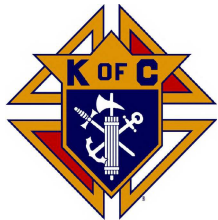


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## **GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE—GLENN WELLS, *Grand Knight***

The trustees and financial secretary met regarding the Council budget. They feel it is necessary to increase our income to accommodate all the programs we sponsor. We have several options to consider.

Membership - We need to add more members to our council. To date, we have added 7 new members. Our goal is 21. I would suggest that each of the knights in the council ask one person he knows to be a knight. This is the main source of our income.

Fund Raising - We have several options here. Other than the annual cookout at Hy-Vee and the Family Festival at St Pius, we have to look at other sources of income.

***I Wireless Center*** – Aramark who handles the concession stands at the I Wireless Center uses service organizations such as ours to help with concessions and in return pay for those workers.

To work at the concession stands, we would need two people per shift at each of the events we choose to work.

Rules for working at concession stands.

1. Need two people per shift
2. Requires two hours of training
3. Work 4 to 5 hours per shift depending upon the event
4. Must report at least one hour before shift starts.
5. We must work 15 events during season.
6. We would be paid \$80 per person per shift worked.
7. Uniforms are supplied by Aramark.

***Trivia Night*** - This is a popular event and needs further study. We would need a chairman and planning committee.

***Birdies for Charity*** -This is the easiest of the fund raisers. The Council needs to acquire a birdie number and solicit our knights to pledge at least 1 cent per birdie during the John Deere Classic. The Birdies for Charity starts in April and ends with the tournament in July. The payment to participating charities is in October. The Birdies for Charity event raised more than 4 million dollars last year, and increased the payments to participants by 6%.

The Council needs your input on which of the events you are willing to support.  
Have a Happy New Year!

**.GOD BLESS AMERICA! What Works.....Team Work**

GLENN WELLS, Grand Knight, Allouez Council 658  
(309)786-8168

## **FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE – LOWELL GRAMLING, *Faithful Navigator***

Greetings to all and to all the best of good health in 2010!

I am most pleased to report that there were 77 people at our annual Christmas Social. I trust that all had a good time. I want to thank all who brought gifts for the needy children and for writing a note to our brave men & women in uniform. Thank you very much!

A great big thank you to our entertainment people: SK MIKE ELLIS and SK REGGIE WHITE for music that lifted hearts as well as our spirit; to DEBBIE MARXEN and DARLENE GRAMLING and the brave ladies for the inspiring style show. To all the ladies, we express our thanks and our gratitude. A big thank you to many for making the Social a success. Congratulations to SK RALPH VROMAN who was presented his Life Membership documents from the Supreme Council.

At this time there are no flag programs scheduled. Our next meeting will be February 4, 2010, at a place to be announced later. Our agenda among other things: handing out certificates to our six new members; form a new officer's nomination committee; report on the status of our hat program; and any other business which maybe brought before the meeting.

With our deepest sincerity, DARLENE & I wish you and yours the blessings that the birth of our Lord has promised. We hope that you had a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

I pray that all of you stay safe and sound as we embark on a New Year. God bless!

LOWELL GRAMLING, Faithful Navigator, Father Edward J. Bader Assembly 1922

### **PROUD FAMILY OF KNIGHTS**

I recently received a call from TOM and JUDY KALE, they moved to Arizona in recent years, but still visit family and friends in the QCA. They called to arrange the donation of WILLIAM R. KALE's (TOM's father) 4<sup>th</sup> Degree regalia. Our Faithful Navigator, LOWELL GRAMLING, will be contacting the KALE's to thank them on behalf of the Assembly for the donation. Just a little human interest before I close this note: WILLIAM R. KALE had continuous membership in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree of 62 years and in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree 59 years. TOM KALE is doing his best to catch up with his dad as he has continuous membership in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree of 52 years and counting and in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree 46 years and counting. **So "combining" the Kale Knights equals 114 years and counting!** That is surely a "proud family of Knights." If I may, on behalf of GLENN WELLS, G.K. and LOWELL GRAMLING, F.N., thanks for your outstanding support and dedication to the Knights of Columbus.

