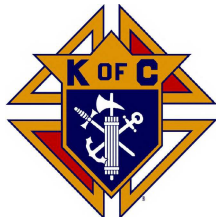


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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE—LOUIE ALONGI, Grand Knight

I told the Officers at the March meeting, but wanted to once again say “thank you” to DICK FRIEDEL, and all the Officers for covering my duties for January and February. I do appreciate being kept in the loop for all the activities of this Council.

So what's up??? Looking at April, May, and June, to finish the fraternal year, we do have a few busy events ahead. Saturday, April 5th, the Knights again will be “grilling for charity” at Hy-Vee Rock Island Store. The good news is that Hy-Vee gives us 25% of the gross sales. No fuss or loss! We need our member Knights, their families, friends and neighbors to stop and have a hamburger, brat, or one of the many other grilled items. Hope to see you on Saturday, April 5th with your appetite! Then on Saturday, April 12th, the Peoria Chapter will again have their Annual Recognition Banquet and our Assistant Chaplain Deacon RUSS SWIM will be among the honorees. If you have not as yet made plans to attend, I ask you to contact FRED LUCKENBILL (794-9085) ASAP to join many from our Council who will attend that event in Streator. Another April event is on 4/19 with a “Spaghetti Dinner” being sponsored by our Council with all proceeds going to charity. Since the Italians are not able to provide an Authentic Italian Dinner this year, DICK FRIEDEL is heading up a group to provide a “non-authentic”, but very good Spaghetti Dinner. Please plan on joining this Italian in supporting this event for the benefit of charity.

The big event in May is the annual outdoor Memorial Day Field Mass. The Mass will be held on May 26th at Calvary. Bro. Knight GREG VOGELE and his staff always pay attention to detail to make this Mass special.

We will be talking more about it later, but our 29th Annual Civic Awards Night is scheduled for Sunday, June 8th. The process has started and the RIFD and RIPD will be selecting their honorees to represent their departments as Firefighter and Police Officer of the Year. Please mark your calendar to join us to say “Thanks” to Rock Island's finest.

The Rock Island Knights have several more events taking place in our Church, Community, and Youth areas in the next three months with information in this newsletter. I hope you will be able to join us for the April 10th council meeting at 7:00 pm in Farrell Hall. Deacon RUSS will lead us in one decade of the rosary to kick things off and we will have a social afterward.

Keep the faith and give thanks for your blessings everyday.

LOUIE ALONGI, Grand Knight, Allouez Council 658
(309) 786-9625.

FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE – DAVID ROSS, Faithful Navigator

1. Ten good Catholic men celebrated with the Irish as Honor Guard members at the Saint Patrick's Day Mass at St. Mary's Saturday, March 15th. Since I had other business after Mass, Brother HICKS (SK JAMES) and I barreled down the alleys of Rock Island to escape from the parking lot and one blockaded intersection after another to make our exit before the parade started. News bulletin: One of our members will have some news next meeting about a possible ride on a privately owned, restored fire truck next year. Then we can leisurely enjoy some green tinted refreshments following Mass and walk/ride the parade.

2. Faithful Friar, Father MIKE SCHAAB and St. Pius X Church made the news several times in the Catholic Post recently. One article discussed a fashion show including hunting and fishing styles presented in part by Father SCHAAB for the benefit of the Father Bader Scholarship Fund. The other lengthy story concerned the home they built for Habitat for Humanity in Rock Island, noted as the first

and only two-story house completed thus far. Nice going Padre, parishioners, and multiple contributors including Allouez Council.

3. At least one Brother Knight will be exemplified at Bloomington April 19th. He has already said he wants to join the Honor Guard. If anyone has regalia they don't use any more please let Commander RAY WELLS or me know. There are several more new members who have indicated interest.

4. Remember to keep a couple dates open. In June there is our annual Mass/Awards Banquet/Social/Election Business Meeting on June 5th at Farrell Hall and the Flag Retirement Ceremony on June 14th outside Farrell Hall.

