



St. Edward's Council # 707



Clinton & Camanche, Iowa

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Grand Knights Message

The mentally handicapped in Clinton County have a large group of people to thank in the near future. Thanks to the effort of many council members and their families, we have raised over \$6000 so far in our Mentally Handicapped Drive. We will be sending out solicitation letters to the local businesses to cap off the drive and should be distributing checks in the fall. Of course, the community deserves the credit for being so generous in this effort. We will be conducting another membership blitz on September 11 & 12 at Church of the Visitation and September 18 & 19 at Prince of Peace Parish. You can help with this by recruiting a new member yourself or just by contacting any of the council officers with the name of an individual that might be interested. I will be speaking at all the masses during one weekend at each parish and we will host an open house at our social meeting. Prospective members and their families are invited to attend and meet other members of the council and find out more about us.

District Deputy Notes

My heartiest congratulations go out to Sir Knight Henry Fullick on his recent reappointment to the coveted position of State Master of the Fourth Degree. We are proud to have him as a member of Council 707 and District 29.

All members of Council 707 can take great pride in their council qualifying for the Star Council Award - the highest award they could have received. Immediate Past Grand Knight Ed Ford and his team of highly qualified officers for the Fraternal year 2003-2004 have shown outstanding performance. My congratulations.

The 122nd annual Supreme Council Meeting was held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dallas, Texas the first week in August 2004. The "Texas Catholic News" reported there were representatives from the United States, Canada, The Dominican Republic, The Philippines and Mexico with at least 80 Bishops and 17 Cardinals in attendance. An extra for those of us taking part from Iowa was the election of David Bellendier-Past State Deputy of Iowa to the Board of Directors of the Supreme Council. Gerry Rank - D.D. 29

Attendance Drawing

For August 9, for \$25, Sidney McDonald and for \$4.25 Robert Krogman. For August 23, for \$25, Aloysius Mueller and for \$8.75, Stephen Gassman. Sorry not present.

Welcome

To our newest members who joined our ranks August 9, 2004: Kerry P. Archibald sponsored by Ray Mantsch, Steven M. Camoie sponsored by Ed Ford, James L. Hilgendorf sponsored by Thomas Cannon and Curt Vath sponsored by Bernard Holtkamp. Welcome aboard!

Bits and Pieces

By Fr. Tony Herold, chaplain

We recently published our parish *Year in Review*. I mentioned that one of the initiatives our parish is undertaking this year is to enter into a relationship with a parish in the Diocese of Chulucanas, Peru.

This diocese is very poor both economically and in terms of the number of priests. There are over 400,000 Catholics served by only 16 parishes. Each parish serves between 40 – 70 small villages, some of them very remote. Some people are able to celebrate the Eucharist only once a year ... not by choice, but by circumstances. I'm not sure if the Knights of Columbus exist in this diocese or not.

The Social Action Commission of our parish met with Bishop Turley, the Ordinary of Chulucanas. He would like us to work with him in establishing a new parish. We are asked to help build a house for the priest so he can have a residence in the new parish and place from which to minister to the people. Later, they will build a church or chapel. The initial cost of this is \$25,000 – pretty modest by U.S. standards.

Why are we doing this? First of all, we have a responsibility as citizens of the wealthiest nation to reach out to those in poorer nations. Pope John Paul II is encouraging us to do so. Secondly, we need to learn that our church is larger than our local parish. We can be inspired by the people from other parts of the world who live out their faith heroically. It can only be a “win-win” situation.

I'm asking that every organization in our parish participate in this initiative. Wouldn't it be great if we could send a group of people to Peru next Summer to get a first hand experience of the work being done with the help of our parish? Bishop Turley has extended a warm welcome to us. I hope the Knights will support this effort.

Birdies for Charity

Thank you to those who participated in the Birdies for Charity program. The monies we receive for this program goes into the Mentally Handicapped fund for disbursement after the Tootsie Roll Drive.

Statements have been sent. If you haven't paid please do so and save me a call to remind you. Again thanks to all who supported this program.

4th Degree

September 21, 2004, business meeting 6:30pm mass at St. Boniface Hall, dinner and meeting to follow. To make reservations call Ed Ford at 309-887-4374 or Earl Farrell at 243-5998.

September 18, 2004, 4th Degree Exemplification in Harper, Iowa. For information call Henry Fullick at 242-8256.

Congratulations

To Daniel McEleney for reaching the four-gallon mark of donating blood.

Ladies Auxiliary

Hello Ladies,

It was so nice to have a full house for the meeting with every auxiliary lady present. Thank you all for being there.

Molly is going to get the new coffee pots for the Knights and Danica is going to purchase the supplies for the rosaries we will be making. Please try to make our next meeting as we have some things to discuss and decide on which route we will be taking

Our bus trip is planned this year for November 7th. The cost of the trip will be \$17.00 Please plan on joining us.

Thank you Molly, Virginia and Dolores for the refreshments.

God Bless you all and I hope to see you at our next meeting. Betty Fullick

Council Business

Motion made and passed for the 2nd reading to pay \$250 for our General Liability Policy through Van Buer Insurance Inc.

Meeting Location Change

Reminder the meetings for St. Edwards Council and St. Edwards Ladies Auxiliary will be held at the Church of The Visitation in Camanche through September.

Disabled Citizens Fall Banquet

On Saturday, October 2, 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 Chairman for K-C's at (309) 887-4374.

Father McGivney's Faith

High ideals are not the exclusive preserve of the young, but they seem to go hand in hand with youthful energy and optimism. The trick is to keep our ideals burning brightly even when the vitality of youth begins to fade. This is, in part, what distinguishes a saint from the rest of us.

A saint keeps the vision of God's love and the call to serve one's neighbor bright and clear to the end. In fact, when we look at the lives of holy men and women, we see that their ideals grow stronger with the passage of time. Physical energies may fade, but sanctity requires a clarity and consistency that remain to the end of one's days.

Father McGivney was an idealist. He was a man whose youthful vision and creativity expanded and matured even as his physical well-being diminished. His intense idealism is often expressed today in titles ascribed to him as his cause for canonization progresses: "Apostle to the Young" and "Protector of Christian Family Life." These provide an outline for a spiritual portrait of Father McGivney.