I want to express thanks to JEFF SCHAECHER and TOM LAWRENCE who spent time digging out the "Kale Statistics" to share with the KALE's and us.

LOUIE ALONGI, Past Grand Knight.

### **ALLOUEZ LADIES AUXILIARY – MARGE SAILER, President**

The December meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary was our Annual Christmas Party with 53 members and guests attending on Dec 17th. Dinner was catered by Hy-Vee and entertainment was by the Rock Island High School Chamber Choir. They entertained us with many songs of the season. It was enjoyed by all with many door prizes given.

Our next meeting, weather permitting, will be 7:00 PM on Jan 21st. at Farrell Hall. At this meeting we will make Valentine cards to send to the troops overseas. Please bring your ideas, valentines, and any supplies you might think appropriate. Come prepared to put these things together to bring a smile to the faces of some our troops so far away from home. Let them know we are thinking of them and appreciate all they are doing. At this meeting we will also be accepting nominations for the Auxiliary member of the year. Please give this some thought. More about this at the meeting, since this will be new to us this year, MARG SAILER, president, will give us more information on it then.

I do hope all our members, their families and friends had a wonderful and Holy Christmas as well as a great new Year. See you at the meeting.

JUNE SAMUELSON, publicity

*"An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old one leaves."* – Bill Vaughan

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING IS AT FARRELL HALL ON JANUARY 14, 2010 AT 7 P.M.

Please join us for the  
Knights of Columbus  
Sir Knight Larry Quane 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Pro-Life Breakfast

7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
**Sunday, January 24, 2010**  
Farrell Hall, St. Pius X Catholic Church  
2901 24<sup>th</sup> Street  
Rock Island, IL

Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3.00 for children (12 and under), \$18 for a family  
Tickets will be sold at the door

Back by Popular Demand – Two Grills and Sit-down Service!

*Proceeds support pro-life activities within the Quad Cities Area*

Chairman: JEFF SCARPINATO

Co-Chairmen: MARK HOLLAND, TOM LAWRENCE, JACK SWAN, KEVIN  
RAFFERTY, GLENN WELLS

 **CHARITY FUNDS**

R.I.H.S. Special Education Department will be the host for our Annual Charity Funds Distribution on February 23, 2010, 7:00 pm. The funds collected from our MR/LD (tootsie roll) Drive and the Sir Knight LARRY QUANE Pro-Life Pancake Breakfast will be distributed to the various organizations in attendance. All Knights and their families are invited to attend. A social with cake and refreshments will follow the program. The 25th avenue (next to the field house) door in the turn-a-around will be the entrance door. Please call me with any questions. I encourage all Officers, members and their families, to join this gathering and learn how and where these funds will be directed, and show support for the work that they do for our community.

LOUIE ALONGI,  
2009 MR/LD Chairperson  
786-9625

**GREEN POINT REPORT**

Winners since our last report:

430 Thomas Seibert \$ 50  
665 Richard Requet 25  
911 David Cray 25

Numbers drawn with no holders:

334, 078, 379, 811, 081, 925, 189, 016, 854,  
578, 438, 812, 173, 007, 803, 154, 840, 175,  
910, 272, 965, 262, 682, 005, 435, 390, 716,  
937.

As you can see, we had very few winners. We had a winner on November 30 then went until December 23 before DAVE won with 911. This is very unusual, but winners and losers always seem to balance out. Most of the Series PP tickets are returned but not all so dig them up and send them in. We wish you all a Blessed New Year and a win on your number.

JIM WIELAND,  
Green Point Chairman



**LADIES JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

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

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



**JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

Congratulations to the six couples who will celebrate a January wedding anniversary.

