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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 *****

- 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 at St. Pius X**
- 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
- Mar 2 Fish Fry
- Mar 3 Dance for Life
- Mar 4 Pancake Breakfast
- Mar 6 Business meeting 7:30 pm
- Mar 9 Fish Fry
- Mar 16 Fish Fry
- Mar 19 MCC 7:30 pm
- Mar 20 Staff meeting 7:30 pm
- Mar 23 Fish Fry
- Mar 25 Day of the Unborn – Feast of the Annunciation
- Mar 30 Fish Fry

**Deadline for the February issue of the
 Knight Light is:
 Friday, January 27, 2012.**

**1st Degree & Business Meeting
 WEDNESDAY, January 4th
 7:00 pm Rosary
 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 of the change.
 danpcallahan@aol.com**

<p>----- 7:00 to 10:00 ----- Beke, Mike (lead) Callahan, Dan (lead) Conrad, Scott (cook) Zwanziger, Scott (cook) Antonelli, Mike Arndorfer, Dan Dake, Del Holtz, Bill Mroch, Tim Novoy, Steve</p>	<p>January 8th Breakfast</p> <p>Schiffer, Howard Schirm, Russ Schmidt, Gary Schmidt, Gene Schmidt, John Ernst, Earl Van Gorp, Dave Webster-Moore, Greg Holubar, Mel</p>	<p>----- 10:00 TO 1:00 ----- Curtis, B.J. (lead) Powers, Steve (lead) Chizek, Don (cook) Van Gorp, Greg (cook) Botkin, Greg Christensen, Dave Davis, Rick Eichenberger, Dale Fox, John Hatfield, Don</p>
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**No Knights of Columbus breakfast in February.
 Please support the Boy Scout Breakfast on February 5th**

<p>----- 7:00 to 10:00 ----- Christensen, Jerry (lead) Satern, Tom (lead) Kullander, Scott (cook) Lochner, Frank (cook) Banowetz, Norb Banowetz, Ray Baumler, Conrad Bentz, Bob Bills, Robert Blin, Mike</p>	<p>March 4th Breakfast</p> <p>Bries, Randy Bruckner, Juergen Brumm, Scott Geers, Fritz O'Rourke, Matt David Strabala, Lynne Strabala, Mike Thys, Ray Fetzer, Jerry</p>	<p>----- 10:00 TO 1:00 ----- Albee, Dave (lead) Beke, Mike (lead) Phillips, Steve (cook) Pint, Dennis (cook) Ballard, Kevin Beadle, Rick Blocklinger, Bob Bonlander, Roger Determan, Steve Enneking, Dick</p>
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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
 Jeff's email: jdole@pnac.org
Postage to Vatican City is \$0.98 for 1 oz

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

Dear Knights and Families,

Greetings in this Christmas season. OUR LORD HAS COME!!! I just got back from a very exciting staff meeting to discuss the new changes that will be made to the format of our meetings. I know there have already been plenty of changes made with the prayers of the Mass ("And with your Spirit"). Please be receptive of these modifications to our meeting (vast improvements if I might be so bold to add). A week ago I received a letter from State Deputy Mike Laake and State Chaplain Fr. Brian Danner. They introduced what Supreme Council has proposed, which is to change our business meeting format. Catechetical content is being added to the meeting. The State Deputy has suggested adding this to the front of the meeting and we will try this until we find a better spot. Catechesis will help strengthen the weak points in our Knights' armor, which the second and third degree ceremonials point out.

We are performing an overhaul on the existing format of the meeting in order to complete meetings within the same timeframe. To allow for the implementation of Catechetical content, other meeting items must give way. For instance, we will present the MCC report for the month of November, but we will merely pass out the report at the meeting. Leon Hartogh will be available after the meeting for questions. Other examples include the removal of the Grand Knight Report and the MCC meeting night is as always written in the Knight Light (3rd Monday of the month) for those who wish to attend. It is like John the Baptist's saying, "He (Christ) must increase while I must decrease". Please do not feel bad if your spot gets suppressed, changed, or rotated from month to month.

