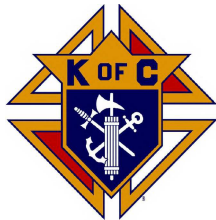


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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE—RICHARD FRIEDEL, Acting Grand Knight

I have a very warm feeling about the Pro-Life pancake breakfast, held on January 27th for a number of reasons, mainly because it's for Pro-Life and also that LARRY QUANE was my friend and neighbor. I'm proud for the work that JEFF SCARPINATO, MARK HOLLAND and TOM LAWRENCE did heading up this event and also all those who helped out as workers; adults and Alleman students. I'm probably forgetting someone and for this I apologize-----Oh yes those who came to eat pancakes! We netted \$2,562.69 and these monies will be used for Pro-Life efforts in the Quad-City area.

The Spelling Bee was held on Sunday February 10th in Farrell Hall. The winners received Best Buy Certificates:

1st.Place--(\$100.00) -----CLAIRE DODSON (Teacher Mrs.GANNON)

2nd.Place--(\$50.00) -----SAM KELLY (Teacher Ms. ZEGLIN)

3rd.Place--(\$25.00) -----SAM WOEBER (Teacher Mrs. BARRETT)

The Teachers received the same amount certificates but those were for the Teacher Aide Store (to purchase classroom supplies). Our thanks go to all who participated in any way.

The Annual Community Awards Night, when our Council distributes checks from money raised by MR/LD Drive and the Pro-Life Breakfast, took place on Tuesday, February 26 at 7:00PM and was hosted by SKIP in Moline. .

The next Council meeting will be March 13th, 7:00 PM at Farrell Hall. Deacon RUSS will be inviting everyone to join him in one decade of the Rosary. As a matter of fact, Deacon RUSS will be honored at this year's Knight of Knights awards in Streator on April 12. A social will follow the Council meeting. I hope you can all attend and help our Brother Knights with the Church, Community and Youth events of the Council.

May the good LORD continue to smile down on us as we say thanks to HIM above.

RICHARD FRIEDEL, Acting Grand Knight, Allouez Council 658

FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE – DAVID ROSS, Faithful Navigator

An even dozen good Catholic men in the Honor Guard helped Bishop JENKY celebrate Mass at St. Anne's Catholic Church in East Moline on January 28th for Catholic Schools Week. The WELLS brothers, SK RAY, and SK GLENN, were pictured on the front page of the Catholic Post leaving the church while the bishop was greeting children. Faithful Friar MIKE SCHAAB was also pictured co-celebrating the Mass. Thanks be to God!, we had no funerals at which to honor a member since the last newsletter.

Seventeen men enjoyed the food at the February assembly meeting at Pizza and Subs. Thanks to those who braved the weather and the adventuresome parking to make it. Speaking of pizza and meetings, our April meeting on the 3rd will be at Happy Joe's in Geneseo (not Milan as mentioned at our February meeting.) SK LOWELL GRAMLING has arranged this at 925 Oakwood Avenue starting about 5:45 pm.

The April meeting is important because it sets the stage for election of officers in June. You need to be there lest nominating committee chair SK FRED LUCKENBILL enters your name in the candidate pool in your absence. I would appreciate it if current officers would call FRED, or SK TIM KARGL, or SK LOWELL GRAMLING to let one know if you're a) interested in staying on the job, b) you will if you have to, or c) you really want out. Anyone not now an officer or also asked to call if you think you want to be considered. Frankly, voicing an interest would probably yield as high a percentage of being elected as was the chance of our country entering WWII after the bombing at Pearl Harbor. Other than the Faithful Comptroller (which is appointed) and maybe the Treasurer, these jobs are easy and there's always a good man ready to substitute if someone has to miss a meeting. I would like someone to take a shot at being Faithful Navigator. I promise I'll help whoever steps forward.

Speaking of SK FRED, his tank truck record of donating blood has finally been topped. I read an obit where a man was lauded for his work as a delivery driver for a blood center and for donating 100,000 pints blood. Roll up your sleeves FRED. (At the limit of six times a year as a "regular" donor this gentleman must have been over 17,000 years old.)

