



St. Edward's Council # 707



Clinton & Camanche, Iowa

“We Are One Body”

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Grand Knights Message

The New Year has jumped off to a fast start again for our council. We had several council members help the "We Club" with a breakfast at the Church of the Visitation. We also had our Free Throw Contest for our youth where they demonstrated both their shooting skills and their excellent sportsmanship. Now, as Lent approaches, we are preparing for our Lenten Fish Fries. Many hands are needed to continue to make this activity a success. We set-up on Thursday evenings; have some people do our prep work on Friday afternoons; work in the kitchen or dining room during the Fish Fry; and get St. Boniface Hall cleaned back up after the event. If you can help with any of the Fish Fries, please step up and help us out. No one will be refused. Vivat Jesus!

District Deputy Notes

A Program Supplement to the "Knightline" newsletter informs us that February marks the anniversary of the first exemplification of the Fourth Degree of the K of C. Permit me to quote some information from this supplement. Fourth Degree Knights are far less likely than others to allow their membership to lapse. Maintaining a close relationship between council and assembly helps keep both groups strong.

Councils should not hesitate to call on the Assembly that serves them as an honor guard for significant council events. Therefore it is to the advantage of local councils to promote membership in the Fourth Degree among their members.

Council 707 is blessed with having Assembly #260 Faithful Navigator Earl Farrell as a member and Iowa Master of the Fourth Degree Henry Fullick also a member. Let each of us keep the Fourth Degree in our mind.

Gerry Rank - DD 29

4th Degree

Mass and meeting February 15, 2005 will be held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Hall located at 750 17th Street in Silvis, Illinois, with Mass starting at **6:00 PM** in the Church. Fr. Logan has a Parish Mass on Tuesday at 6:00 PM, so he has invited us to join the parish Mass. He will join us for dinner in the absence of our Faithful Friar, Msgr. Leo J. Feeney. Msgr. is currently in Haiti at his sister parish. We will name delegates to the State Convention at this Meeting. **RESERVATIONS BY February 09, 2005.** Contact Earl Farrell at 243-5998.

Loras Assembly #260 encourage all 3rd Degree Members to keep in mind there will be a **4th Degree Exemplification on April 2, 2004 in Ft. Madison, Iowa.** This will be the closest location prior to the State Convention. The fee is \$65.00 for the exemplification and \$10.00 for registration for a total of \$75.00. For an application or more information, call State Master Henry W. Fullick at (563) 242-8256 or Faithful Captain Robert Hutcheson at (563) 326-5249.

Fish Fry

For six Fridays starting February 11, St. Edwards Council will have Lenten fish fry's at St. Boniface Hall starting at 4:30pm - 7:30pm. Carryouts available and the public is welcome. The menu is either Fried or Baked Fish (all you can eat), Baked Potato, Applesauce, Restrelli's Bread, Slaw & Drink. The price is &6.50 for Adults & \$3.50 children under 12. Back again this year is 7 jumbo fantail shrimp (**not** all you can eat) plus same side dishes for \$8:00.

Chaplains Notes

My Brothers, This past weekend marked the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision to take away the right to life of a whole section of the population. As I meditated on this reality in preparation of my homily, I realized how much good work the Knights of Columbus around the world have done for promoting a "Culture of Life". I thank each of you for your part in this vital issue. I am convinced that abortion is one symptom of a larger problem of a selfish and indifferent society.

Again from this past weekend's readings we heard from the Prophet Isaiah: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of doom a light has shone." Isaiah was so convinced that this would come to pass, that he spoke in present tense, although it was far from a reality. He was convinced because this message came from God.

We live in a world, which still has much darkness. But light always overcomes darkness when that light is the power of truth and love. As members of Christ's body, we are to be light in a world of darkness. We are to be united in a world of many factions. There is a lot more to do for promoting a culture of life, but we must not allow minor setbacks to get us down. The prophet Isaiah spoke with confidence because God was the source of the message. We too must be confident that if we cooperate with the grace that has been given us, we will overcome the darkness.

