



St. Edward's Council # 707



Clinton & Camanche, Iowa

“We Are One Body”

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Grand Knights Message

Thanks to everyone that made our April activities so successful. The Blood Drive went very well, as did the two church drives for membership and the Rose Drives at each parish. The council members and Ladies Auxiliary that helped with these events deserve all the credit for their success. It is also important to note that we will be well represented at the State Convention again this year. Now is the time to send in your Birdies for Charity pledges. We will also be having a Baccalaureate Breakfast at St. Boniface Hall on May 22nd after the masses to honor the graduates. (A reminder that scholarship applications are still available at the parish offices.) On June 11th, Council #707 will have a float in the Clinton Sesquicentennial Parade. Construction of the float will take place from June 1-10. Any members able to walk the parade route can walk along side while those unable to walk will be able to ride on the float. Please contact me if you plan on helping out or participating in the parade.

District Deputy Notes

Change happens whether we are ready for it or not. We have all just witnessed a huge change in the Roman Catholic Church with the death of Pope John Paul II and the selection of Pope Benedict XVI. Change will soon happen in District 29 with a newly appointed District Deputy and with many new officers in the five Councils that make up our District. I'm certain that we join together in wishing each of them our best as they assume their duties. Clinton Council has had a very good fraternal year with first year Grand Knight John Seitz in that position. We all look forward to strong leadership from our new Pope and on a much smaller scale to the leadership and dedication of our soon to be elected council officers.

April was the month of Church membership drives and your council scheduled them for both Clinton and Camanche. One more activity to the credit of your very active council.

Gerry Rank

Council Business

A motion was made, seconded and approved for the second reading to sponsor 3 seminarians, Kerry Archibald, Jesse Sheedy and Bruce DeRammelaere for \$500 each.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to hold St. Edwards Meetings at the Church of the Visitation in Camanche starting in June and continuing through September.

A motion was made and passed to take a full-page ad at the cost of \$155 in Prince of Peace Academy and College Preparatory, High School YearBook. No second reading needed.

A motion was made seconded and passed to donate \$100 the B. S. A. Catholic Religious Committee to help defray the cost of purchasing religious medals for

the Boy Scouts and the Cub Scouts Religious program. No second vote needed.

A motion made, seconded and passed to spend up to \$200 from the Pallbearers Fund for materials to be used on St. Edwards float for the Clinton Sesquicentennial Parade. No second vote needed.

A motion was made, seconded and passed for the first reading to take an ad for \$350 in the Church Calendar.

A motion was made, seconded and passed for the first reading to purchase liability insurance at the cost of \$250.

A motion made, seconded and passed for the first reading to donate \$504 out of the Mentally Handicapped fund to send four core members from L' Arche to St. Louis to attend L' Arche Central Regional gathering and retreat.

Attendance Drawing

For April 11, \$25, Kenneth Ernst and for \$12 Eugene Lord. For April 25, \$25, Paul Outzen and for \$17, John Boysen. Sorry not present.

Thank You

To those who were pallbearers for Raymond Carr: Dorance Cox, Thomas Cannon, Charles Horner, Earl Farrell, Jim Krava and Lyle Bronkema.

Ladies Auxiliary

Hello Ladies, Just a note to tell all of you there will not be a meeting in May as the men are having the Memorial Mass. We will resume our meetings in June. Hope to see all of you at the Memorial Mass. God Bless each and every one of you.

Betty Fullick

Blood Drives

The co-sponsored blood drive of the Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary was a great success. There were 49 pints of blood donated.

Thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary whom furnished and served the lunch.

Thank you to all who donated blood and to all those who worked the blood drive.

Breakfast - Mark Your Calendar

Sunday May 22 at St. Boniface Hall the K-C's will be serving Buffet all you can eat breakfast from 7:00am to 12:noon. The menu is scrambled eggs, sausage links, potatoes, biscuits & gravy, cinnamon rolls, fruit cup and coffee, orange juice or milk. The cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 3 to 12 and under 3 free. All proceeds will go to the Prince of Parish Youth Group.

Birdies for Charity

Again this year we are participating in the Birdies For Charity program. We have a good start this year to help our mentally challenged friends but we have a long way to go to better last years total of \$611.92. This is a good way to make your dollars count. For every dollar pledged and paid we will receive that amount plus a bonus of about \$0.15 per dollar. Remember that by entering you

do have a chance to win a new 2005 Buick or one of the many other prizes. Questions contact Henry Fullick at 563-242-8256. Thank you for your support.

