



St. Edward's Council # 707



Clinton, Iowa

“HERE I AM LORD”

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Grand Knights Message

Dear Brother Knights,

On the first weekend in May I attended the annual Knights of Columbus State Convention which was held in Cedar Rapids. Lyle Bronkema received the Knight of the Year Award and Jerry Rank, our District Deputy, was honored for the third consecutive year as one of the top 10 district deputies in the state of Iowa. I would like to congratulate Lyle Bronkema and Jerry Rank for these well deserved awards.

On Sunday, May 23, our council sponsored the 2nd Annual Senior Sunday Breakfast. I would like to thank Bernie Holtkamp and Lyle Bronkema for co-chairing the event and Earl Farrell, Chuck Fuegen, Vinnie Frett, Henry and Betty Fullick, Terry Geerts, Donna Holtkamp, Scott Marlowe and his children Madeline and Aedan, Glen Messerich, Ed Nemmers, John Seitz, Bart VanderBleek, and the members of the youth group for helping the day of the event.

On Monday, May 24, our council held a first degree and knighted three new members. I would like to welcome Ray Darda, Jason Mangin, and Doug Rempfer to our order.

This is the last time I will be writing to you as Grand Knight. On Monday, June 14, during our regular business meeting, we will hold the election of officers. I will not be running again for Grand knight. I would like to thank everyone for their support during the past three years and encourage your support for the next Grand Knight. I believe our council has accomplished many great things over the past three years due to the hard work and cooperation of the council officers and council members who participated and supported our many activities. Thanks again!

Your Grand Knight, Ed Ford

District Deputy Notes

The end of the Fraternal year is upon us and from all appearances Clinton Council #707 has had an excellent year. The Monthly Newsletter recently sent out by our State Deputy shows Clinton in line for the Father McGivney Award (100% Membership Quota), the Founder's Award (100% Insurance Quota) and the coveted Star Council Award. Clinton Council is also credited with the Round Table in action at Camanche.

The terms of some of your fine Officers are coming to an end. Please thank them for their excellent service. Also you may want to thank Mike Bormann, your K of C Field Agent for his dedication this year.

Gerry Rank - DD 29

Welcome

To our newest members who joined our ranks May 24, 2004: Raymond R. Darda who was proposed by Ray Mantsch, Jason G. Mangin who was proposed by Mark Mangin and Douglas J. Rempfer who was proposed by Tom Cannon. Welcome aboard!

Bits and Pieces

By Fr. Tony Herold, chaplain

The Knights of Columbus breakfast last Sunday was exceptional! Thanks to all the Knights who pitched in to make it such a wonderful event.

This Summer we will have a seminarian staying with us for about six to eight weeks. Kerry Archibald is in his second year of seminary at the North American College in Rome (my Alma Mater). His hometown is Albia, Iowa. We look forward to his arrival.

One way to encourage vocations is to invite some of our young folks to consider the priesthood over a meal. Perhaps the Knights might like to organize such a meal this summer with Fr. Jeff and me while Kerry Archibald is with us.

As I write this note to you we are preparing for graduation this week. This coming weekend also marks the Feast of Pentecost and Memorial Day weekend. These events mark for many of us the “official” beginning of summer.

As the seasons change it is good for us to remember that our obligations as Catholics, disciples of Jesus Christ, and members of the Knights of Columbus continue. Please make the Lord the center of your life by making the celebration of Mass each weekend a priority wherever you go and whatever you do this Summer. You'll be eternally grateful!

Vivat Jesus!

Council Business

A motion was made, seconded and passed for the second reading to pay \$350 for an ad in the Catholic Art Calendar for Jesus Christ Prince of Peace Parish to come from the council fund.

At the June 14, 2004 meeting, (which will be held at the Church of The Visitation in Camanche), we will have the election of officers for the fraternal year 2004-2005. Those who have been nominated are

Grand Knight	John Sietz
D. G. K.	Earl Farrell
Chancellor	Benito Gonzales
Recorder	
Treasurer	Mark Mangin
Advocate	A. John Frey
Warden	Harvey Sullivan
I. G.	Lyle Bronkema
O. G.	Louis Kracium
Trustee (3)	Edward Ford

Nominations will be taken from the floor and then voted on.

Motion made seconded and passed for the 1st reading to help sponsor a celebration for Father Tony's 25 anniversary as being ordained a priest with a cost not to exceed \$750. Second reading is June 14, 2004

Motion was made to for the 1st reading to award \$500 to 2 seminarians with 1 of them being from Tanzania. Second reading June 14, 2004

Motion made seconded and passed to have a web-site for St. Edwards Council with the cost of \$35 per year. The new St. Edwards Council Web-site is

www.kofc707.org. It is very interesting, check it out.