5. In case you misplaced your post card about our meeting on Thursday, April 3rd in Geneseo, we'll meet at Happy Joe's, 925 Oakwood Ave. SK MACK GARDNER says, if we exit I80 into Geneseo, look to your left after the first stoplight. Happy Joe's is in the bowling alley building, 1/2 block past the light. If these directions are wrong, our next meeting will be held at MACK's house. If you want to carpool, meet at Christ the King, Believers' Together Building parking lot. We'll shove off by 5:30 p.m. April is our pre-election meeting, so please try to be there. Current officers can explain their duties to Sir Knights who may be interested in stepping up. It is a privilege and an honor to serve God, our fellow man, and assist those who need a helping hand.

See you in Geneseo!

DAVE ROSS, Faithful Navigator, Father Edward J. Bader Assembly 1922

LADIES AUXILIARY NOTES – JODI JOHNSON, President

Our March meeting date was moved to March 27th due to Holy Thursday. I will report in the May Newsletter what happened with the White Elephant Sale. Our April meeting will be on April 17th at 7:00. Please bring your hankie with you, our guest that night is the "Hankie Lady".

I have been asked if the Ladies Auxiliary would once again supply desserts for the upcoming Spaghetti Dinner at Farrell Hall on April 19th. This time, dessert will be a part of the menu. I have said that we would supply them. Please mark your calendars, and bring your desserts to Farrell Hall before 4:00 on April 19th. Last time we did this, there were a lot of people asking about pies, but any dessert donated would be great. If you have any questions about this, you can call me at 757-7146. I have an answering machine and I will call you back.

I hope to see you at the April Meeting!!

Faithfully submitted,
JODI JOHNSON, President:

**"No Winter lasts forever, no Spring skips its turn.
April is a promise that May is bound to keep, and we know it." - Hal Borland**

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING IS AT FARRELL HALL ON APRIL 10, 2008 AT 7 P.M.

**JANUARY 2008
KNIGHT OF THE MONTH
MARK HOLLAND**

MARK HOLLAND recently helped to finish another successful Pro-Life Pancake Breakfast for the benefit of the Pro-Life cause in the Quad-Cities. MARK has said the past few years that he is going to “retire” from this major fundraiser for the Knights, but after being one of the reasons for the success of this event, retirement is not an option. MARK sort of takes the words of Cub fans, maybe next year! MARK has assisted Chairperson JEFF SCARPINTO and TOM LAWRENCE the past ---- years. MARK is sort of the Operations Manager using his leadership and supervisory skills and with JEFF and TOM, to make the breakfast run smoothly and enjoy the success it has had over the years. The Knights and all those involved in the Pro-Life movement owe MARK a big “THANK YOU!” for all the help and encouragement over the years.

MARK has been a Knight for over 12 years and has been involved in many volunteer areas such as being Santa Claus for not only Knights’ families but for Catholic Social Service children. He helps every year with the MR/LD (tootsie roll) event working extra shifts many years. MARK is a big guy with a big heart who knows how to keep a commitment and make it better with time. His involvement with youth and community is an extension of his career as a member of the Arrowhead Ranch staff.

On behalf of the Officers of this Council and me, we appreciate your efforts over the years for helping the Rock Island Knights as an extension of your work with youth and community activities. Congratulations and thank you for your membership and friendship.

LOUIE ALONGI, Grand Knight

(Presentation was made at the March 13th meeting)

**JANUARY 2008
SENIOR KNIGHT OF THE MONTH
RAY WELLS**

RAY WELLS has been “the grill man” for the Pro-Life Breakfast for close to 25 years. He was trained by DAVE VALIQUETTE, and when DAVE moved out of town a couple of years later, RAY just took over that first shift position. RAY is just another of those “keep the commitment” kind of guys. I spoke in the January newsletter that the efforts of the Knights, like RAY, MARK HOLLAND, TOM LAWRENCE, JEFF SCARPINATO, and a ton more Knights, have helped to raise well over \$50,000 for the Pro-Life organizations in the Quad-Cities over the years.

RAY is active with the Knights events like the MR/LD Drive, a “Griller” for our Charity Fundraisers with Hy-Vee, and other fundraisers with St. Pius X Parish. He has been a Eucharistic Minister and Usher in his parish for years. He has served as an Officer with our Council and currently is the Captain of the Honor Guard with the Father Bader Assembly.

