



St. Edward's Council # 707



Clinton & Camanche, Iowa

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Grand Knights Message

Advent is upon us and Christmas will be here soon. During this time of preparation, I hope each of you take the time to reflect on the gifts God has bestowed on us. As you all probably know, the Knights of Columbus have Christmas cards and ad campaigns during this time to promote, "Keep Christ in Christmas." The media and many retailers are aggressively trying to 'sanitize' Christmas into, "The Holiday Season." Let's all do our part to promote the celebration of our Lord's birth with the focus being on God's glorious gift to us, our redeemer, Jesus Christ. My family extends our deepest wishes to all of you, "Have A Very Blessed Christmas!" Vivat Jesus!

District Deputy's Notes

On the 10th & 11th of December we will be having the KC State Meeting in Des Moines. If you have any concern or idea you wish to bring to the State Council's attention, please call me. (563-359-3415). On the following Saturday, December 17th, I will be hosting a District meeting at the Davenport KC Hall at 1:00 PM. At this meeting we will be discussing information the State Council wishes to be brought to your attention. All Officers and members of your Council are invited to be in attendance. This meeting facilitates communication between the State Council, and your Council.

Since we are speaking about communications; I presented the Travel Gavel to your GK at the last business meeting. Please make yourself available to visit another Council's meeting to pass on the Gavel and experience the other Council's activities.

Ken Rossmiller; DD#29

Ladies Auxiliary

Hello Ladies,

Thank all of you for coming to the Memorial Mass last night. We had a real nice showing of attendance from our Auxiliary. All but one member attended. We will not be having a meeting in December so please let me take this time to wish each and every one of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and safe New Year. We are looking forward to seeing all of you at our January meeting. God Bless all of you. Betty Fullick

Attendance Drawing

For November 14, for \$25 Daniel David. and for \$6.25 Peter Rastrelli. Sorry not present.

Fourth Degree

Congratulations to Rev. Msgr. Leo J. Feeney - Faithful Friar for Loras Assembly & Council # 13084 Our Lady of the River Parish for his ordination as a priest, December 17 - 39 years.

Sir Knights mark your calendar, Loras General Assembly No. 260 Christmas Social Sunday, December 18, 2005 Best Western Frontier Motor Inn, Clinton, Iowa (2300 Lincoln Way) Cocktail Hour

6:00 PM. We will be honoring members with 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70 and even 75 years of membership in the 4th degree. Dinner Reservations due by December 10th Suits very appropriate for members without a tuxedo. For reservations call Benito Gonzales 563-242-7492, or Bernard Holtkamp 563-243-4504. The Menu is Appetizer Buffet, which includes Iced Shrimp, Egg Rolls, Stuffed Mushrooms, Stuffed Crab Rolls and Stuffed Artichoke. Also included are Tossed Salad, Pasta Salad, Creamy Fruit Relishes, Whipped Potatoes, Rice Pilaf and Dinner Rolls, Coffee and Iced Tea. For desert Chocolate Mousse. The Entrée is Herbed Baked Chicken and Carved Roast Beef. The Cost will be \$20.00 per person.

Join the highest and most prestigious degree, (Patriotic Degree) in the Knights of Columbus **February 11, 2006**. Loras General Assembly #260 will be hosting a 4th Degree Exemplification at the Church of the Visitation in Camanche. We must have 40 candidates to make this a break-even event. Don't wait for the last minute to ask someone to join. **DO IT NOW!** The cost is \$65 for initiation fee and \$10 registration fee for a total of \$75. The dress is formal, meaning black tux. Contact Henry Fullick at 563-242-8256 or contact any 4th Degree member for an application. Be sure to mark this date on your calendar.

Intellectual Disabilities Drive

The monies collect for the drive will be distributed to; Arch Inc. \$2,249.04, Clinton High School Special Ed Dept. \$675.00, Special Olympics Iowa c/o Ann Smith \$300.00, Up With Families \$750.00, Exceptional Persons \$675.00, Exodus \$675.00, Special Athletes of Clinton County \$1,200 and Mt. St. Clare Speech & Hearing \$600 for a total of \$7,124.04.

Blood Drives

Future blood drives for St. Edwards Council will be Wednesday, April 12, 2006 and Wednesday, October 11, 2006. Please mark these dates on your calendar.

Membership

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men's fraternal benefit society that was formed to render financial aid to members and their families. Mutual aid and assistance are offered to sick, disabled and needy members and their families. Social and intellectual fellowship is promoted among members and their families through educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and public relief works.

The history of the Order shows how the foresight of Father Michael J. McGivney, whose cause for sainthood is being investigated by the Vatican, brought about what has become the world's foremost Catholic fraternal benefit society. The Order has helped families obtain economic security and stability through its life insurance, annuity and

long-term care programs, and has contributed time and energy worldwide to service in communities.

The Knights of Columbus has grown from several members in one council to more than 12,000 councils and 1.7 million members throughout the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Panama, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Guatemala, Guam and Saipan.

We are still in need of at least 5 new members to make and maintain our goal of 10 new members this year to earn the Star Council Award. Please ask all you're practicing Catholic male friends & relatives, 18 and older, to join our Knights of Columbus Family.



Sending Christmas Blessings to the Knights of Columbus Family's

May the blessings of the Christ Child set this day apart, Bringing all the gladness of the season to your heart...

Bringing you and those you love peace and hope and cheer

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May the blessings of the Christ Child stay with you through the year.

God Bless You All
From St. Edwards
Council Officers
Merry Christmas