The Catechetical content will initially consist of videos from the "Catholicism Series". This features Fr. Robert Barron of the Diocese of Chicago. He is founder of Word on Fire Ministries. Fr Barron said: "Cardinal Francis George, who had invited me to do the evangelizing-the-culture work, said that whatever he could do to make it happen he would do." The series has been featured on EWTN. I have sent email alerts through our Webmaster, Ray Kamin, for this series. St. Pius Youth Ministry is incorporating the tape set into their curriculum. The Catholicism series is a 10 DVD set, each being a 45 minute to 1 hour. We will view one half of a DVD per meeting. I have found these exciting and invigorating for my faith. The series does not stop with the viewing. It will motivate you to learn more about the faith and maybe even go on a pilgrimage.

I pray that Word on Fire will set us, as a Council, on fire as we move to make the Knights of Columbus play a bigger role in the faith development of our members. This way we will impact our families, our Churches, our cities and our world.

The May family wishes all the Knights and their families the best blessing of our dear Lord in this Christmas Season. As Fr. Phil Thompson said, continue the charity we do in the Christmas Season during the remainder of the year. The Knights of Columbus especially reaches out to those who have lost loved ones and will be experiencing the first holiday without them. Know that your loved ones are experiencing Christmas with Christ, our precious Lord. We will pray for your ability to cope with the human aspects of missing them.

Please bring your dues to the January meeting if you have not already paid. They are: \$26. Fifty cents per week!

Tony May, Grand Knight

A REPEAT OF A ONE TIME GOOD DEAL

For any Knights who were suspended due to dues, we can reinstate you for \$5 plus your 2012 dues. Call Steve Pasker (393-4993) for details.

THIS IS REAL AMNESTY, WHERE YOU JUST PAY THE NEW DUES, NOT THE PAST DUES.

Tony May, Grand Knight

2011 FOOTBALL FRENZY WINNERS

I can report that our council had 4 winners in the 8 weeks of college football games this year.

Bill Casey	\$25.00
Craig Powers	\$150.00
Steve Powers	\$33.33
Jim Mc Glaughlin	\$112.50

Thank you to all who bought chances this year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Larry Block

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

I would like to thank St Nick for his visit to the December breakfast and Bob Bruckman for the pictures. Also I would like to thank all of the volunteers that helped out over the past year even when you were not scheduled. You are too numerous to mention each of you by name. It helped make my job easier and kept me from getting gray hair.

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and is ready to start a prosperous New Year.

Frank Stull

MCC INCOME DOWN EXPENSES UP FOR 2011

The Marion Columbus Club, the entity that operates the property of Knights of Columbus Council 5390, ended 2011 with cash and assets of \$41,052. Of that amount, \$19,000 is earmarked for emergency and long-term repairs and improvements, and another \$12,000 as a basic reserve.

For 2011, MCC had income of \$57,423 and expenses of \$67,020. Those figures were impacted by two unusual factors: loss of nearly \$8,000 in income from volunteers helping with football security at Iowa games (the agency was changed and new rules put in effect that eliminated group income); and \$9,500 spent on a new steel roof. The MCC board adopted a 2012 budget that shows a surplus of \$2,000. This underscores the importance of income from fish fries and the need for help at them.

Hall rentals look good for 2012. In 2011, we had 12 wedding receptions, two more than in 2010 but three fewer than 2009. What we give in charity is totally dependent on functions where we can raise money and are supported by member volunteers.

Dale Kueter, MCC secretary

SEMINARIAN SUPPORT

I recently received a hand-written note from seminarian Jeff Dole (reproduced below) whom our Council is supporting. Members at the October meeting signed cards for Jeff and Mark Murphy which were sent along with \$500.00 checks to each from the Council. In December, members signed Christmas cards for both.

Ken Bauer, Vocations Chair

Dear Men of KC Council 5390,

11-27-2011

Having just celebrated Thanksgiving, my mind is naturally set on things of which I am grateful and having already received much encouragement from the card you recently sent, I thought it due time that I thank you for your continued support and prayers.