On behalf of the Officers of this Council and me, we thank you for all your years of commitment to our Knights Pro-Life efforts, and the efforts you give to your Church, Community, and the Knights of Columbus 3rd and 4th Degrees. Congratulations from your Brother Knights.

LOUIE ALONGI, Grand Knight

(Presentation was made at the March 13th meeting)

**JANUARY 2008
FAMILY OF THE MONTH
JOE AND JOYCE CARLIN**

JOE and JOYCE CARLIN are another example of a Knights of Columbus Family team who are involved in various Church, Community, and Catholic school activities. They are charter members of St. Pius X Parish where JOE has been a Lector and JOYCE a Eucharistic Minister for years. JOYCE is active with the Knights Ladies Auxiliary and JOE with both 3rd and 4th degree Knights activities. JOE and JOYCE recently finished another tour of duty as ticket takers for the Pro-Life Breakfast. They have been part of this major fundraiser for years. Both also supported and helped with Habitat for Humanity sponsored by the parish. JOE has helped with the MR/LD Drive for many years and is a member of the Rotary. JOE is semi-retired from Carlin Automation and served as President of the Company.

JOE and JOYCE have been busy over the years with their many volunteer hours but still found time to raise 5 grown children who have given them 15 grandchildren. Both sons are members of the Knights, son-in-law KEVIN RAFFERTY is a Past Grand Knight and son-in-law PAT SCHMID is a Council Officer.

On behalf of the Officers of this Council and me, congratulations and thanks to both of you for all you have given to your Church, Community, and the Knights over the years.

LOUIE ALONGI, Grand Knight

(Presentation was made at the March 13th meeting)

FEBRUARY 2008
KNIGHT OF THE MONTH
MARK SCHAECHER

It seems like MARK SCHAECHER has been the Scoutmaster of the St. Pius X Parish forever, actually 21 years. Most of us St. Pius X people who have been around awhile probably have had sons whom MARK guided through the scouting program. During his 21 years of service to scouting he has successfully advanced 15 young men to the rank of Eagle Scout which is the highest rank achievable by a Boy Scout. MARK recently received the Bronze Pelican, the highest recognition a Diocesan Catholic Committee can bestow on an adult Scouter. This award recognizes those who have made a significant contribution to the spiritual development of Catholic youth in the Boy Scouts of America. Recipients of the award must be exemplary adults and members in good standing in their respective positions in Scouting and in their faith communities. MARK consistently identifies himself as a member of the Knights of Columbus. He acknowledges the financial support of both the Council and the Father Bader Assembly. He has, over the years, joined his Scouts in working with the Knights on service projects and encourages his Eagle Scouts to consider membership in the Knights of Columbus.

On behalf of the Officers of this Council and me, congratulations and thanks for your work in furthering the Youth Ministry of the Knights of Columbus. We are proud to call you a Brother Knight and the Knight of the Month.

LOUIE ALONGI
Grand Knight

(Presentation will be made at the April 10th Council meeting)

FEBRUARY 2008
SENIOR KNIGHT OF THE MONTH
LARRY HINZMAN

LARRY HINZMAN is an Officer of this Council serving as Advocate. He does on occasion serve to entertain and enlighten our members by sharing a story during a meeting. This is a Brother Knight who does not always come to a meeting but does seem to volunteer and show up to help. In November of 2005, I asked LARRY to help get our Knights involved again with the Salvation Army Kettle Drive during the Christmas season. I told him we needed to take over one business location for one day (9:00 to 9:00). LARRY called and scheduled 12 persons to work one hour each. The Kettle cash was just over \$400 that first year. LARRY has taken command of this project ever since and the Salvation Army looks forward to our Knights doing this community event each Christmas season. His community involvement includes volunteering to work more than one shift for the MR/LD Drive each year, finds his way on Sunday mornings sometimes helping with Coffee & Conversation. He is very active in his faith and his parish serving as Lector. LARRY has been married to ANNE for about 58 years with 6 grandchildren.

On behalf of the Officer's of this Council and me, thanks for your efforts to help and support the Knights. Congratulations and thanks for everything you do in the work of the Knights.