The Assembly voted to donate \$336 (\$3 per member) to the Incarnation Dome Fund. I sent the check to Supreme and a note to Master JIM DeRUNTZ. I hope some of us get a chance to see the Dome.

Our Fourth Degree Honor Guard will be present at the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's in Rock Island that precedes the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 15.

A Fourth Degree Exemplification will be held in Bloomington on April 19th. Deadline to apply there is March 21st. Cost is the normal \$70 which includes one banquet ticket. See the item in this newsletter for details.

SK BUD PHILLIS (he's still "Doc" to me) announced that the Flag Retirement Ceremony will be at Farrell Hall on June 14th, Flag Day! Bring your tattered flags or turn them in at any fire station.

Knight of Knights, including the honoring of Deacon RUSS SWIM, will be in Streator on April 12th.

Assembly Award Banquet will be at Farrell Hall on June 5th. Caterer is yet to be determined. If you have an idea about a deserving Knight or Family of the Year, give me a call. I have some ideas, but I don't know everyone as personally as some of you might.

I spoke to the parish nurse at Christ the King whose son is a priest in Belize, thinking he might know a priest there who needs a chalice. He doesn't but told his mom that he sees a great need for Ciborium. We can consider that maybe and I'd also like to hear your thoughts about increasing the donation value to Alleman if chosen in lieu of a chalice by the deceased member's family.

See you in Geneseo.

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

LADIES AUXILIARY NOTES – JODI JOHNSON, President

The Ladies Auxiliary meeting was held on Thursday, February 21st with President JODI JOHNSON presiding. There were 12 ladies in attendance. Refreshments and dessert were provided by JUNE SAMUELSON. Thank You, JUNE!! NANCY LUCKENBILL won the 50/50 drawing. She won \$5.00.

CONNIE JUSTICE reported that 8 members paid their dues. If you have not yet paid your \$5.00 dues, please send this to her at 38 Brittany Lane Rock Island, IL. 61201. PAT KUKLA reported that several cards were sent out since our November meeting. BEV HARTWIG went over our November meeting minutes and they were approved as read. NANCY LUCKENBILL went over our treasurer's report. Barb Lawrence gave us insight to our entertainment for the Mother/ Daughter banquet. We will discuss this further as soon as we find out more information.

We will be having a White Elephant sale for our March meeting. For those of you who do not know what this is, I will explain. When you come to our meeting in March, bring in any item that you no longer want and we will auction it off to the highest bidder at our meeting. The monies raised will go to our account for later use. You do not have to wrap this item, just bring it with you. Don't forget your money, so you can participate in the bidding.

At our April meeting, we will have "The Hankie Lady", so remember to bring in your favorite hankie. More on this in our April Newsletter.

Our next meeting is scheduled to be held on Holy Thursday, and there was discussion as to whether or not we should move it to another Thursday. We will be changing the date, but BOB PULFORD had not called as of yet, so please check your bulletin at Mass for the date. Sorry for not having the date in this newsletter, but we have not received the change of date as of yet. If you would like to know the date, you may call Jodi at 757-7146, and I will let you know.

Hope to see you and your item for sale at our meeting in March.

Faithfully submitted,
JODI JOHNSON, President:

"Every St. Patrick's Day every Irishman goes out to find another Irishman to make a speech to." - Shane Leslie

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING IS AT FARRELL HALL ON MARCH 13, 2008 AT 7 P.M.

GREEN POINT REPORT

Winners since our last report:

064 Pat Fisher	\$25
542 Ray Wells	50
494 Walter Schaecher	25
618 Pat Hanrahan	100
254 Pat Kukla	50
135 Francis Martin	25
013 Jim Mack	25
667 M. Schmitz	25
356 Mary Green	50
524 Erin Luckenbill	25
590 Emil Dupont	25
436 Leo Keller	25

Numbers drawn with no holders:

206, 262, 980, 259, 265, 662, 814, 557, 115, 474, 448, 825, 151, 814, 668.

