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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 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 today – New Year's Day**  
 Jan 4 Business meeting 7:30 pm **Note date changed to Wednesday**  
 Jan 8 **January Pancake Breakfast**  
 Jan 8 First Degree 3:00 pm  
 Jan 10 Audit 7:00 pm  
 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  
 Feb 5 Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast  
 Feb 7 Business Meeting 7:30 pm  
 Feb 12 Wine & Cheese Party  
 Feb 17 Fish Fry  
 Feb 20 MCC 7:30 pm  
 Feb 21 Staff Meeting 7:30 pm  
 Feb 22 Ash Wednesday  
 Feb 24 Fish Fry

**1st Degree & Business Meeting  
 Tuesday, December 6th  
 6:30 pm Candidates meet  
 7:00 pm 1st Degree  
 7:30 pm Business Meeting**

**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.**

**Deadline for the January issue of the  
 Knight Light is:  
 Wednesday, December 21, 2011.**

**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](mailto:mmurphy@pnac.org)  
 Jeff's email: [jdole@pnac.org](mailto:jdole@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.

----- 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	Schueler, 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
----- 7:00 to 10:00 -----		January 8th Breakfast	----- 10:00 TO 1:00 -----	
Beke, Mike (lead)	Schiffer, Howard		Curtis, B.J. (lead)	Holm, Kevin
Callahan, Dan (lead)	Schirm, Russ		Powers, Steve (lead)	Hooper, Matt
Conrad, Scott (cook)	Schmidt, Gary		Chizek, Don (cook)	Kuhn, Brenton
Zwanziger, Scott (cook)	Schmidt, Gene		Van Gorp, Greg (cook)	Markham, Mike
Antonelli, Mike	Schmidt, John		Botkin, Greg	Martin, Jim
Arndorfer, Dan	Ernst, Earl		Christensen, Dave	McGlaughlin, Jim
Dake, Del	Van Gorp, Dave		Davis, Rick	Pecinovsky, Brian
Holtz, Bill	Webster-Moore, Greg		Eichenberger, Dale	Sorenson, Eric
Mroch, Tim	Holubar, Mel		Fox, John	Thayer, Clair
Novey, Steve			Hatfield, Don	

**No Knights of Columbus breakfast in February.  
 Please support the Boy Scout Breakfast on February 5th**

## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Dear Knights and Families,

Greetings in this Advent season for the coming of our Lord. May Jesus come into your life in this "third coming," as one Church father has dubbed the Christmas celebration. Congratulations to our Hawkeye Concession volunteers who have made it through their entire first football season. No one knew how much work this would entail, but the Knights once again rolled up their sleeves.

Our Memorial Mass and Pot Luck had an amazing turnout of 75. We signed a card during the potluck for Michelle Tangeman, Roy's wife, who was in her last hours of Hospice. Roy has been a past District Deputy for our Council. Bob Lange of St. Pius has also died since my last writing. May God grant them His eternal peace.

I want to tell about my Mother's life this month since she was born in December. After the last article I was asked, "I thought you were Italian". This is only half true. I am quick to point out that May is German. Tina May, formerly Ciciulla (She-shulla), was born on the feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8. It is fitting that she was born on the feast of this divine grace, which observes that Mary was conceived without the original sin of Adam and Eve. In Genesis 3:15, God declared to the serpent: "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; He will strike at your head, while you strike at his heel". In that passage, the woman's offspring primarily refers to Jesus Christ, as stated in a footnote of the bible (NAB). Women in Old Testament history have partially fulfilled the Genesis 3:15 promise of salvation, such as Deborah (Judges 4), and (the Books of) Judith and Ester. But it was Mary who ultimately brought this verse to fulfillment. The Church's declaration of the Immaculate Conception raises Mary to a dignity beyond the Old Testament figures, the new Eve. Although God could have done this in an entirely different way, he carried out His plan in a way that fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy that Christ would be born of a virgin. As a pure tabernacle, Mary carried our Savior and is the Mother of our Church. Our Church is pure because of Mary and it takes on the purity of those pure of heart as the Beatitudes promise. The pure of heart will not be singing the old Frank Sinatra song, "I Did it My Way" – as did the "old" Eve from Genesis. Holy women today follow in the strong tradition of biblical women leaders.

My mother, Tina (Concetta Marie), was born a twin with Rose (Concetta Rosa). They were the youngest in a family with five children. My mom was the youngest (by minutes) and they were placed in a shoebox together to show how small they were as preemies who were not expected to survive. They were born at home in 1927 and used the kitchen stove with pilot light as an incubator with the door open (of course). I was blessed that these twins survived.

I appreciated that my mom shared her faith with me. She taught us children the faith at the young age. Recently it has been shown that it is the father who needs to teach boys the faith, and this is what the Knights of Columbus supports – men active in their faith so that they can teach the faith.

My mom shared the following story with me as we opened the sympathy cards from my Dad's funeral. It is a story of her boldness of faith. Mom worked at an insurance firm in Omaha, USF&G, and did some file clerk work which

required her to go into the basement where files were stored. There was a woman who my mother saw downstairs with the boss (who was not her husband). In order to avoid confrontation, when my mom noticed them, she did an about face and promptly went up the stairs- but not silently. She whistled a hit song of the day, "Your Cheating Heart" on her way up stairs. The lady, who got the message, felt compelled to rationalize her behavior, or lack of it, to my Mom later. Mom was not overbearing, but was good at getting her point across when she felt strongly about something.