LOUIE ALONGI
Grand Knight

(Presentation will be made at the April 10th Council meeting)

FEBRUARY 2008
FAMILY OF THE MONTH
ANDY AND JENNIFER RICHMOND

ANDY and JENNIFER RICHMOND just finished their 3rd year hosting the Council Spelling Bee. I asked JENNIFER 3 years ago to help the Council to get back involved with a Spelling Bee that parents and family can attend and show support. They have done an outstanding job putting this Youth program together for the Knights. The Spelling Bee has been averaging about 50 – 75 in attendance and parents continue to express thanks to the Knights and the RICHMOND's for doing such a professional job. Our Council Bee has been responsible for sending students to participate in both Regional and State Bee's the past three years.

ANDY and JENNIFER both have careers in education. ANDY is Assistant Superintendent and Principal at ROWVA High School and JENNIFER is an ESL teacher at Williams-Intermediate School in Davenport. They have 3 children, BRAD who attends U of IL, CHRISTINA and AMANDA who attend Alleman High School. JENNIFER is currently working on her second Masters Degree and ANDY is active with Phi Delta Kappa. Both are members of St. Pius X Parish where JENNIFER is a Eucharistic Minister and ANDY has just volunteered to be a Lector. Both volunteer for activities with Alleman and their parish. They have recently become a sponsor of a child in Mexico with the Christian Foundation for Children and Aging. ANDY and JENNIFER, and their family, have volunteered for various Knights projects including the MR/LD Drive and the Italian Dinners the Council has sponsored the past two years. This is a family that is involved in Church, Community, School and Youth activities and are deserving of this award.

On behalf of the Officers of this Council and me, congratulations and thank you for your support and volunteer efforts that you, and your family, have shown by being involved in so many different areas, including the Knights of Columbus.

LOUIE ALONGI
Grand Knight

(Presentation will be made at the April 10th Council meeting)

GREEN POINT REPORT

Winners since our last report:

727 Anne Brandmeyer	\$50
354 Terry Klauer	25
343 Phyllis Coogan	50
066 Emil Dupont	25
855 Scott Ford	25
835 Delores Rodts	25
719 Charles Gerleman	25

Numbers drawn with no holders:

397, 944, 188, 970, 380, 888, 435, 982, 459, 043, 763, 797, 696, 933, 875, 784, 250, 818, 446, 889.

HEADS UP! The Green Point tickets for May through August will be in the mail the first week of April. We will be adding four new \$75 days.

JIM WIELAND,
Green Point Chairman

MAJOR DEGREE, MAY 18

There will be a Major Degree Team at Father Betson Council, Moline, on Sunday, May 18. These degrees are being sponsored by all of the District Councils. Allouez Council estimates that it will have somewhere between 12 and 15 possible candidates. If you have not yet received the second and third degrees or you know a potential new member, this is a great opportunity for you.

HY-VEE COOKOUT

One again Allouez Council will man the Hy-Vee grills on April 5th from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. in order to raise funds for our various charitable functions. Brothers DICK FRIEDEL and GLENN WELLS will be running this event. Stop by and try a brat or a hamburger.

LADIES APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to the ten ladies who are sharing an April birth month. Have a Happy Birthday!

DEE DAVIS	BETTY HOOGERWERF
JUDITH KALE	DARLENE LINDLEY
BARBARA JEAN MOORE	DIANE PHILLIS
CINDY SALTER	MARY ANN STEWART
LEONE STRUPP	MARTHA VROMAN

ST. PIUS X PARISH COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Coffee and Conversation will be hosted on April 6 by Allouez Council after the 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 Masses at St. Pius X. We look forward to seeing you at Farrell Hall on the first Sunday of each month.

GENE FOWLER, Chairman

MAY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to all the couples who will celebrate a May wedding anniversary.