It is never too late to get your tickets in. We always try to honor long time buyers. There are only a few return tickets left out there (you know who you are). Thanks for playing.

JIM WIELAND,
Green Point Chairman

ALLOUEZ COUNCIL MAKES "KNIGHTS IN ACTION"

Allouez Council's successful Membership Blitz and Scout Sunday activities will make the "Knights In Action" section of the Knights of Columbus international web site. Check out www.kofc.org on/after March 1. Under News and Views click on View All News & Events, then Knights in Action, View by Region, Midwest.

LADIES MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to the seven ladies who are sharing a March birth month. Have a Happy Birthday!

MARLENE FRIEDEL	PATRICIA GARBER
GLORIA HUMMEL	JULIE LAWRENCE
NANCY LUCKENBILL	SUE MURPHY
HENRIETTA ZERULL	

ST. PIUS X PARISH COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Coffee and Conversation will be hosted on March 2 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

APRIL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to all the couples who will celebrate an April wedding anniversary.

ALVIN & FRANCES MARTIN	4/04/1952
PAUL & LONNIE MARTIN	4/07/1951
JOHN & JILL REYNOLDS	4/25/1998
RALPH & DELORES ROBINSON	4/19/1952

JAMES & MARY ANNE STEWART 4/17/1971

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.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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

JOSEPH BURNS	BRIAN CASEY
JAMES CORYN	CLARENCE DARROW
JAMES DUGAN	RICHARD FRIEDEL
ANDREW GUZZO	DON HENDRICKS
LARRY HINZMAN	JOHN JUSTICE
JOHN KEELEY	VINCENT KLAUER
FRED KOPP	TERRY LENAGHAN
DANIEL LIEVENS	PATRICK LOOTENS
MICHAEL MUSICK	REV. JOHN VAN WIEL
JOE SCHAECHER	JOHN SHOWALTER

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	At home

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE DATE

Next month's newsletter is scheduled to go to the printer on March 27. Any articles that you wish to be in that month's Newsletter must be received at the home of JIM CASEY by March 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.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY TRAGEDY AND NEWMAN SUPPORT

One of the messages I carried back from the last meeting of the Peoria Chapter of the Knights of Columbus was an appeal for Knights and Councils to review their levels of support for the Newman Campus Ministry program. JIM BEDNAR, State Secretary for the Illinois Knights, reminded

those in attendance that the Newman program is the Knights of Columbus' NUMBER ONE CHARITY in the state although the MR/LD drives raise the most money. He noted further that in recent years the level of support for Newman had peaked and is now flat. BEDNAR encouraged individuals to reconsider their levels of support and for Councils to seek new ways of raising charity dollars and to make them yearly activities.

The ironic part of the NIU tragedy is that it happened less than two weeks following BEDNAR's charge to the Councils' representatives attending the Chapter meeting. It was somewhat reassuring to me as the course of events unfolded at NIU that my contributions/our contributions to the Newman Campus Ministry were directly responsible for helping to provide the Newman Center at NIU. Media coverage showed students and faculty, probably of many denominations, attending the special Mass being offered at the Center for those involved with the campus shooting. I am confident the staff and the facilities of the Newman Center will continue to provide a support system for students and faculty.

Some of our Allouez Council members have taken advantage of Newman programs that were available at their secular college or university and they now support the program. Two of our children were regular participants in Newman activities and they have joined NANCY and me as Century Donors to the program. A Century Donor commits \$100. annually, but any amount will help. Members of Allouez Council can be proud of the total support we give to Newman, but we can and should be doing more. Send contributions of any amount marked for Newman Campus Ministry to **John Justice, 38 Brittany Lane, Rock Island, IL. 61201.**

FRED LUCKENBILL, former Parent Representative Bradley University Newman Center



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!



DEACON'S QUESTION BOX

How Does One Make a Good Examination of Conscience?

Over the last few decades, there have been many booklets and articles written recommending this method or that method of examining one's conscience. For someone who is seriously working at maintaining their relationship with God, this becomes very confusing. What does the Church recommend?