On that same line if you have an e-mail address please let me know and we can send important information to you when needed. Send it to Henry Fullick, via the web-site.

A motion was made and passed to plant flowers at the Vietnam Memorial again this year. Lyle Bronkema is chairman. Thanks to Lyle for donating the flowers.

A Motion was made seconded and passed to place two designed cement benches at the Memorial to The Unborn by Sacred Heart Church with the permission of the Parish. The money for this project will come from the remainder left from the stone and landscaping.

Ladies Auxiliary

Hello Ladies,

There was no meeting this month because of the Memorial Mass. Starting next month our meetings will be held at the Church of Visitation in Camanche. The reason for this is it is cooler down there with the Air condition. We will hold our meeting there for the next three months during the summer. As far as the refreshments for the next meeting Marilyn Walton and I will furnish them. I hope to see all of you at our next meeting in June. God Bless you all. Betty

Breakfast

May 23, 2004 a breakfast will be held at St. Boniface Parish Center to help those going to the National Youth Conference. The time is 7:30AM till 11:00AM. The cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 12 and under. The menu is sausage links, scrambled eggs, pancakes, biscuits and gravy, cinnamon rolls, fresh fruit, orange juice, coffee and milk. This is a breakfast you don't want to miss.

Birdies for Charity

Again this year we are participating in the Birdies for Charity program. Last year we had a total of \$0.38 pledged plus donations amounted to a total of \$759.44 this was up \$23.64 from the previous year. This year we have a total of \$0.25 pledged so far. As you may know, the weather had a significant impact on the number of birdies scored (1634 vs. 2027) last year, but we still collected more. This is because we had an increase in pledges. This year we have a total of \$0.25 pledged so far. We would appreciate more pledges to help our mentally handicapped friends. This is a good way to make your dollars count. For every dollar pledged and paid we receive that amount plus a bonus of about \$0.15 per dollar. Remember by entering you do have a chance to win a new 2004 Buick Rendezvous or one of the many other prizes. If you need a form to enter please contact Henry Fullick at 242-8256. Thank you for your support.

Attendance Drawing

For May 10, for \$25 Christopher Bray, and for \$10.50 Shawn Singewald. Sorry not present.

Congratulations

To Lyle Bronkema for being chosen as the Iowa Knight of the Year at this year's convention.

To Gerry Rank our District Deputy who was selected as one of the Top Ten District Deputies of the Year in Iowa at this year's convention.

To Terry Geerts for reaching the 14 gallon mark of donating blood.

Meeting Location Change

Starting with the first meeting in June through September, St. Edwards Council and St. Edwards Ladies Auxiliary will be holding their meetings at the Church of The Visitation in Camanche.

Thank You

To those who help plant flowers at the Viet Nam Memorial, Lyle Bronkema co-chairman, Lyle's friend Jacob, Earl Farrell, Benieto Gonzales, and Bart, Maureen, Ellen, Nathan and Erin Vander Bleek and Henry Fullick co-chairman. Also to those who check in after the flowers were planted, Mark Mangin,

To Frankie Ford for her understanding and support she has given with the many hours Ed has spent as our grand knight.

To Edward Ford our Grand Knight whose term ends June 30, 2004. Edward J. Ford is serving his third term as Grand Knight of Council 707. He and his wife Frankie have three children Kara 10, Sean 6, and Noah 2. Ed willingly accepted a third term to allow for further preparation of his successor. Grand Knight Edward set the stage for our council to succeed. His approach is simple but not easy. He takes responsibility for the council and activities accomplished in the name of the council. He not only serves as chairman for various activities but also keeps members involved by appointing them to serve as chairmen and committee members. He is always willing to serve as a committee member or advise the members on what is best for our Council and the Order.

For the last three years as Grand Knight, Brother Ford has served as chairman of our Mentally Handicapped Drive. Every year he has organized the drive in two-hour shifts at various locations around the Clinton area. He has appointed and led a group in calling members to fill time slots and locations. As a result of Ed's organization, many of the Council members that often don't participate in Knight activities are drawn to the Mentally Handicapped Drive and a Knight of Columbus function. Not only have members participated, but also our council has exceeded its previous mentally handicapped contributions each year for the past three years, and for the 2001 year was honored by the State for highest net gain for a council of our size.

Ed Ford has taken an active role in recruiting and introducing new members to the order. He not only serves on the council's first degree team but during the second year as Grand Knight, he took our council's degree staff to a newly forming council in Le Claire, Iowa, to administer the first degree for their future members. In just this past year Ed has led five first-degree ceremonies for new members of our council. Ed has personally administered "Blitz" recruiting drives at

our parish Masses as well as at our Round Table parish Masses, all of which have resulted in new membership for our council. During Ed's three terms as Grand Knight he has attended every district meeting and has successfully encouraged fellow officers to also attend. During the recent Statewide Leadership Meeting, held by our State Deputy at another council, Ed was in attendance with no less than 10 of our council's officers. As Grand Knight Ed had the honor of accepting the Supreme Council Activity Award at the 2003-state convention.