FRANCIS & NANCY ADLFINGER 01/27/1962  
EDWARD & MARY AMONI 01/18/1947  
MARK & MARY LOU BUCKROP 01/07/1950  
ACHIEL & MARIE DUPONT 01/28/1961  
THOMAS & JUDITH KALE 01/18/1958  
HENRY & KAY WOZNAK 01/19/1946

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. TOM LAWRENCE (788-4642) so he can put it in our records or correct our records.



**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 CARLOS BARAJAS  
ROBERT BARNETT PAUL CARTON  
DAVID CRAY JOHN DANAY  
MICHAEL DOYLE MARTIN HERMAN  
MARK HUGGINS JOHN JUSTICE, JR.  
ALAN MASSIE CLARENCE McGUINTY  
JOHN MEENAN JAMES M. MORAN  
ANDREW OLSON MARC POSSIN  
CALEB ROE PHILIP SAILER  
JEFF SCHAECHER REV. THOMAS SZYDLIK  
JAMES P. WELLS RAYMOND WELLS  
ROBERT WHEELAN



**ST. PIUS X PARISH COFFEE AND CONVERSATION**

Coffee and Conversation will be hosted by Allouez Council after the 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses at St. Pius X, on January 3. We look forward to seeing you again at Farrell Hall on the first Sunday of January.

GENE FOWLER, Chairman



**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 F.S. TOM LAWRENCE (788-4642) to be added. We remember the following members in our prayers:

Robert McDonald Royal Oaks, Kewanee  
Bob Barnett Fort Armstrong  
John Valentine Hope Creek, E. Moline  
Bill Coogan At home  
Paul Coryn At home  
Larry Dodge At home  
Carl Heires At home  
Charles Hood At home  
LaVance Moore At home  
Don Stange At home  
Jim Toensing At home

We pray, O God, that You look with pity on Your servants who suffer. Ease their pain and comfort their loneliness. Give them the grace to bear this cross patiently with You in Christian reparation. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ, Our Lord.



**NEWMAN CHARITY**

If you wish to become a Newman Century Donor, please remember that every contribution is important just like each fiber of the rope. Make your check payable to "Knights of Columbus" and mail it to the Illinois State Council or to the Council's Financial Secretary, TOM LAWRENCE at 2521 35<sup>TH</sup> Street, Rock Island, IL 61201.



**DEACON'S QUESTION BOX**

***Isn't it uncharitable for priests and deacons to talk about hell?***

One might think so listening to most homilies today. But is it really charitable to ignore the potential consequences of how we live our life in the world? Consider the following: a Catholic pastor, upon observing the sermon placard of a neighboring Unitarian church, put up his own Sunday homily title as a way to reply. The Unitarian sermon was titled "There Is No Hell." The priest's homiletic reply was titled "The Hell There Is."

Was this uncharitable? For an answer, we need only look to the words of Christ Himself. The most beautiful exposition of charity ever produced is the “Sermon on the Mount.” Yet it contains five references to hell or damnation in it. Throughout the Gospels, Christ is no less frequent in His references to hell. “Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather be afraid of the one who can destroy both body and soul in Gehenna” (Matthew 10:28). This is just one of many similar admonitions.

What should we conclude from Jesus’ words? If we take seriously the obligation to love our enemies and pray for our persecutors, we know that charity is more than just smiling at someone and wishing them a nice day. Sometimes, it requires what is often referred to as ‘tough love’. Is it more charitable for a mother to correct her son for playing in the street or to allow him to do so instead of impinging on his freedom of expression and action?

Yet that is precisely what happens when clergy ignore hell, don’t teach how to avoid hell, and only focus on those things that give people a warm feeling. So was the Unitarian or the priest more charitable? If we believe Jesus, we must know that hell exists and is a reality to be avoided. By warning his congregation of the real possibility of damnation, the priest, rather than the Unitarian minister, was the true follower of Christ.

So while the homily itself may make you a bit uncomfortable, compliment the priest or deacon that shows enough love to preach this ‘tough love’ message.

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](mailto:rpswim@mchsi.com) or phone 786-3097.