MICHAEL & DEANN BELL	5/18/1991
RON & NANCY DE RUDDER	5/04/1957
LARRY & ANNE HINZMAN	5/28/1949
JACK & MARIAN KETTERING	5/04/1957
JESSE & MARGARET LOPEZ	5/28/1955
LOUIS & JOYCE MACK	5/27/1967
CLARENCE & JEAN McQUINTY	5/22/1954
JOHN & MARY MICHALSKI	5/07/1955
ROBERT & MARY JO PULFORD	5/21/1960
JAMES & MARIE WELLS	5/06/1961
JAMES & KAREN WIELAND	5/15/1965
GEORGE & LOUISE WILLIAMS	5/03/1947
RICHARD & JUDI YEAGER	5/23/1964

We want to recognize all of our married couples but we can't if you don't tell us what this important date in your life is. Call F.S. JOHN JUSTICE (788-6921) so he can put it in our records.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Twenty-two Brother Knights are celebrating a birthday this month. May they live as long as they want and never want as long as they live!

ANTHONY ARMETTA	DONALD BECK
STEVEN BOWEN	JOSEPH CARLIN
MICHAEL CROWDER	CLEM CUNNINGHAM
JAMES DE DECKER	DOMENICO DI IULIO
PAUL EGAN	PETER FIEWEGER
MARK FISHER	MSGR. D. FITZPATRICK
EUGENE FOWLER	TIMOTHY GRANET
DAVID HUBBS	TOM LAWRENCE
ALVIN MARTIN	DAVID NAAB
KEVIN RAFFERTY	REV. GEO. SCHROEDER
REX SCRANTON	JOHN WUERZBURGER

MEA CULPA!

Due to "technical difficulties beyond our control," the following members with March birthdays were not listed:

JOHN CAMPBELL	JAMES POSSIN
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We wish to assure everyone that they are still alive and well.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE DATE

Next month's newsletter is scheduled to go to the printer on April 25. Any articles that you wish to be in that month's Newsletter must be received at the home of JIM CASEY by April 24. You may email your article to jmc2800@mchsi.com or mail it to 2800 47th Street Court, Rock Island, IL 61201. Your article may be edited for content, to correct misspellings or to fit into the space available.

PRAY FOR US

MEMBERS SICK OR IN DISTRESS

We pray for our Brother Knights who are ill or otherwise incapacitated. We can only mention those of whom we are aware. Let us know if you wish to be included. Call JOHN JUSTICE (788-6921)

to be added. We remember the following members in our prayers:

John Bromley	St. Anthony Cont. Care
Richard Vincent	St. Anthony Cont. Care
Ken Ague	At home
Keith Grothusen	At home
Charles Hood	At home
Al Kukla	At home
LaVance Moore	At home
Bob Pulford	At home
Don Stange	At home
Jim Toensing	At home
John Valentine	Heartland

SPAGHETTI DINNER

On April 19, Allouez Council will host a spaghetti dinner at Farrell Hall. While this is not the “Authentic Italian Dinner” that has been put on the past two years, we are fortunate to have Brother DICK REQUET, former owner of the Italian Village, to agree to be our “Guest Chef” and direct us in this venture. He tells us that he will serve his famous Italian Village sauce with the spaghetti. Our mouths water just thinking about it!

We will be serving from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. In addition to the spaghetti you will receive a salad, rolls, coffee or pop and dessert. All this for the low price of only \$7.00 per person, \$5.00 for children under 12. This is a treat that will be hard to beat!

NEWMAN CHARITY

Don't forget to make that contribution to the State Newman Fund. This is not only a personal tax benefit but it also helps provide a Catholic presence on the campuses of colleges and universities in Illinois. Send your check to JOHN JUSTICE, 38 Brittany Lane, Rock Island, IL 61201. It's a win/win situation!

Recent contributors are:

Alfred J. Kukla	\$100
Fred J. Luckenbill	100
The Luckenbill Children:	
Amy, Andy and Beth	100
Ralph B. Robinson	100
Robert Pulford	100

DEACON'S QUESTION BOX

What Are Indulgences?

To understand indulgences and why they exist, we must first remember the effects of sin and the remedy of reconciliation. Every sin we commit has a double consequence. As we are reminded in the Catechism, every sin damages (venial sin) or destroys (mortal sin) our relationship

with God. Every sin also entails an unhealthy attachment to creatures or created things. This disturbs the order established by God and destroys values within the sinner and in the human community that we hold precious.

The Sacrament of Confession (or Reconciliation) removes the guilt of sin and reestablishes our friendship with God providing we come to the sacrament with a sincere conversion of heart, the full desire to amend our life, and by completing the penitential acts assigned to amend our transgressions of God's justice. Even after this sacramental absolution, the damage done to ourselves, to the community, and to the natural order must still be repaired.

