



St. Edward's Council # 707



"United in Faith"

"Witness To God's Love"

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Clinton & Camanche, Iowa

Grand Knights Message

Well Happy New Year to each and every one of you. I hope and pray that this year is filled with growth and happiness for our council. I remind all of us that our 2008 dues may be paid at anytime. I hope and pray that we do not have to send out any late notices. I also would like to remind us all that Lent begins early this year on February 6th and our first fish fry will be on February 8th. I also would like to thank Bernie for once again chairing this event. You do a very fine job Bernie. I also want to thank all of the council for all of the help you have given me this past year. I would be lost without all of your help. One last remark, it was very good to see Lyle Bronkema at our December 10th meeting. Welcome back Lyle!

Your Grand Knight, Earl Farrell

District Deputy Report

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and wish everyone a safe and healthy 2008. The Iowa Knights of Columbus are going to raffle a 32-inch HDTV at the State Convention. Drawing to be held May 4th, 2008. Fifty percent of the net proceeds benefit the Iowa K of C Foundation. Please see the Grand Knight or myself for tickets.

God Bless, Curt Vath

Ladies Auxiliary

Hello Ladies, The Holiday season is upon us and we hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and the best of New Year. 2008 is here so lets all start now on planning to attend our January meeting and catch up with the old and bring in the new ideas for discussion. Remember that in February we will be starting the Knights famous fish fries. If you can help one or more of these Fridays come on up to the hall. The men can use your help. Hope to see all of you at our January 28, 2008 meeting.

God Bless all of you, Betty Fullick.

Council Business

A motion made and passed to donate \$150 to the American Legion Post #190 to send a junior boy from Prince of Peace School to attend the Hawkeye Boys State camp June 2008.

Attendance Drawing

For December 10, for 12.25, Eugene Lord. Sorry not present.

Who are the Knights of Columbus?

One hundred twenty five years ago, the Knights of Columbus was established by a young priest, Fr. Michael J. McGivney, in New Haven, CT to strengthen a Christian presence that was severely discriminated against. Since then over 3,000,000 Knights of Columbus members and their families have focused on areas of concern that need continued attention by Catholic lay people today.

Some of these areas are:

- Conducting works of charity
- Promoting human dignity and rights
- Fostering respect for life
- Fostering Religious liberty
- Promoting social and economic justice
- Promoting education, culture and art
- Promoting vocations, including religious, marriage, family life and youth

New members still needed

Sometimes, the hardest thing about recruiting is taking the first step. Recruiting a new member can be as easy as asking them to join. Amazingly, many individuals haven't joined the Knights simply because they have never been asked to join. When the opportunity arrives, take the initiative and start a conversation with a prospect. Ask him to imagine being part of an organization that fills your heart and your mind with the joy of giving to others and the feeling that comes with making a difference. Invite him to join.

Thank you

Lyle Bronkema thanks everyone who wished him well and prayed for him in his most difficult time of kidney problems and heart surgery.

Knight and Family of the Month

The Knight of the Month for December is Chuck Fuegen. The Family of the Month for December is Louis & Linda Kraciun. Congratulations to all.

Breakfast

Sunday January 20, 2008 the Church of The Visitation in Camanche is sponsoring a breakfast from 7:00 to 12:00 am in the parish center. The menu is scrambled eggs, sausage, potatoes, pancakes, biscuits & gravy. Cinnamon rolls, coffee, milk and juice. The cost is \$6.00 for adults and kids 6 to 12, \$3.00 and 5 and under free. Proceeds go to the Church building fund.

Fourth Degree

January 12, 2008 Loras Assembly will hold it annual Christmas party starting with Mass at 4:30 pm in St. Joseph Church 417 6th Ave. in Dewitt. Cocktails will follow the mass in the parish center with dinner to follow. The dress for the party is formal. Reservations are a must and must be turned in to Benito Gonzales at 242-7492 by January 5, 2008.

The next business meeting will be held January 15, 2008 at St. Andrews Church 333 W. Lotte St., Blue Grass, IA. with Mass starting at 6:30 PM. Reservations are a must and should be given to Benito Gonzales at 242-7492 by January 10, 2008.

Iowa KC Charitable Foundation

In 2004, the Iowa State Council began the K of C Charitable Foundation to award grants to needy families and organizations. After several years of fundraising, the foundation has accumulated enough donations to begin awarding grants. The foundation is divided into four parts: the general fund, the "Helping Hands Fund," the intellectual disabilities fund, and the vocations and Catholic education fund. Anyone in the state can request a grant through local councils and assemblies. Donations may be made as a 501 (c) 3 which is tax deductible with a check made out to the Iowa KC Charitable Foundation with your choice of which fund you wish the money to go. Send your donation to Tom Wittrock 770 310th St., Bagley, IA. 50026-8014.

2007 Annual Survey of Fraternal Individual Activity

Each member of the St. Edward's Council should have received the individual survey of Fraternal Activities. Please take a few minutes

to complete the survey and send it to Bart Vander Bleek. This information will assist us in determining the total numbers of hours of community service volunteered by our members during 2007.

Knights of Columbus Benefits

MAKE 2008 YOUR GREATEST YEAR YET! Why not make 2008 your greatest year yet? This is the year you get over the hump...if it is few unwanted pounds that have tacked on since the holidays or maybe it's putting off those financial resolutions you know you have been putting off, such as reviewing your current insurance...maybe this is the year you finally get that will you know you need...maybe it's starting that retirement account whatever it is that you've been putting, start 2008 by getting some of these things handled. Below are some helpful resolutions that can get you where you need to be...Happy New Year!

1. Don't spend more than you earn.
2. Save more by avoiding unnecessary expenditures.
3. Take advantage of all savings options, available to you.
4. Adopt a long-term perspective. (Begin with the end in mind)
5. Trim down your high interest debt as fast as possible.
6. Be prepared for unexpected expenditures.
7. Call your Knights of Columbus agent for your free annual review!

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Fr. Michael J. McGivney

The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild serves as a source for information about the life, works and spirituality of Father McGivney. The Guild distributes informational materials about him, receives reports of favors granted through his intercession and oversees the distribution of relics. Guild members receive regular updates on the progress of Father McGivney's cause for canonization and are invited to participate in promoting devotion to this Servant of God. Members of the Knights of Columbus are not automatically Guild members and must elect to join the Guild. The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild Newsletter is published bimonthly except July- August, and is sent free to Guild members. To join the Guild, fill in and submit the form below.

I wish to join the Fr. Michael J. McGivney Guild.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/zip _____

There is no cost to join the Guild but, if you wish to make a tax-deductible contribution to support the mission of the Guild, checks should be made payable to The Father McGivney Guild, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT. 06510-3326.