At the LIFETEEN program last evening, we closed with a prayer entitled PRAYER FOR AN UNBORN CHILD. It struck me as a powerful way to keep the plight of the unborn fresh in our minds as well as a powerful way to effect change in the minds and hearts of those women who feel trapped and scared in the wake of becoming pregnant.

As we come upon the season of Lent, I would challenge you, my brothers, to make a commitment to pray this prayer, or choose some other prayer or devotion as part of your Lenten penance.

Lord Jesus, through the intercession of your Mother Mary, who with love gave birth to You, and of Saint Joseph, the man of trust, Your guardian and protector after birth, I offer my prayer to You for the unborn child, whom I have adopted spiritually, and who is in danger of being destroyed by abortion. I beg You; give the parents of this child love and courage to let their child live the life that you have given. Amen.

Thank you

To those who were pallbearers for Marjorie Hundley: Earl Farrell, William Reinhart, Gordan Goetzl, Beneto Gonzales, Charles Horner and Richard Roberts.

A big thank you to George and Tina Lemke of Lemke Funeral Home for having 3,000 K-C place mats printed and donated to our council for our dinner functions.

From the "We Club" to those Knights who helped with the breakfast at the Church of the Visitation in Camanche: Bernie Holtkamp, Terry Geerts, Jim Krava and Benito Gonzales.

Attendance Drawing

For January 10, \$25, Mike Winkel, sorry not present and \$10.25, Bernard Holtkamp who was present and he donated it to the K-C Vocation Fund. For January 24, \$25, Loras Ernst and for \$3.25 Terry L. Bray Jr. Sorry not present.

Ladies Auxiliary

Hello Ladies, There was a pretty good attendance tonight with about six of you ladies missing. Hope to see you at the next meeting. The Fish Fries are on our doorstep and the new coffeepots will arrive in time. We also voted to serve the refreshments for the K of C Blood Drive April 13th. More will be discussed on this subject at our next meeting in February. Hope to see you all at the Fish Fries. God Bless you all, Betty Fullick

Scholarships:

The Knights of Columbus have scholarships for members and their graduating high school children who are going to attend a Catholic college or university. Those who are interested should contact our Financial Secretary for more information. Your Council, St. Edward's 707, will be offering scholarships to an eighth grade student going into Prince of Peace High School, and a scholarship for a graduating senior from Prince of Peace and a senior from the public school. These scholarships are open to children and grandchildren of members of Council 707. Applications will be available at the parish office and the parish school. For more information contact Raymond Mantsch 243-8151.

Congratulations

To John Seitz and family for being chosen as family of the month for the Iowa State Council in October.

To Bridget A. Nixon, a student at St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa and daughter of Gary F. Nixon of St. Edward's Council on receiving the John W. McDevitt Scholarship from the Knights of Columbus Supreme Office.

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Blood Drives

On April 13, 2005 St. Edwards Council will sponsor a Blood Drive from 3:00PM to 7:00PM at St. Boniface Hall. The last date to donate elsewhere and be eligible for this drive is February 16, 2005. Watch for more details in future newsletters.

Basket Ball Free Throw

The free throw contest was held on Thursday, January 20. Thanks to Ray Mantsch, Bart Vander Bleek, John Seitz, and Mark Mangin for helping with this event. There were 10 boys and girls competing and the winners were: for the girls, Carrie Jo Kuehn, age 10 Shannon Roth, age 12, and for the boys, Eric Sikkema, age 12, Sean Mulholland, age 13, and Drew Sikkema, age 14. Eric Sikkema made his three warm up shots and then made all 15 of his freethrows. They will continue on to the district competition at St Joe's in DeWitt on Sunday, Feb 13 at 1:00 PM.

Council 707. Applications will be available at

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