This reparation is necessary before we are truly ready to meet God face to face. It may be done voluntarily by ‘making up’ for the damage or by freely accepting the just punishments demanded by God. Reparation may happen in this life or it may happen in purgatory. This is what the Church calls ‘temporal punishments’.

An indulgence then is the “remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven” provided the Christian is properly disposed and fulfills certain prescribed conditions as defined by the Church. “An indulgence is partial or plenary according as it removes either part or all of the temporal punishment” and this can be applied to themselves or to the dead in purgatory.

Next month, I will deal with the question “How Do I Obtain an Indulgence?”

Feel free to drop me a question for this column. Questions may be dropped off on the head table at a Council Meeting or sent via email to rpswim@mchsi.com or phone 786-3097.

CONDOLENCES

We send our condolences to the family and friends of Brother Knight ROBERT L. MOORE, an Honorary Life Member, who passed away on January 31, 2008, at the Northeast Regional Medical Center in Kirksville, Missouri. He was 85.

A 1941 graduate of Kirksville High School, he moved to Rock Island where he was employed as a typesetter for the Argus Newspaper for many years.

His funeral Mass was February 2, 2008, at Mary Immaculate Catholic Church in Kirksville, Missouri. He is interred in

Rock Island Memorial Park, Rock Island, Illinois.

We also offer our sympathies to Brother JAMES DUGAN on the death of his brother, MICHAEL DUGAN, on March 19, 2008. His funeral was at St. Pius X Church on March 21. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Rock Island.

May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace.



CAMPERS

The 2008 Illinois State K of C Camporee is coming soon, and it is not far away. This year it is at Yogi Bear's Yellowstone Park near Goodfield, IL

It is the weekend of June 6, 7 & 8. Early birds are welcome on the 5th. We have many activities planned. Feel free to contact JIM WIELAND for details at 309-786-9605 or jimwieland@sbcglobal.net.



INSURANCE AGENT'S MESSAGE

We all know the old adage – the grass seems greener on the other side of the fence. When it comes to replacing your existing Knights of Columbus life insurance with coverage offered by another company, the adage holds true. Perceptions are deceiving. A move to *the other side of the fence* might seem like a good one, but it can leave you with less *green* in your wallet – in some cases, a lot less. That's why it pays to remember another old saying – *Read the fine print.*

There are many reasons to keep your existing coverage in force, whether that coverage is with the Knights of Columbus or with another company. I'll focus potential pitfalls of replacing coverage here – pitfalls that an agent trying to convince you that grass actually is greener might neglect to mention.

First, all life insurance contracts contain a *contestability period*, which allows the insurer to contest claims made for a period, typically two years, after the contract is issued. Chances are, this is no longer an issue with your current coverage.

Second, it's unlikely that you can obtain the same amount of coverage, for the same premium, that you were able to obtain with your existing contract. The two factors that determine how much you'll need to pay for life insurance coverage are age and health. Certainly, you're older now than you were when you took out your current

coverage. There's no way around that one. And you have to ask yourself, has your health changed during that time? Is your blood pressure the same? Your cholesterol? Have you gained weight? All these factors affect the amount of coverage you'll get for your premium dollar.

If someone encourages you to replace your existing coverage, please call me. I'll show you how your existing coverage is working for you and why replacement is not in your best interest.

Fraternally yours,
MIKE MARTENS
(309) 737-2390



FREE THROW COMPETITION

The winners of the Jordan Catholic Schools "Hoops Shoot Out", in age groups 10 – 14, both boys and girls, competed at the District Free Throw Competition and the winners advancing to the Regional Competition were:

10 Year Old Winners

Boy SAM SCHAECHER

11 Year Old Winners

Girl CLAIRE SHROEDER

12 Year Old Winners

Boy BRANDON SHERADEN

13/14 Year Old Winners

Boy ETHAN ADLFINGER

Girl JOSIE BECKWITH

These District winners proceeded on to the Knights of Columbus Regional Competition which was held on March 15, 2008, at Stockton, IL. SAM SCHAECHER and BRANDON SHERADON won in their age categories and will advance to the State Finals. Unfortunately, JOSIE BECKWITH lost in a shoot-off and will not continue. The State Finals are scheduled for Chatham, Illinois, on April 5th.