This year, so far, has been a great blessing and I am continuing to enjoy studying theology here in Rome, but I am also always looking forward to being able to return to Iowa and live and serve among you again. Please continue to pray for me and I'll continue to pray for you.

God Bless! - Jeff Dole

Family of the Month: Ron and Diana Digmann of St. Matthew's Parish are the December Family of the Month. They will be married 35 years in February. Ron said that Marriage Encounter and dedication and patience help their marriage. Ron has helped on Fish Fries, Pancake Breakfasts and the PID Drive. Ron used to collect tickets at the Hawkeye games before the flood. The thing that most sets the Digmann's apart is their Culture of Life activities. Supreme Council is calling our Prolife efforts "Culture of Life", a concept which Blessed Pope John Paul II promulgated in his "Evangelium Vitae" (The Gospel of Life) Encyclical and his Theology of the Body teachings. Knights support People with Intellectual Abilities drive and Discovery Living through this which points to Knights commitment to the full Culture of Life and not just abortion. However Knights need people who are committed to the abortion issue such as Ron as much as those who help organize PID and stay connected with Discovery Living. Ron is committed, having played a key organizational role in the last three 40 days for Life efforts. He was the person who spent the most contact hours in front of the clinic in the first two 40 days enjoyed the fruits of his labors on the last 40 days. Ron is also a member of the Coalition for Life which sponsored the 40 Days as well as Prolife conferences which span the life issues and has even included an end of life issues forum. Diana volunteers with cooking for St. Matthews. Diana is an Emergency Room Tech. Ron is in his first of three year term on the St. Matthew Parish Council. Ron and Diana have three children ages 33, 30 and 27 and have 8 grandchildren. One is in the womb, which their family and we as well count! Diane's favorite work is taking care of the kids' kids.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Due to the poor economy, the area food banks are in short supply of food. We ask that members bring a non-perishable food item to the meetings. Thus, you will need your membership card AND a non-perishable food item for access to our business meetings. If you forget, maybe you could make a small donation to the food bank fund. Remember that charity is the first principle of the Knights of Columbus.

Knight of the Month: Dr. Mark Zittergruen of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish is the Knight of the Month for December 2011. Dr. Mark is a Pediatric Cardiologist. He and his wife have five daughters ages 7, 11, 15 with twins who are 18. Although Mark helps with Fish Fries and Tootsie Roll People with Intellectual Disabilities (PID) drive, he recently had to stop working on Pancake Breakfast for a conflict with another volunteering which is near and dear to his heart, piano accompanying at liturgies. He has been involved with this since junior high school. His efforts are doubly reimbursed since he gets to participate closely and his ministry is carried on in such an acoustically rich environment of that great new church. St. Augustine said "When you sing, you pray twice." Dr. Mark's spare time is kept busy caring for his family and when he finds time, he likes to garden and landscape and now in the colder months he likes to catch up on fiction reading.

CHRISTMAS SKATING PARTY

The annual Christmas Skating party for the kids was held on Sunday December 11th at Super Skate in Cedar Rapids. We had a great turnout this year. Judging by the smiles on the kids' faces, a wonderful time was had by all. I want to send out a big thank you to Jim Ford for taking pictures and then sending them out to the attendees. Jim does a great job and the photos make for great memories. Thank you also to Santa and Mrs. Claus. Of course it's an extremely busy time of year for them, so to make time for our event is very kind of them and we appreciate it very much. Lastly, thanks to all who attended. We are making plans for next year; please spread the word to anybody looking for a great Christmas event to share with their families.

Ted Steger

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

On April 12-15 we will enjoy the hospitality of the Sioux City, Iowa, Knights of Columbus as they host the 2012 State Convention. With this event, every Council should be sure to submit entries for the following State Council Service Program Awards: Church, Family, Community, Council, Youth and Culture of Life. There are also Awards given to the Iowa Grand Knight of the Year, Iowa Family of the Year, Iowa Youth of the Year, Diocesan Chaplain of the Year, Round Table Project of the Year, Iowa Knight of the Year and the Religious of the Year. The forms are on the Iowa Knights of Columbus Web-site. Every council has persons and projects worthy of these awards and I encourage all councils to apply. Have 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