter Amanda. We also had the Bioche Family join us: Gilles, his wife Jenny, and their two of their sons, Joseph and Martin.

Thanks to all the volunteers. I really appreciate your help. The project only took one and a half hours, we regrouped back at the hall for refreshments provided by my Lovely Wife Tammy Jo. Hope to see you all back in the spring.

Wayne Waters

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Thanks to everyone who works the breakfasts, you are appreciated. I am in need of a little help. There are two things that I would like some constructive thoughts on. First: how can we increase our attendance at the breakfast?

Second: How can we get the scheduled workers to show up when they are scheduled or find replacements?

I realize that we are all volunteers and sometimes we have other commitments. Most of you show up when scheduled. It is the ones that don't that we need to talk to. Thanks for your help

Frank Stull

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

Brothers, there are many opportunities to strengthen your knighthood in the month of November. The American Martyrs Retreat House will be hosting its yearly K of C retreat starting with Mass at 8:00 PM on Friday November 11th and ending on Sunday November 13th after lunch. The theme of the retreat is "The Strong Right Arm of the Church." AMRH requests a donation of \$120 for the weekend. Be the strong Christian leader our church needs.

Register by calling 319-266-3543 or dbqamrh@arch.pvt.k12.ia.us. Another event in our area to strengthen your knighthood is a District-wide 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degree which will be held November 13th at Council 5390 in Marion. The 1st Degree will start at 11:00 AM and the 2nd Degree will start at 12:30 pm. We hope to see you there. God be with you.

Gerald Fetzer, District Deputy, District 32

"KCans4LIFE"

Please drop off your cans and bottles which have a deposit for the Ultrasound Initiative at Aid to Women in Cedar Rapids.

We have a pick up on Saturday at St Josephs (more to follow) near the recycling bins at the school on 1-2PM on the first Saturday of the month.

Additionally, please bring your cans to the business meeting.

FISH FRIES

The calling and scheduling for our fish fries seem to be working great, thanks to the wonderful spreadsheet plan set up by our financial secretary, Steve Pasker. Perhaps we can refer to him from now on as Saint Tech.

And thanks to all of you who have said yes to helping when we call. And if you couldn't help Oct. 21, perhaps you will be able to do it Nov. 18 or during Lent next year. Your charity with your help is what makes our first principal work.

Here's the next request: We need two men to handle the scheduling for 2012, starting in January. With the spreadsheet, which contains all the telephone numbers, it's just a matter of getting to it. Please consider it and give me (377-2630) or the grand knight a call. Thanks and God bless

Dale Kueter

MEMORIAL MASS

One of the most important months in the Church liturgical calendar is November when the Church celebrates All Saints Day and All Souls Day. Traditionally this is a time to remember our loved ones who have gone before us to the kingdom of heaven.

Council 5390 traditionally offers a Memorial Mass, as part of a liturgy to remember and honor the deceased members of our Council, and especially those Brother Knights who have passed away the previous year. This tradition dates to the Council's first Memorial Mass held in 1965.

This year's Mass to honor our departed brother knights will be held on Sunday, November 20, 2011 at 5:00 PM at our Council building on Kacena Avenue. Rev. Walter Kleinfehn of Cedar Rapids will celebrate the Mass. We will enjoy fellowship and a potluck meal immediately following the liturgy. Council members are asked to bring a dish to pass.

Council members are requested to make an effort to join us in this celebration of the liturgy. Past surveys indicate the membership desire that we hold this event, yet the attendance at the Mass does not bear this out. All family members and friends are invited. (This Mass will fulfill the Sunday obligation.)

Ken Bauer