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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE—LOUIS ALONGI, Grand Knight

On behalf of the Officers of the Council and myself, I wish our Knights of Columbus families a very happy and healthy 2008 New Year! With Christmas, and all the other December parties and events behind us, we can now try to get back to our “normal busy self” and kind of back in a routine of sorts. The major January event (1/27) is our annual Pro-life Breakfast. This is a major Pro-Life Fundraiser for the Rock Island Knights. If my memory is correct, our Council started this in 1980 at Alleman. That puts us into about the 28th Annual breakfast this time around. The amount has varied a little over the years but we usually net around \$2,000 and, if you take that times 27, we have donated over \$50,000+ to the Pro-life efforts in our Quad-City area. JEFF SCARPINATO and his committee are in the process of planning and scheduling volunteers for another successful event. DO NOT WAIT for a call, please call TOM LAWRENCE (788-4642) and get your name on the list to help for the benefit of Pro-Life. This could be a good way for a Family to start the New Year!

My friend, right hand man, and Brother Knight DICK FRIEDEL, will be taking my place for a couple of months worth of meetings and newsletters, as my wife and I take a vacation to Cancun in January and to Israel in February. I do appreciate DICK helping me during this period of time.

The next council meeting will be on January 10th, 7:00 pm at Farrell Hall. Deacon RUSS will be inviting everyone to join him in one decade of the rosary and a social will follow the meeting. I hope you will be able to join your Brother Knights to plan and give input to the many Church, Community, and Youth events of our Council.

Keep the faith and give thanks for your blessings everyday.

LOUIE ALONGI, Grand Knight, Allouez Council 658.
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FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE – DAVID ROSS, Faithful Navigator

SK NORM PEARSON's half brother decided to allow the Father Bader Assembly to donate the chalice he had chosen to honor NORM's passing. Also, I received a nice acknowledgement from Father DAN MIRABELLI thanking the Assembly for the \$100 donation to Alleman in SK GENE HORTON's memory. Eight good Honor Guard men made it to the service (no Mass) for GENE on one day's notice.

I think I've mentioned that I now receive a copy of the Milan Council newsletter – “Grand Knight Knotes”. Former DD, SK JOHN LAUGLIN is the GK. You just can't keep a good man from getting involved. Doing well at one job means you will have a good chance of being nominated for another.

A full house, including eleven men in full regalia (Four Allouez, four Father Betson, zero Milan, and three Leo), helped Bishop DANIEL R JENKY celebrate Mass for St. Mary's, East Moline, 100th Anniversary on December 8th. Icy weather delayed Bishop JENKY's arrival, but his warmth and personality made the wait worthwhile. He again expressed his appreciation for the 4th Degree Honor Guard. St. Mary's was my first parish having been baptized there in 1953 with my brother LANNY when we were both in high school. Brother LANNY's funeral was the weekend of this writing. Much to my chagrin, I never worked hard enough to get him into the order. Several times people asked if the KC Honor Guard was going to be there. It was hard to admit “no.” I got to be the lector at Mass and had the opportunity to speak about him, but I really missed the Honor Guard not being able to participate. Moral of the story – keep trying. Talk about the pride of membership, the comradery, the good insurance, and yes, even the fun we have at the work projects.

Our Christmas Social at Christ the King was well attended (41 and 4 no shows). Three large yard bags were filled with the toys donated to needy children. Thanks to Father MIKE SCHAAB for

celebrating Mass with us and, as promised, no meeting. That means that we'll have a few things to talk about in February.

SK Master JAMES DeRUNTZ included this in his last newsletter to me.

"I [James, not me] have been made District Chairman for "The Knights of Columbus Incarnation Dome" fund. As you know the goal for the 4th degree is \$500,000 to be raised by 30 June 2009. Please follow the instructions sent from Supreme dated 5 October 2007. Effingham Assembly 0214 has already sent in \$1,000. Only 50 more Assembly's in my district to go. Don't be the last one to do your part." More about this at our next meeting.

See you in February. Place to be announced.