Actually the Universal Church is pretty silent on the method one uses. The Catechism has only one small paragraph in it. Even the Fathers of the Church have not taught a set system to conduct an examination. There is tradition to fall back on. There are certain aids that have been used for centuries for good reason – they work.

An examination of conscience is a deliberate act of evaluating one's actions, attitudes, thoughts, words, or inactions for the purpose of determining those that harmed our relationship with God. We are encouraged to do this each evening before we retire for the night as part of our night prayers. This might be considered a devotional examination.

As we prepare to receive the Holy Body and Blood of our Savior in the Eucharist, we are encouraged to probe more deeply; to conduct a general examination. If we find sins mortal in nature or we determine the number of venial sins is now seriously impacting our love of Christ, then we need to go to the sacrament of Confession.

As an aid, I would recommend the tried and true methods that have worked for generations. They include reviewing our life against the Ten Commandments, the Precepts of the Church, and the Beatitudes. If you pick up a booklet as an aide, look for these within the process described in the booklet. If they aren't there, we run the risk of an incomplete examination.

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.

AIDS TO PREPARATION FOR CONFESSION

I would recommend to my fellow Knights the folder published by the Knights of Columbus as an assistance for examining one's conscience prior to sacramental confession. For those who would like to go further, I recommend Fr. Larry Richards CD

titled "Confession". This has become one of the most used talks for confession and preparing for confession in North America. It can be purchased through The Reason For Our Hope website (www.thereasonforourhope.org).

DEACON RUSS

DIOCESAN CATHOLIC SCOUTING AWARD TO MARK SCHAECHER

MARK SCHAECHER, a 24 year member of Allouez Council and a 38 year Scouter, was selected to receive the Bronze Pelican Award. This award is the highest honor a Catholic adult Scouter can receive from the Diocesan Catholic Scouting Committee recognizing a Scouter's significant and outstanding contributions to the spiritual development of Catholic youth in the Boy Scouts of America. MARK is one of 13 Boy and Girl Scout leaders selected for honors for 2008 for the Peoria Diocese. The awards were to be given out by Bishop DANIEL JENKY at a diocese wide Mass on February 17 which was cancelled due to the threat of bad weather. It was not clear whether the Bishop's schedule would allow for the Mass and Honors Program to be rescheduled.

MARK is an Eagle Scout, an active and supportive Scouter and Scout leader, a member of the Catholic Scouting Committee of the Peoria Diocese and has been Scoutmaster of St. Pius Troop 258 for 21 years. He has advanced 15 young men to Scouting's highest rank of Eagle Scout, is a trained Religious Emblem Coordinator and has received the Silver Beaver which is the highest recognition for Scout leaders given by a local Scout Council. MARK also works closely with Pack 258 sponsored by St. Pius X Parish.

The Knights of Columbus regard Scouting as a very successful form of youth ministry and even launched a program in 2006 to promote troop sponsorship by more councils and assemblies. Although not it's Sponsor, Allouez Council is a strong supporter of Scouting and boasts a number of former and present Scouters and Scout Leaders in its membership including among others St. Pius X's Associate Pastor and Eagle Scout, Fr. PETER ZORJAN, Grand Knight LOUIE ALONGI, Financial Secretary JOHN JUSTICE, Past Grand Knight FRED LUCKENBILL, KEVIN KOSKI and JOHN MARSHO. ALONGI and LUCKENBILL are recipients of the St. George Emblem which is the highest award given by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting.

In reflecting on his early days as a Cub Scout, MARK recalls that his mother, MARY ANN SCHAECHER, and ELIZABETH MRAZAK were among his earliest leaders.

FRED LUCKENBILL,

St. Pius X Parish Scouting Coordinator

CAMPERS UPDATE

The 40th Annual Knights of Columbus International Camporee is August 1 thru August 8th at Kastle Kampground in Marion, Wisconsin. It is always a fun week. Feel free to contact JIM WIELAND for details at 309-786-9605.

