



St. Edward's Council # 707



"United in Faith"

Clinton & Camanche, Iowa

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Grand Knights Message

We just finished our last meeting of the year in Camanche. We will have our next meeting in Clinton at the Parish office on October 9th. I would like to see more of my Brother Knights at our meetings. We have a great deal of activities planned for our next fiscal year. I would like to see more of our Knights of old at our meetings. We need your input and help. Please come back to our meetings and give us your impute. A very special thanks to S. K. Henry Fullick for helping me out so graciously and to S. K. Bernie Holtkamp for lining up our guest speakers. Faithfully yours, Earl Farrell

District Deputy Notes

The District Deputy's Corner

This article was tough to write. I'm supposed to remind you we need to recruit members for the Knights of Columbus in the month of October and certify our First-Degree teams. Those are the mundane monthly objectives...

But that's not where my mind is at. These past couples of weeks have made it tough to be a Roman Catholic. The Pope is being burned in effigy and our Bishop has to consider bankruptcy. What does bankruptcy for the diocese mean? I haven't a clue. How did the words of our most revered leader be interpreted as a verbal attack on Muslims? I don't really know. All we ever really know is what is being reported in the media. Humpf!

I guess you could say I'm a little down and out. Some say timing is everything. Well, isn't it interesting that just this week this particular quote was e-mailed to me when I needed some uplifting:

"Being defeated is often a temporary condition. Giving up is what makes it permanent."

- Marilyn vos Savant

The current state of affairs makes me think of the Apostles and how the originals were martyred because of their beliefs. Not that I want to be a martyr, but if being a Catholic is tough, well so be it. It's been tough before! We have all seen tough times in other aspect of our lives. We can endure this as well.

Feeling defeated is not a good feeling and we didn't go searching it out but we can fight it. We can fight it by not giving in to ill thoughts about Muslims or anyone else. We can fight it by holding our heads high and realizing no one is perfect. We can fight it by bringing to bear all the compassion and love possible with our fellow man even when they are in our face and spoiling for an argument.

We can fight it by continuing to be good Roman Catholics who live by the greatest commandment of all, "Love your neighbor as you love yourself and love God with all of your heart." We can fight it by forgiving 7 times 70 and then dealing with the reality of the world.

Fr. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus because times were tough and

we had to take care of business ourselves. Let's lead the way in our Churches and communities by continuing the work of the KC's and the Catholic Church! Now more than ever we are being called to be "united in faith and a witness to God's love".

Feeling defeated is a natural human emotion. But they are not going to make me quit being proud I am a Catholic with all of this! It is time to double my efforts at prayer, loving my family, and performing acts of service.

Vivat Jesus! Sincerely, Tim Tisinger

Ladies Auxiliary

Hello Ladies, We had a very nice turn out for our meeting last night but missed those of you who could not make the meeting. We decided to purchase two coolers for the Knights, which they are in need of for their functions. One will be a 10-gallon drinking cooler and one 48-quart chest type.

Our bus trip is going to be November 5th, 2006 so mark your calendars. The cost is \$23.00 per person and we have the bus reserved. We are going to Woodfield Mall

A reminder that our next meeting will be held in Clinton for the winter months. Hope to see all of you then. God Bless all of you. Betty Fullick

Congratulations

To those who took the 1st. Degree and joined St. Edwards Council on September 10, 2006 at Our Lady of the River Church in Le Claire, Iowa, Larry Ross sponsored by Benito Gonzales, Bart Leavens and Frank Cornwell sponsored by Ray Mantsch, and Cory Karrington sponsored by Andrew Hardigan. Congratulations also those who took the 2nd & 3rd Degree on September 10, Bart Leaven, Frank Cornwell and Cory Karrington.

Meeting Location Changes

St. Edwards Council meetings will be at Prince of Peace Parish Office starting October 9, 2006 at 7:00PM.

St. Edwards Ladies Auxiliary will be held at Prince of Peace Parish Office starting October 23, 2006 at 7:00PM.

Disabled Citizens Fall Banquet

On Saturday, October 7, the Clinton County Coalition for Disabled Citizens is holding their annual fall banquet at St. Boniface Hall. The dinner is being catered by Corner Stop Catering. 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.

Pallbearers Appreciation Dinner

An appreciation dinner is planned for October 21, 2006 at St. Boniface Hall for the K-C pallbearers. Cocktails start at 5:30 pm with dinner serving at 6:00 pm. This is for all the Knights that have served in the past as well as those who are serving now and those who would like to join the list of pallbearers and their wives or lady friend. The menu is turkey, roast pork, cheese hash browns, Italian pasta, coleslaw, rolls & butter and drink. **Reservations are a must to Henry Fullick by October 14, 2006.**

Council Business

The Knights of Columbus and the Wheelchair Foundation recently teamed up to help bring wheelchairs to those that lack freedom of mobility.

Founded in June 2000, the Wheelchair Foundation buys up to 10,000 wheelchairs a month. They are distributed around the world with the help of distribution partners including the U.S. government, United Nations organizations, and nongovernmental organizations from the Red Cross to Rotary Clubs, and now the Knights of Columbus.

In 2003, the Knights of Columbus began a working relationship with the Wheelchair Foundation and sponsored 2,000 wheelchairs to be distributed in Afghanistan. In 2004 and 2005, the Knights sponsored another 2,000 chairs for distribution in the Middle East, Philippines and Mexico. In 2006, another 2,000 were distributed in the Philippines, Mexico and Poland.

For every donation of \$75 the foundation receives, it provides matching funds to purchase a wheelchair for \$150. The chairs are shipped, 280 at a time in massive containers, directly to the destination nation; at last count chairs have been distributed in 143 countries at no cost to the recipients.

St. Edwards Council voted and passed to donate \$75.00 to purchase a wheelchair for the Wheelchair Foundation.

Fourth Degree

Next meeting will be held at the DeWitt Council October 17, 2006 with Mss starting at 6:30 PM.

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

This past month a cardiac patient receiving care at a local hospital and used 10 units of A Neg blood products during surgery. The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center needs to replenish the supply as soon as possible. Over the last few weeks the blood center has been running at less than a 2-day supply on A and O blood products. The hope is to run at a five-day supply to ensure that blood is readily available to where ever it is needed in our community. In order to be eligible to donate, for the Knights of Columbus blood drive on October 11, your last donation must have taken place on or before August 16th, 2006. If you are interested in scheduling an appointment, or if you have questions regarding your eligibility please call 1-800-747-5401 extension 119 Thank you for your selfless donation, and I hope you can find time in your busy schedule on October 11 to help our community. Sincerely, Bart Vander Bleek, Blood Drive Coordinator (563) 242-7139

Attendance Drawing

For September 11, for \$25, 18 names were drawn until Bart Vander Bleek's name was drawn who claimed the prize because he was present. Another drawing for \$25 was Jeffrey Small and for \$1.40 was Dave Schnier, sorry not present. For September 25 for \$25 Don McClimon and for \$4.90 Joe Weinschen. Sorry not present.

K-C Benefits

Contact Mike Bormann at 563-689-6800 or cell phone 563-357-7934.