### **INSURANCE AGENT’S MESSAGE**

Tempus fugit. Time flies. The older we get, the more that statement seems to ring true. Especially as we prepare to ring in another new year. I hope that 2009 was a healthy, prosperous year for you and your family.

If you’re like most people, you’ve made some resolutions for the New Year. If I may, I’d like to add to your list of resolutions by two. First, write them down. A resolution is really a goal for the year and, until you commit a goal to writing, it’s nothing more than a wish. So write your


resolutions down. Whether they be to lose weight, contribute more time and money to charity, read more or watch less television, you’re more likely to stick to them if you write them down.

Second, schedule some time to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent. The “insurance check-up” that I’ll provide (free of charge, by the way!) will quickly identify any gaps in your family’s life insurance program. And you’ll want to fill those gaps now, not later. Because, unlike many other products, you need more than money to obtain life insurance. You also need good health, and no one will ring a bell warning you when your health is about to change.

Knights of Columbus life insurance offers something precious few other financial products can – guarantees. As long as you pay your premiums, the policy proceeds will be there for your beneficiaries should something happen to you. We call that peace of mind, and that’s – as they say in the credit card commercial – priceless.

I look forward to meeting with each of you.

JEFF SCHAECHER, (309) 737-2390



### **SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGER PROJECT**

Tuesday, December First, turned out to be a very nice day compared to other years. I had more than enough volunteers, thanks to a bunch of loyal Knights. All in all, it was a very successful day, thanks to the following: GLENN WELLS, JIM WIELAND, TONY FORLINI, RON LA SALLE, RED PEARSON, DICK FRIEDEL, RAY WELLS, FRED LUCKENBILL, JACK MICHALSKI and DON HENDRICKS.

Thanks guys, it was a real pleasure working with you.

LARRY HINZMAN, Chairman



### **PATRIOTIC ACTIVITY**

60 Christmas Cards were written by our Sir Knights and spouses at the Fourth Degree Christmas Party on December 4, 2009. Cards contained standard printed Christmas Greetings and then our Sir Knights and their spouses added personal notes of support. These cards have been bundled and will be sent to the American Red Cross and Pitney Bowes for processing

and distribution to Servicemen, women and veterans.

FRED LUCKENBILL

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE DATE**

Next month's newsletter is scheduled to go to the printer on January 28. Any articles that you wish to be in that month's Newsletter must be received at the home of JIM CASEY by January 27. You may email your article to [jmc2800@mchsi.com](mailto:jmc2800@mchsi.com) or mail it to 2800 47<sup>th</sup> Street Court, Rock Island, IL 61201. Your article may be edited for content, to correct misspellings or to fit into the space available.

**IT'S THE "WRIGHT" TIME**

Brother JOHN WRIGHT just announced that he is retiring as the Chief of the Rock Island Police Department after 30 years of service. We all salute him for the service he has given to the citizens of Rock Island during those years. He intends to spend more time with his granddaughter and keeping bees. We wish him well in his retirement and we invite him to join his fellow Knights at a meeting on a second Thursday of the month

**DO YOU HAVE AN EMAIL ADDRESS?**

In order to improve our communications with our Brother Knights, Ladies and widows, we are trying to collect as many Email addresses of these persons as we can. If you would forward this information to us, we will include it as part of our membership information. Having this information will facilitate contacting you and keeping you abreast of the latest news. This isn't the wave of the future, it is here and now. For example, the Supreme Council is developing a billing system that will enable the Financial Secretary to send dues bills over the internet. This improvement alone would save us hundreds of dollars in postage.

Please send your email address to [kc658@mchsi.com](mailto:kc658@mchsi.com) or to [Jmc2800@mchsi.com](mailto:Jmc2800@mchsi.com).

**MEMBERSHIP INCREASES**

During the last six months, we have increased our membership by seven. We have initiated five new members, had two members transfer in and another member reinstated his membership. Another member moved out of town and transferred his membership to the local Council. This is a good start for the fraternal year and if we could equal this growth in the next six

month, GK GLENN WELLS will be very happy.