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

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH, DECEMBER 2007 (Presentation will be made at the 1/10 meeting)
JACK MICHALSKI

In recent years, JACK MICHALSKI has received the honor of "Senior Knight of the Month" in 2006 and 2007, but not "Knight of the Month." As JACK continues to be an asset to our Council in so many different ways, your fellow Officers and myself, want to honor you as our Knight of the Month and express our thanks for not only serving as Trustee, but stepping forward for the last few years by showing leadership in guiding our Council as Youth Director and guiding programs such as the Free-Throw and working with the Jordan staff on various KofC Illinois State essay activities. JACK recently took charge, with assistance from JIM WIELAND, and had our Nativity Scene, that is over 40 years old, refurbished and looking like new. The scene is displayed every year at Calvary Cemetery. JACK is a Former District Deputy and Past Grand Knight. We are proud to have you on our staff, and your experience on all that you help us do in Church, Community, and Youth activities.

On behalf of your fellow Officers and me, congratulations and thanks for your friendship.

LOUIE ALONGI, Grand Knight

SENIOR KNIGHT OF THE MONTH, DECEMBER 2007 (Presentation will be made at the 1/10 meeting)
GENE FOWLER

Some years back, there was a commercial, or something, that talked about the "good guys in the white hats," well that sort of describes our Senior Knight of the Month GENE FOWLER. I have not seen him in a white hat lately but he is a good guy that you see quite often helping and assisting with some event or another. GENE seems to always have a smile and good attitude that he shares with all his Brother Knights. GENE volunteered to take on our monthly Coffee & Conversation over a year ago and it is running as smooth as clock work. He volunteers for our Knights Charity Cookouts and has worked the MR/LD tootsie roll drive for years. GENE is an active member of the Belgium American Club and active with the retired group of firefighters. He is a good Christian man helping his Church, Community, and the Knights.

On behalf of the Officers and myself, congratulations and thanks for all you do, as you represent the Knights of Columbus.

LOUIE ALONGI, Grand Knight

"The difference between genius and stupidity is that genius has its limits." —Albert Einstein

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

GREEN POINT REPORT

Winners since our last report:

477 Robert Egger	\$50
717 Richard Black	25
565 Jim Hicks	25
623 Betty Whitted	25
270 Russ Swim	25
109 James Wieland	25
504 Carolyn Bileddo	25
518 Amy Luckenbill	50

Numbers drawn with no holders:
235, 199, 628, 003, 582, 233, 043, 552, 426,
653, 554, 299, 846, 263, 427, 717, 972, 496,
208, 365, 879. 752.

The next series, JJ Green Points starts on January 1, 2008. There are still a few tickets that have not been returned. Please get them in soon. I wish you all god luck in the New Year. Thanks,

JIM WIELAND,
Green Point Chairman



ANNUAL PRO-LIFE BREAKFAST

The Annual Sir Knight LARRY QUANE Pro-Life Breakfast will take place on Sunday, January 27 at the St. Pius X Farrell Hall in Rock Island. The pancake breakfast will be served from 7:45 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. There will be a charge of \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children (12 and under) or \$18.00 for a family. Tickets will be sold at the door.

All proceeds will go to support Pro-life activities within the Quad City area.

JEFF SCARPINATO, Chairman
MARK HOLLAND, Co-Chair
TOM LAWRENCE, Co-Chair



KNIGHTS BLOOD DRIVE

As we have done the past few years, the Month of January is Knights of Columbus Blood Drive Month. We are asking all Knights, their family, and friends to go to ANY Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center and donate blood, and asking that credit be given to the "Rock Island KofC Council." You may make an appointment at any MVRBC by calling 1-800-747-5401. January is a very critical month for the MVRBC and the Knights are trying to help with this community need. If you have any questions please contact FRED LUCKENBILL (794-9085). Thank you for your consideration.

LOUIE ALONGI
Blood Drive Chairman

LADIES JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to the nine ladies who are sharing a January birth month. Have a Happy Birthday!

PAT BIERMAN	SHARON BURNS
ANGIE CONICELLA	ROSE FOX
MARY HENSLER	PATRICIA KUKLA
FRANCES L. MARTIN	WALBURGA McCLUNG
MARY JANE VOSS	



ST. PIUS X PARISH COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Coffee and Conversation will be hosted on January 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



FEBRUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to these couples who will celebrate a February wedding anniversary. The anniversaries range from 57 to 63 years. What wonderful examples of enduring love! God bless them all!