JACK MICHALSKI, PGK
Free Throw Chairman



K of C SPELLING BEE

The Rock Island Knights of Columbus are happy to announce that the First Place winner of our Local Spelling Bee, CLAIRE DODSON, placed Second at the Knights of Columbus Regional Spelling Bee in Galesburg on March 2nd. She will advance to the 2008 State Competition that will take place at Chatham, Illinois, on April 5th.

Congratulations and Good Luck to
CLAIRE DODSON!



FOURTH DEGREE

EXEMPLIFICATION DATE

On April 19, 2008, Bloomington Assembly #213 will host an exemplification of the Fourth Degree. The fee will be \$70.00 (\$35.00 for Priests and Religious Brothers) payable to the Master of the Fourth Degree. Each candidate will receive a social baldric, 4th Degree lapel pin and one banquet ticket. Candidates are to wear a black tuxedo with black bow tie, white formal shirt with a standard lay down collar and black socks and footwear. A dress uniform will be proper if in the military. Clergy may dress in their appropriate attire. We anticipate a noon starting time.

All Third Degree Knights who have been a member of the order for 12 months are eligible to be candidates. Members with six months service may apply for a waiver through the District Master or the District Secretary at least 30 days prior to the exemplification.

If you would like to apply for membership into Father Edward J. Bader Assembly #1922, contact JIM CASEY by phone (794-1159) or by e-mail (jmc2800@mchsi.com) or DAVE ROSS at 762-3516.

The Fourth Degree is the Patriotic Degree of the Order.



KUDOS TO THE FOLLOWING

BROTHER KNIGHTS:

Rev. MIKE SCHAAB and MARC LEMON for their successful leadership on the St. Pius X Habitat for Humanity House that was recently completed. Some of the Knights that I am aware of that worked on this project were: CHARLES BARBARO, JIM CASEY, DAVE CRAY, KEVIN KOSKI, "RED" PEARSON, RAY WELLS and DICK YEAGER.

TODD ROSENTHAL for stepping up to host the State Wrestling Competition at Moline's Wharton Field house after the traumatic shootings at the scheduled Northern Illinois University's campus.



KNIGHTS OF THE AREA PLAN MAJOR DEGREE

The five Councils of District 50 of the Knights of Columbus are planning a major degree for Sunday, May 18, 2008 at Christ the King Parish in Moline. District Deputy TONY SCOTT in announcing this degree stated, "Every member of the Knights is technically a recruiter and needs

to reach out to other Catholic gentlemen to invite them to membership in the order." He stated further, "The main reason many have not joined the Knights is that no one has asked hem to become involved." This is the first Major Degree to be hosted in the Illinois Quad Cities in a number of years and all but eliminates the need for travel.

Ongoing recruitment such as at our Coffee & Conversations has resulted in Allouez Council having a number of candidates for this upcoming Major Degree. These candidates range from two young gentlemen who just turned eighteen to others who could be considered "a bit older". A father and son duo will take the degrees to become second and third generations of their family to be involved in the work of the Knights.

As we talk about becoming involved in the work of the Knights, we hear the constant lament, "I am just too busy". "There are too many demands on my time." In response we say, by joining the Knights you are not indenturing yourself with unlimited commitments, instead you are committing yourself to supporting the ideals of the Order. The payment of dues alone supports a wide variety of worthwhile causes such as Priest and Religious Vocations, Right To Life activities, Catholic education, youth activities and support of our Parishes to name just a few. What a Knight chooses to do or become involved with is then guided by his interests and available time. It is suggested that a Knight attend at least one Council Meeting a year and be involved with possibly one activity such as the annual MR/LD drive.