With the leadership of our Grand Knight our council is well on its way to receiving the Star Council Award from Supreme, an award our council has not had the honor of receiving in quite sometime.

Ed has been the chairman of our Friday Lenten Fish Fries for the past 3 years. The proceeds from this major fund-raiser help us fund many of our council's charitable activities.

These are just some of the many examples of how our Grand Knight has motivated his officers and council. Is it any wonder that our district deputy has said, "Ed is a hard working Grand Knight who incites the best in his officers and the members of his council. He is a joy to work with".

In summary Grand Knight Edward J. Ford serves as an inspiration to our council and others in our district

Essay Contest

Our Council, 707, held an essay contest for the students of Prince of Peace High School which ran for about four months. There were fifty-two essays entered. The judges for the final selection of winners were Raymond Mantsch, chairman of the event; Thomas Judge, former teacher and parish liturgist; Father Jeff Belger, theologian. Sharon Roling was the school coordinator.

The theme for the essay was "The Responsibility of the Catholic Citizen in a Free Society" which was taken from an encyclical of Pope John Paul II. The freshman winner is Thomas Deering, The Sophomore winner is Alexandra Drury. The junior winner is Brenna Decker. The senior winner and over all winner for best essay is Glen Ancheta. We congratulate them and they will be awarded a plaque for their achievement. All students will receive a certificate of participation.

Raffle For Vocations

Raffle for Vocations winners were James Winkel and Harvey Suehl, who were awarded a \$50 savings bond by the chairman of the event, Ray Mantsch. The total profit from this event was \$373.36. Many thanks to the sixty-nine who participated in this event. The money will go toward a scholarship to Rev. Mr. Kerry Archibald, a Davenport Diocese seminarian, who will be working in our parish this summer, and a seminarian in Tanzania, West Africa, whom we sponsor each year to show our missionary spirit.

Pie Sales

The Pie and Pizza sale for Easter went very well thanks to Paul Outzen, Ryan Steines, Mark Mangin, Bart Vander Bleek, and Ray Mantsch, chairman for this event. The Total profit for this event was \$990.25. Many thanks to all

those who participated and enjoyed the pies and pizzas.

4th Degree

Loras General Assembly no. 260 will hold their Elections of Officers at their June Business Meeting on JUNE 15, 2004. The meeting will be held at the Loras Council no. 532 Council Chambers located at 1111 West 35th Street in Davenport, Iowa. Reservations should be made by June 10

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SLATE OF OFFICERS

Faithful Friar Rev. Msgr. Leo J. Feeney

Faithful Navigator Earl D. Farrell

Faithful Admiral Fred Donovan, PFN

Faithful Captain Robert M. Hutcheson

Faithful Purser Gerald Rank, DD

Faithful Comptroller Dr. Mark Benson, DDS

Faithful Pilot Tim Tisinger

Faithful Scribe Bernard J. Holtkamp

Faithful Inside Sentinel Ed H. Siering

Faithful Outside Sentinel Wiley D, Plummer

Trustee 3 year James H. Stolley, PFN

Trustee 2 year Lawrence A. Murphy, PFN

Trustee 1 year Rev. Mr. Richard J. Rasmussen, PFN

THINKING ABOUT A VACATION

No doubt the signs of spring have had their affect on you. Initially, getting outdoors is the obvious thing to do. We start by poking around the garden, working on the lawn, attending softball practice, dusting off the gas grill.

Beneath it all we sense that vacation is near. This pleases everyone. It doesn't matter whether we are planning an elaborate vacation or will simply enjoy the company of our family at home----- the feeling is the same. Vacations are fun!

If we've planned properly, chances are that some of our hard-earned dollars have been set aside for this occasion. We recognize that if we plan to spend money in the pursuit of enjoyment, the ordinary fixed expenses---mortgage, utilities, etc... must still be paid. So you need a "vacation fund."

All of this makes good sense. The soundness of the idea is obvious. Isn't it amazing that so many of us see the wisdom of planning for our vacations each summer, but fail to plan our long range vacation---retirement. The government has thought about it and encouraged your independence at retirement age. Your place of employment has probably thought it and planned a pension for you. The only one left is you...It's time you thought about it. Find out how you can add to government and employer programs an amount sufficient to provide for you and yours.

After all, retirement is the longest vacation you'll ever take. Call me today and we'll plan it together.

Mike Bormann

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