Remember that each member is important to us. Without the dues that a member pays we would not be able to sustain the many activities that have earned the respect of the community and our Church. Ask a family member or a friend to join us. It's sad to hear from someone that the only reason that they are not a Knight is that "no one asked me."

**2009 VOCATION RAFFLE EXCEEDS GOAL**

The results of this year's Vocation Raffle exceeded the 2008 efforts thanks in large part to the super efforts of the Ladies Auxiliary of our Allouez Council. The strategy of the Auxiliary was to encourage their new members to become immediately involved in one of their key fundraisers which was the raffle and it worked. Part of the income from the Vocations Raffle supports the State K of C's efforts to provide birthday and Christmas gifts and other monetary support throughout the year to men and women who are pursuing a vocation. The Allouez Council and Auxiliary presently support Seminarian PAUL CARLSON from St. Pius X Parish with funds to help with educational materials and other necessities not otherwise provided.

Thanks to all who supported the 2009 effort and may you be filled with blessings in this new year.

FRED LUCKENBILL, Project Coordinator

## SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### 2010

|                              |  |                          |
|------------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Jan. 1                       | New Year's Day   |                          |
| Jan. 3<br>Masses             | Coffee & Conversation, Farrell Hall                      | after 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 |
| Jan. 4<br>p.m.               | Allouez Council Officers' Meeting, Farrell Hall          | 6:30                     |
| Jan. 14<br>p.m.              | Allouez Council 658 Meeting, Farrell Hall                | 7:00                     |
| Jan. 21<br>p.m.              | Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Farrell Hall                   | 7:00                     |
| Jan. 24<br>p.m.              | Larry Quane Memorial Pro-Life Breakfast, Farrell Hall    | 7:45 a.m. to 12:30       |
| Feb. 1<br>p.m.               | Allouez Council Officers' Meeting, Farrell Hall          | 6:30                     |
| Feb. 4<br>p.m.               | Father Bader Assembly, Business Meeting                  | 7:00                     |
| Feb. 7<br>Masses             | Coffee & Conversation, Farrell Hall                      | after 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 |
| Feb. 11<br>p.m.              | Allouez Council 658 Meeting, Farrell Hall                | 7:00                     |
| Feb. 14                      | Valentine's Day  |                          |
| Feb. 17                      | Ash Wednesday, Lent Begins                               |                          |
| Feb. 18<br>p.m.              | Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Farrell Hall                   | 7:00                     |
| Feb. 21                      | Free Throw Contest, Christ the King                      |                          |
| Feb. ??                      | Allouez Sponsored Catholic Schools Spelling Bee          |                          |
| Feb. 23<br>p.m.              | Charity Awards Night, Rock Island High School            | 7:00                     |
| Mar. 1<br>p.m.               | Allouez Council Officers' Meeting, Farrell Hall          | 6:30                     |
| Mar. 7<br>Masses             | Coffee & Conversation, Farrell Hall                      | after 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 |
| Mar. 11<br>p.m.              | Allouez Council 658 Meeting, Farrell Hall                | 7:00                     |
| Mar. 13<br>10:00 a.m.        | St. Patrick's Day Mass and Parade, St. Mary, Rock Island |                          |
| Mar. 18<br>p.m.              | Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Farrell Hall                   | 7:00                     |
| Mar. 28                      | Palm Sunday  |                          |
| April 4<br>April 4<br>Masses | Easter Sunday<br>Coffee & Conversation, Farrell Hall     | after 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 |
| April 5<br>p.m.              | Allouez Council Officers' Meeting, Farrell Hall          | 6:30                     |
| April 8<br>p.m.              | Allouez Council 658 Meeting, Farrell Hall                | 7:00                     |

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| April 10<br>p.m. | Night of Knights Recognition Dinner, Believers Together Center, Moline | 6:00 |
| April 15<br>p.m. | Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Farrell Hall                                 | 7:00 |