Form 100's or the membership application and details on costs are available by contacting GK LOUIE ALONGI at 786-9625 or FRED LUCKENBILL at 794-9085. The Knights are celebrating the 125th Anniversary of the order and all Knights completing a form 100 for a new member will receive a special coffee mug commemorating this anniversary. Remember, every Knight is a recruiter, Knights are recruited one at a time and prospective Knights have to be asked to join the order. Surely each Knight knows at least one other Catholic gentleman who should belong to the Knights. Ask or invite him to join or share that name with Grand Knight LOUIE or FRED LUCKENBILL and they will extend the invitation to join.



FATHER McGIVNEY DECLARED "VENERABLE" BY VATICAN

The following is an excerpt from an article released by the Communications Department of the Knights of Columbus on March 16, 2008:

Pope Benedict XVI has approved a decree recognizing the heroic virtue of Father Michael J. McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus. The Pope's declaration significantly advances the Priest's process toward sainthood and gives the parish Priest the distinction of "Venerable Servant of God". If canonized, Fr. McGivney would be the first American born Priest to be so honored.

The cause, or process for Father McGivney's sainthood, was opened in 1997 and presented to the Vatican in 2000 where it has been under review. With the Pope's recent decree, and the authentication of a miracle at Father McGivney's intercession, the priest could be beatified. A second miracle is now required for canonization.



CHARITY FUNDS DISTRIBUTION

At the Annual Community Awards Night on February 27, our charity funds were distributed as follows:

From the MR/LD Funds:

SPEC PROGRAM	\$2,185.73
CHILDREN'S THERAPY CENTER	728.50
BLACKHAWK AREA ED. CENTER	1,252.25
ROCK ISLAND HS SPECIAL ED PROGRAM	637.50
INDIVIDUAL ADVOCACY GROUP	546.43
WESTERN ILLINOIS SPEC. OLYMPICS	500.90
DISTRICT 41 SKIP PROGRAM	318.75
SKIP A LONG DAY CARE CENTER	500.90
ARC OF ROCK ISLAND	455.36
SKILLS, INC.	273.22
COMMUNITY SERVICE OPTIONS FOR ROCK ISLAND AND MERCER COUNTIES	182.20

FROM THE PRO-LIFE BREAKFAST:

QUAD CITY RIGHT TO LIFE	\$1,290.00
LIFE AND FAMILY EDUCATION TRUST	1,290.00



PEORIA DIOCESE VOCATIONS CONFERENCE

On April 5, the Diocese of Peoria is holding a Vocations Conference. The purpose of this Conference is to recognize and address the need for more vocations in the Diocese. As long-time supporters of vocations through our support of seminarians (Allouez Council currently contributes \$500 to each of the seminarians that it is supporting) and the State Council's Annual Vocations Raffle fund raiser for money for seminarians, the Knights of Columbus have been invited to attend this meeting. The Council has requested our Brother Knight, Deacon JOSEPH DOCKERY-JACKSON, to represent us. He

will report the conclusions reached back to Allouez Council and his report will appear in the May Abstracts.



NEWSLETTER AD PROGRAM

A reminder to those who received my letter on renewing their AD, please give me your response/check soon. Anyone wishing information on acquiring a space, please contact me soon. A \$25 donation is requested per space. Your ad will run for one year, 12 issues, of the newsletter which is sent to over 500 homes. Thank you.

LOUIE ALONGI, Ad Coordinator
(309) 235-6796.



PROJECT RACHEL

At the last Council meeting the members voted to increase its support to this worthy cause from \$25 to \$100 a year. This will be part of our pro-life funding. Project Rachel is a Catholic program dedicated to alleviating the sorrow of abortion in both men and women.



COUNCIL HOLY HOUR

My brothers in the faith,

As Catholics, we are devoted to Mary, the mother of God. And the Knights of Columbus are particularly devoted to her. Mary is the pinnacle of holiness and the first of men and women to be assumed to Heaven body and soul. She presents the world with the best example of humbleness and peacefulness. May is a month set-aside specifically in honor of Mary. I am inviting my brother Knights to join the council officers in a Holy Hour devoted specifically to Mary. This Holy Hour will be held in the Adoration Chapel at St. Pius X on May 8 at 5:00 PM. A light dinner will be available between the Holy Hour and the Council meeting.

Call me at 309-786-3097 or send me an email at rpswim@mchsi.com to let me know you are coming. That way there will have enough food to go around.

God Bless You
Deacon RUSS