My mother died 10 years ago, and my Aunt Rose, although in not the greatest of health, died shortly after last Christmas. In many ways Rose was like having my Mom around. This was yet another blessing of twins.

*Tony May, Grand Knight*

## DUES REMINDER

We would like all brothers to please bring your dues to the December meeting. This will save you and the council on mailing costs.

## KNIGHTS HONORABLE DUTIES

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.

**Knight of the Month:** Patrick Gibbs of St. Joseph's Parish is the Knight of the Month for November. Patrick has been a Knight since he was 18, having joined with three other classmates at Council #1354 in Bellevue. In the past he has helped out with Pancake Breakfasts. Patrick is in the St. Joseph's Men's Choir. He is involved with Boy Scout Troup #68 and has been a past Scout Master and Assistant. His nephew got Pat interested and his brother provided further encouragement, then he became involved. Lately Patrick responded to the call for Hawkeye Concessions work. He took it on himself to organize and call other volunteers. This comes at a time when we lost income due to rule changes in the ticket taking fundraiser. When he called, he always reminded members of the 2nd and 3rd degrees besides seeking volunteer. Patrick has stayed involved with his faith from his youth. He says faith is his anchor in a raging storm. He stays busy with his activities and states that "[Church] Attendance is not an option...My month and week goes better with faith."

**Family of the Month:** Jim and Marge Grawe of St. Joseph's Parish are the November Family of the Month. Jim has helped on Fish Fries and Tootsie Roll People with Intellectual Disabilities (PID) Drive. The Grawes volunteer at Mercy Hospital. Marge is a coffee maker at the Coffee Corner. Jim is a hall walker who brings flowers to patients and wheels people in wheel chairs to their appointments at the hospital. They volunteer at the Linn County Food Bank. Marge has started to enroll as a Mercy Associate. They were both Eucharistic Ministers, but have now taken up wintering down South instead. The Grawes have four children ranging in ages from 36 to 46 and have five grandchildren.

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST VISITOR

"The KCs would like all to know that there will be a visitor from the North at the December pancake breakfast, between 9:00 and 11:30 a.m. Rumor has it that he might be related to St. Nicholas (St. Nick)."

Thanks to the people who helped at the last breakfast. It always goes easier when we have the people there to work.

*Frank Stull*

## CHRISTMAS SKATING PARTY

The 2011 Christmas Skating Party will be held Sunday, December 11th from 4:00 - 6:00 at Super Skate (5100 Northland Ave NE) in Cedar Rapids. This is a great opportunity for your children or grandchildren to share their wish list with Santa and Mrs. Claus and get some photos. All children admittance and skate rental is covered compliments of our council. Adults get in free but would be required to pay for skate rental if they wish to skate.

Please also look to use this event as an opportunity to recruit a new member. If you know a young family with children, reach out and invite them as your guest. It would be a great introduction and give them a chance to learn about our council. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 310-4305.

Please mark your calendars and join us for this great family event.

*Ted Steger*

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO SEMINARIANS

As we transition into the holiday season, many of us will be preparing Christmas cards for family and friends.

This year I am requesting Council members to add two other names to their card list, Mark Murphy and Jeff Dole, the Archdiocese of Dubuque seminarians that our Council supports. You can find their addresses on the front of the bulletin.

This type of moral support is important; as it lets them know others are thinking of them and are praying for them in their vocation. This also helps the Council earn \$200.00 from the Supreme Council.

Pray for an increase in religious vocations.

*Ken Bauer, Vocations Chairman*

## MEMORIAL MASS CELEBRATED

Thank you to all who attended the Council Memorial Mass on November 20, celebrated in remembrance for deceased brother knights of Council 5390. Approximately 75 were in attendance. This was the best showing in recent years for this liturgy.

Family members of ten deceased knights were welcomed. Thanks to Fr Walter Kleinfehn for again taking time out of his schedule to celebrate the liturgy with us.

Thank you to Leon Hartogh for his assistance in preparing for the Mass and arranging the room. Thanks also to Mike Antonelli for preparing the pork tenderloin and for those who brought food for the potluck and fellowship following Mass.

## SUSPENDED MEMBERS, HERE IS A ONE TIME GOOD DEAL.

For any of the Knights who were suspended due to failure to pay dues, we will reinstate you for \$5 plus your 2011 dues of \$26. Call Steve Pasker (393-4993) for details. We wanted this to be as painless as possible for you to be reinstated.

## ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT TO LOAN

We have the following equipment to loan out: wheelchair, portable walker, crutches and about 40 folding chairs. We don't loan out our white tables or black chairs. If you need tables, there are some members that have some of our old tables to loan. Dave Van Gorp (377-6423) & Roger Bonlander(377-4566) have two each. Some of the equipment may already be loaned out so contact our Warden, Wayne Waters (373-0458) to check for availability. When you are finished with them please call so it can be picked up or return it so others can use them.

*Roger Bonlander*

## DISTRICT DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

Brothers, as we enter the Christmas Season, I want to thank everyone in District 32 for the great hospitality they have given me and the great effort each Council has put forth this year. It is a pleasure to work with you and to help the efforts of the Knights of Columbus. I would like to remind each council that the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities Report #1728 is due January 31st. Some councils send out a note with their dues, asking each member to list their volunteer hours. It is a good time to plan how you will complete this form. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*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 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. This program was initiated by the Iowa City Knights and is called KCans4 Life.



**Remember  
to keep  
Christ in  
Christmas**