Memorial Mass

May 30, 2005 at 10:00AM St. Edwards Council will be having a Memorial Day Mass at St. Mary's Cemetery. There is also an Open House for the Clinton Catholic Cemetery (St. Mary's Cemetery) during that time, ending at 2:00PM. Refreshments will be provided after the Mass by Clinton Catholics Cemetery, please join us. If it rains the Mass will be held at Sacred Heart Church.

Small Prize Raffle

Many thanks to those who participated in the small prize raffle to raise money for our vocation fund. The winners of our two \$50 savings bonds were John Leonard and Gary Nixon. Congratulations to the winners and special thanks to those who sent donations. We were able to raise \$548.

Pie and Pizza Sale

Many thanks to those who participated in our sale to raise money for our Scholarship Fund. We were able to make over \$1,100. Thanks to those who helped: Ed Ford, Bart Vander Bleek, John Seitz, Paul Outzen, Earl Farrell, Mark Mangin, and Chairman Ray Mantsch.

Scholarships

May 5, 2005 is the deadline for those who are interested in a scholarship 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 are available at the parish office and parish school. For more information contact Ray Mantsch at 243-8256.

K-C Benefits

Just the other day I read and completed a book that was highly recommended by a friend. The name of the book is 'Eat That Frog'. It's a book describing effective time management, decision-making, discipline and determination.

At the end of each chapter there is the phrase 'Eat that Frog' and a **TAKE ACTION STATEMENT**. It's an easy reading book that took me about 1 hour to read. The goal is to quit procrastinating and get more things done in less time.

Much of the very reasons we put things off can be the very reason why we put off purchasing the adequate amount of life insurance. We all know that some day our loved ones will need that life insurance and we also know that the sooner you purchase life insurance, the less expensive it is. These are just 2 of the many reasons I can help you 'EAT THAT FROG' and get the coverage your family deserves.

For an appointment please call me, Mike Bormann
Field Agent, Knights of Columbus

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Chaplain Notes

tran-si-tion (tran-zish-on) n. the process of changing from one state or style etc. to another, *the transition from childhood to adult life.* **tran-si'tion-al** *adj.*

tran-si'tion-al-ly *adv.*

In the past few weeks, I have been experiencing both sadness and expectation. For awhile, (and wasn't it awesome?) the Catholic church received a great deal of positive press, as the world watched their T.V.'s and listened to their radios for the coverage of the last days of Pope John Paul II. And then turning their focus on who would be chosen, behind closed doors, to be the next successor of St. Peter. Then as we learned that Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger was elevated to the Bishop of Rome. Now we are hearing the reaction to this new shepherd of the shepherds.

This is a time of transition. It comes with new sources of anxiety and old beliefs and faith that calms those anxieties. I thought it was good for Pope Benedict to remind the world that he was the successor of St. Peter, not John Paul II. It will be big shoes to fill in any case. But we need to have faith in the choice that the Holy Spirit inspired. We also need to continue to pray that we remain open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and not the promptings of the media.

Another transition that hits home for me is my new assignment that was announced two weekends ago. I find myself in a tension of great sadness and great anticipation as I prepare to move from my home in Clinton, to my new home in Iowa City, serving the parish of St. Mary's and the Newman Center at the University.

I owe a great debt of gratitude to the whole parish, but in a special way to the Knights of Columbus, of St. Edward's Council. You all have been a source of encouragement for me even before I was ordained. And you have continued that relationship for the

past two years. I thank you especially for the work that you do for women and the unborn; for vocations, for the mentally/physically handicapped and the continued support you show for the children of our community. I hope you all realize the difference you make in the lives of so many. Keep up the GREAT work. Last weekend, Jesus summed it up this way: **"Amen, amen I say to you, those who believe in me will do the works I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father."**
Gospel of John 14:12.

Fr. Thom Hennen will soon be here, not to replace me, but to bring new life into this parish family. We will also be announcing the addition of a Youth Minister to focus in on the needs of our young parishioners. Both of these people will bring new skills and new blessings from Christ, who is the source of every blessing. I can't wait to here about the great things that will no doubt be happening in this vibrant community of faith.

Fr. Jeffrey Belger

May 8, 2005

***"Happy
Mother's Day"
Means More***

***"Happy Mother's
Day" means more
Than have a happy
day.***

***Within those words
lie lots of things
We never get to say.***

***It means I love you
first of all,
Then thanks for all***

***you do.
It means you mean
a lot to me,
And that I honor
you.***

***But most of all, I
guess it means
That I am thinking
of
Your happiness on
this, your day,
With pleasure and
with love.***