INSURANCE AGENT'S MESSAGE

IT TAKES MORE THAN MONEY

Most commodities can be bought provided you 1) have the money, 2) can find a willing seller, and 3) can agree on a satisfactory price. In like manner, most investments – real estate, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, bank accounts – require only an arm's length agreement and a deal is struck. All it takes is money.

There is one notable exception to the above statements. The purchase of life insurance. When the purchase of life insurance is considered, in addition to setting aside dollars, the prospective insured must prove that he is in good health. If a man is deemed to be "uninsurable," no amount of money will make this commodity available to him.

The ability to qualify for life insurance is an asset that is temporary at best. Without warning, your health can fail, and you may never be able to add to your life insurance program. Other hazards may prevent you from qualifying – occupation, character, even old age. What would happen if you suddenly woke up and decided to buy life insurance, but had lost your ability to qualify for it? Ever think about that?

I can tell you about our guarantee purchase option. Think of that! The ability to secure additional insurance, depending on the amount of your option, on a guarantee basis - without necessarily being in good health. This option can be added at issue of a new certificate up through age 37. Find out at your convenience how little it costs to guarantee the right to increase your protection.

Call me today for an appointment. I want to hear from you.

Fraternally yours,
MIKE MARTENS

FREE THROW COMPETITION

The Jordan Catholic Schools conducted their "Hoops Shoot Out" during the middle of January. The winners, in age groups 10 – 14, both boys and girls were:

10 Year Old Winners

Boy SAM SCHAECHER
Girl DENISE LOMMELL

11 Year Old Winners

Boy SAM KELLY
Girl CLAIRE SHROEDER

12 Year Old Winners

Boy BRANDON SHERADEN
Girl CIERRA DAVIS

13/14 Year Old Winners

Boy ETHAN ADLFINGER
Girl JOSIE BECKWITH

They will now precede on to the Knights of Columbus District Competition which will be held on March 2, 2008, at the Believers Together Center located at the Christ the King facilities in Moline. Competition will begin promptly at 10:30 a.m. The date and time for the Regional Competitions have not yet been announced, but they will be held during the month of March. The State Finals are scheduled for Chatham, Illinois, on April 5th.

JACK MICHALSKI, PGK

K of C SPELLING BEE

The Rock Island Knights of Columbus recently held a Spelling Bee with Jordan Catholic School on February 10th. The three winners of the Local Spelling Bee, hosted by Allouez Council, were First Place winner CLAIRE DODSON, Second Place SAM KELLY, and Third Place SAM WOEBER. Gift certificates were presented to the Spelling Bee winners and also their classroom teachers who received certificates for purchasing school supplies. All three of these winners qualify to participate in the Knights of Columbus Regional Spelling Bee in Galesburg on March 2nd. The 2008 State Competition will take place at Chatham, Illinois on April 5.

The Knights Spelling Bee with Jordan was co-chaired by ANDY and JENNIFER RICHMOND who are members of the Knights of Columbus family. ANDY is Assistant Superintendent and High School Principal at ROWVA and JENNIFER is an ESL teacher at Williams-Intermediate in Davenport.

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 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.

BLOOD DONORS AWAKEN!!

I am aware the following donated blood since January 1st to be credited to the Rock Island (Allouez Council) Knights: TOM LAWRENCE (?), RICHARD PHILLIS (?), FRED LUCKENBILL (2), NANCY LUCKENBILL (3), BETH LUCKENBILL FORD (?), MIKE MCKINNEY (3), RICHARD FRIEDEL, JOHN MARSHO, CLIFF PANTHER, BRIANNE BARRICK, LOUIE ALONGI (?), RED PEARSON (?), JIM WIELAND (?), ANDY OLSON (?), LINDA ALONGI, NANCY BARBARO, DENNIS CARLSON and RAY WELLS. If you donated since July 1, 2007 or if you were deferred when you attempted to donate, I can give you credit on this report. If you gave several times since July 1, 2007, I need that information as well. Please contact me if I have missed listing you as a blood donor. FRED LUCKENBILL, 309-794-9085 or luckenbills@mchsi.com

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