



St. Edward's Council # 707



Clinton & Camanche, Iowa

“We Are One Body”

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Grand Knights Message

Fall is upon us and the membership drives in our parishes brought a couple of prospective members to our open house at the Church of the Visitation. If any member has been talking to someone about joining the KC's, please get me that information so we can encourage them to fill out an application for membership.

The Masonic Temple in downtown Clinton has invited our council to join them at noon on October 22nd for an Iowa vs. Michigan Football Party. Please come for an afternoon of good food, football, and fraternity as we socialize together and learn a little more about the work that they do and share with them information about the Knights. Mark your calendars and plan to join us.

Thank you to all council members for the work everyone did during the past fraternal year. Through your efforts, our council was awarded the Columbian award for 2004-2005. Congratulations and Vivat Jesus.

Ladies Auxiliary

Hello Ladies, We missed those of you who could not make the meeting last night but are looking forward to seeing all of you at our meeting next month. Remember our next meeting will be held in Clinton for the winter months. It was decided to supply the food for the blood drive October 12th. Hope to see you there. Our bus trip will be November 7th and the price for the trip is \$19.00 so lets mark our calendars for that date. Please join us for this fun trip. God Bless all of you. Betty Fullick

Council Business

A motion was made seconded and passed for the first reading to take an ad in the Church of the Visitation Church Bulletin for \$295. The second reading will be October 10, 2005.

Welcome

We would like to welcome Fr. Thomas Hennen our new Parochial Vicar of Prince of Peace Parish to St. Edwards Council #707 Knights of Columbus, Prince of Peace Parish and the Clinton Community.

1st, 2nd & 3rd Degree

A 2nd & 3rd degree will be offered October 16, 2005 at the Knights of Columbus Hall 613 10th St. in Dewitt, IA. The 1st Degree candidates should arrive 10:30AM for registration with the degree starting at 11:00AM. Candidates for the 2nd & 3rd Degree should be there at 12:30 for registration with the degree starting at 1:00PM. If you haven't taken you 2nd & 3rd Degree now is a good time to do it. Contact Bart Vander Bleek for more information at 242-7139.

Attendance Drawing

For September 12, for \$24 Michael G. Clemence. Sorry Not present.

Thank you

To those who were pallbearers for Jean Goddard: Mark Mangin, Bernard Holtkamp, Charles Horner, Jim Krava, Curt Vath and Lyle Bronkema.

To those who were pallbearers for Daniel Langan, Benito Gonzales, Jim Williams, Richard Steele, Earl Farrell, Lyle Bronkema and Jim Krava. Thanks to William Reinhart

for stepping in and helping when another pallbearer was taken ill.

Disabled Citizens Fall Banquet

On Saturday, October 1, the Clinton County Coalition for Disabled Citizens is holding their annual fall banquet at St. Boniface Hall. Corner Stop Catering is catering the dinner. Our council is responsible for setting up the hall, serving the dinner, and cleaning up after the event. Volunteers are needed! If you are interested please contact Ed Ford at (309) 887-4374.

Meeting Location Change

Beginning with the first meeting in October (October 10, 2005) we will again hold St. Edwards Council meetings in Clinton at Prince of Peace Parish Office located at 505 9th Ave. S. Meeting time is 7:00PM.

Blood Drive

October 12, 2005 St. Edwards Council and Ladies Auxiliary will sponsor a Blood Drive from 2:30 to 7:00PM at St. Boniface Hall. The last date to donate elsewhere and be eligible for this drive is August 17, 2005. We have set a goal of 50 units of blood. In order to meet that goal we should have about 75 scheduled donors. We now have 37 scheduled - about half of what we need. If you are called please say yes and help us make our goal. For more information or to sign up to donate call Bart Vander Bleek at 242-7139.

K-C's & Masons Get Together

Come join the fun October 22, 2005 at the Masonic Temple when the Knights of Columbus and Masons will get together to watch the Iowa vs Michigan football game on a big screen TV starting at 11:00am. Don't eat before you come because there will be plenty of food, meat tray, salads, chili, chips & dips, with soda and coffee. The price is \$6.00 per person. For reservations call John Seitz at 243-2993 by October 18, 2005.

Fourth Degree

October 18, 2005 there will be a business meeting at 613 10th St., Dewitt with Mass starting at 6:30PM. For reservations call Benito Gonzales at 242-7492.

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. The dress is formal, meaning black tux. Yearly dues are \$25.00. 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.

Spaghetti Supper

The "We Club" with the help of the K-C's will be having a Spaghetti Supper October 15, 2005 at the Church of the Visitation in Camanche. The menu is Spaghetti all you can eat plus Cole slaw, bread sticks, desert and beverage. The cost is \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 children 5 through 7 and 4 and under Free. Serving time is 4:00 - 7:00PM.

Order Will Appeal Ruling on Pledge of Allegiance

The Knights of Columbus, which is among the defendants in *Newdow v. Congress* of the United States, et al., will immediately appeal the Sept. 14 decision by U.S. District Court Judge Lawrence Karlton, holding that reciting the Pledge of Allegiance in school is unconstitutional.

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said that "if freedom of religion in America means anything at all, it means that it's just as constitutional to recite the Pledge of Allegiance -- complete with the words "under God" -- as it is to read aloud the Declaration of Independence. They both express the same truth: that our fundamental rights come from God, our creator, and not from government. To suggest that the language of the First Amendment prohibits the simple statement of that truth is to stand the constitution on its head."

The Knights of Columbus was instrumental in persuading Congress to insert the words "under God" in the Pledge in 1954.

When *Newdow's* previous lawsuit was heard by the Supreme Court last year, the Knights of Columbus weighed in on the case as a "friend of the court." This year, when he filed a new lawsuit, the Knights asked the court to permit it to join the case as a defendant, and the request was granted. The Knights of Columbus is represented in the case by The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, a public interest law firm that protects the religious freedom of people of all faiths.

K of C Benefits

Knights of Columbus insurance has been "Making a Difference for Life" for more than 120 years. Since our founding in 1882, our primary mission has been to protect families against the financial ruin caused by the death of the breadwinner. Today we do this, and help families secure their financial futures, through our top-rated portfolio of life insurance; long-term care insurance and annuity products.

To learn more contact Mike Bormann at 563-689-6800

District Deputy's Notes

During the last year members of Council 707 donated their time to help in the Church, Council, Family, Community and Youth activities sponsored by your Council! Your time and hard work has been recognized by the Supreme Council!

I was proud to present to your Grand Knight the Columbian Award for the 2004-2005 year at the September 26th Meeting.

Your Council has been a leader in the 29th District, which includes DeWitt, LeClaire, Davenport, Bettendorf and the newly activated St Ambrose College Council.

Please continue your excellent works and strive to add the membership requirements to attain the Star Council Designation this Year.