JOSEPH & JOYCE CARLIN	2/23/1957
JAMES & IRENE DUGAN	2/14/1950
JOSEPH & JOAN LOPEZ, JR.	2/05/1955
RUSSELL & PAM SWIM	2/27/1971

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.



OUR SINCERE APOLOGIES

In last month's bulletin we inadvertently omitted the recognition of THOMAS and JUDITH KALE's 50th wedding anniversary on January 18, 2008. We extend both an apology and our congratulations. We wish you both continued happiness for many more years.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

LOUIS ALONGI	ROBERT BARNETT
WILLIAM BERNBROCK	PAUL CARTON
DAVID CRAY	CHARLES DAVIS
MICHAEL DOYLE	ROBERT EGGER
MARK HUGGINS	LARRY HUMBERSTONE
JOHN A. JUSTICE	ALAN MASSIE
CLARENCE McQUINTY	JOHN MEENAN
JAMES MORAN	JOHN P. MORAN
ANDREW OLSON	MARC POSSIN
PHILIP SAILER	JEFF SCHAECHER
JAMES WELLS	RAYMOND WELLS
ROBERT WHEELAN	



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:

William Lehnerer	Oak Glen Home
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	At home

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE DATE

Next month's newsletter is scheduled to go to the printer on January 26. Any articles that you wish to be in that month's Newsletter must be received at the home of JIM CASEY by January 26. 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.

A NEW ARRIVAL

KATHLEEN GUSSE, wife of Brother Knight JOSEPH GUSSE, gave birth to a baby girl on Sunday, December 23, 2007 at Trinity East. Her name is GABRIELLA LUCILLE GUSSE and she is welcomed by grandparents JOHN and CONNIE JUSTICE, uncle JOHN ANDREW JUSTICE and the rest of her extended family. The baby was born at 1:42 a.m., weighing 6 lbs. 11.2 oz. and she was 19 inches long. Mother and baby are doing well.

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!

Contributions received since last month are:

JAMES M. CECIL	\$100.00
RICHARD L. PHILLIS, M.D.	100.00
JOHN W. RODTS	50.00
JAMES F. WIELAND	100.00
Total to date	\$650.00

SALVATION ARMY BELLRINGERS

On Tuesday, December 4, twelve KC Knights volunteered to ring the bell for the

Salvation Army at the Rock Island Country Market on 24th street. Up until that week we enjoyed some nice warm weather but, wouldn't you know it, it turned rather cold on this Tuesday. I was there to greet the first volunteer, RALPH VROMAN. All I could see were his eyes and his nose. He was well prepared for his hour in the cold.

At the end of my shift at 5:00 p.m., CLARENCE McGUINITY showed up to replace MARK POSSIN who had an emergency and couldn't make it. It was just starting to snow at 5:00 p.m. and CLARENCE, a Canadian, was well prepared also for the cold. But he wasn't prepared for what happened on his shift. A man who thought the kettle was an ash tray put in a lit cigarette. CLARENCE immediately got a glass of water and poured it into the kettle to keep his money from burning. FRED (Whatshisname), who relieved CLARENCE, was in charge of keeping an eye on the situation. When I left at 5:00 p.m., the kettle was very full and it was hard to get the dollar bills down into the kettle. I'm assuming we did very well. Here are the names of the brave Brother Knights who volunteered:

RALPH VROMAN	RED PEARSON
RON LaSALLE	GLENN WELLS
RAY WELLS	JACK MICHALSKI
JIM WIELAND	LARRY HINZMAN
FRED LUCKENBILL	ANTHONY FORLINI
CLARENCE McGUINITY	LOUIE ALONGI

Late word from the Salvation Army indicated that we collected \$276.69.

LARRY HINZMAN, Chairman

CONDOLENCES

We send our condolences to the following families in the Knights of Columbus brotherhood who have suffered the recent loss of loved ones:

CONNIE and JOHN JUSTICE and JOHN JUSTICE, JR., whose mother and grandmother, respectively, died of cancer in November.

TIMOTHY DOOLING, whose grandmother, LAURA DOOLING, passed away in early December. She was the widow of PGK ROBERT DOOLING.

DAVE ROSS, whose brother, LANNY ROSS, died shortly before Christmas.

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace