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3 year Trustee----- Roger Petri

Our next Meeting will be April 13th, 2017

Social starting at 6:00 P.M. This will be at Denny's, Bloomington PLEASE R.S.V.P. to me, so we will have enough seating reserved.

Please RSVP, to Dennis at 309-825-2589. Thank you, but come even if you forget to RSVP, your presence is important and needed.

ARE WE WILLING TO DO THE WORK OF FATHER J. MCGIVNEY
BECOME ACTIVE BY BEING PART OF THE HONOR GUARD
CONTACT CAPT. ALAN MEISSNER , HIS NUMBER IS ABOVE

Dues

DUES FOR 2017 are due on or before January 31st and 2016 years dues are **PAST due**. If you have paid, thank you for sending your dues payment. If not, **PLEASE CONSIDER** doing so, send to Bob Wefer at 1313 Joan Way, Normal, IL 61761-3612. Look at your last membership card: if it is for 2016 you will owe only \$25 for this year's dues. If it is older than 2016, add \$25 dollars for 2016 and then \$20 each additional year you are behind. **It is time to get caught up. Your dues enable us to pay our bills and help out others.**

Please let Navigator Dennis OR Comptroller Bob Wefer OR Captain Alan know of any new or changed email addresses or phone numbers. Or if you wished to be added or removed from the Honor Guard list. Or of anyone that should go on our prayer list. **Thank you!**

F.N Report: Welcome to and Thank you to all who made the meeting. A reminder that Monsignor Doug Hennessey will be inducted into the "Knight of Knights" in Streator on April first, if anyone is planning on going please let Bob Wefer know or your council to get signed up and pay your \$30 per person and get the time and directions to the church and K of C Hall in Streator. And a progress report on Don McHugh, he is getting better and able to get around a little with his walker, but getting stronger and the dizziness is fading.

Comptroller's Report; Bob reported that he has received \$325 in dues money from 13 members. That 36 members are Honorary and no longer have to pay dues, 4 are Honorary Life and pay a reduced rate, although some of these members will make donations. That we have a few that are delinquent and hopefully they will get caught up, that is 12 members owing \$390 total.

Purser / Treasurer's Report;

Total Checking Cash balance of \$2,656.93; of that the Chalice Fund Balance is \$863.25; the Reg cking acct bal is; \$1793.68. We have \$5000 in a CD at 1%, untill June of 2017 and \$5550 earning 1%, in the Money Market, a gain of \$100. The Ave Maria Fund, 1 account has 7000 dollars and earned 12.6% making it \$8205.33 and the other has \$3000 which earned 13.4%, making it \$3612.59. March newsletter bill of \$22.86 needs to be approved for payment, Motion by Rich and 2nd by Mike and Approved. There was a lot of discussion about moving more money to the Ave Maria account. After several different thoughts about what to do we had a motion to move \$3000 by Alan a Second by Mike, the motion passed.

Captain's Report: Alan said that Epiphany has requested an Honor Guard for Tuesday, March 21st at 6:30 for Confirmation and Fr Greg has said that there will be a Confirmation at St Mary's on April 6th at 7 PM, so dress by 6:30 please. And CCHS called Mar 21st and wanted to request an Honor Guard for Graduation on Sunday May 21st at 2 PM. This will be at St Pat's of Merna. And Ill Special Olympics wants us for Spring Games Ceremonies on April 23rd a Sunday morning at 8:30 AM at Normal West High School. The Bishops Mass coming up in the near future and Fr Greg Nelson would like us to provide an Honor Guard. Fr Greg's request for an Honor Guard for St. Mary's Sesquicentennial, info to come on both of these.

Communications; The Kof C Supreme announced that Insurance has recorded it's 16th consecutive year of insurance growth in sales in 2016. With \$8.54 billion in new life insurance sold. And increase of more than \$125 million over the previous year. The K of C now has more than \$105 billion of life insurance in force, marking a \$50 billion increase in the last decade. In March the organization was named a World's Most Ethical Company, for the third consecutive year, one of only two companies named in the Insurance category and last September the Knights were again listed on the Fortune 1000 list and for the 41st consecutive year, earned the highest possible rating for financial strength, A++ (Superior) from A.M. Best. I heard from Terry Cochran and they are doing fine in their new home.

Jan Fries talked to Sue Chalmers for about an hour and Sue has finished her cancer treatments, she ended up having two types of breast cancer and a third cancer, Lymphoma. She had a double mastectomy and will be on special meds for 5 years certain. Pat is doing better there than here.

Old Business; Blood Drive on May 8th, at 574 Hall again. Dan Pletsch has offered to be the Nominating Chairman, we will hear from him at the April meeting. Applications for Knight of Knights need to be turned into Bob soon, as they are due to be received in Streator by March 25th.

New Business; WE need to think about our agenda for 2017, are we going to do anything to raise some money towards any charitable activity? We also should think about plans for mid-year and year end. Rich brought up, the 3 priests that are "Pedaling for Prayers", Frs. Tony Otto, Michael Pika and Adam Sezerye (Spelling ?) They are going to cover 11 counties and are asking for donations to cover expenses. Discussion and questions, resulted in Rich making a motion for a donation, which failed to get a second, but did get a suggestion and an amended motion for a donation of \$175 and a second by Charlie, and the vote passed. Then we discussed meeting place suggestions for the next meeting. We discussed several options. It looks like it will be Denny's on East Oakland at Veteran's, Blm.

Programs: We have nothing planned at this point.

Honor Guards: **Please respond to Captain Alan's requests for honor guards. Please let Alan know if you have an interest, we do have some regalia we will loan.** If you are not receiving the Honor Guard requests by email or otherwise and want to be included let Alan know.

Council's activities:

574 (Bloomington):

A perpetual drive for supplies to be donated to the St Vincent de Paul food pantry continues.

Blood drive –May 8th , 2017 PLEASE NOTE 1:30 - 5:45 PM for last appts. Tuesdays we have a Chicken dinner, On Wednesday's we have Tinker's meals. The Wed. menu changes from week to week as the volunteer cook decides what they are going to prepare. \$7 per meal, kids under 12 years, \$3.00 **THESE MEALS ARE ALWAYS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**, Your support is appreciated. Tell your friends about these meals. Saturday we have Burgers and Corn Dogs & Fries, also open to the public. **Blm K of C** will be **hosting the Shanties**, a band on **March 11th**, starts 7:30 PM, if anyone is interested.

4007 Minonk: No response, **10938** El Paso: Nothing to report; **10967** Downs: No response

6498 Epiphany, No response.

15175 St Patrick's Merna: No Response but Council meetings 1st Tuesdays, Rosary at 6:30 PM, all welcome, Business meeting at 7 PM, Social at 8 PM.

Please remember **to let your FN** Dennis know of things you would like in this newsletter. Thank you, Dennis.

For the Good of the Order; Fr Greg, Don McHugh, The RCIA class, and Jim everett
Thank you, Faithfully, Dennis M. Fries FN



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PLEASE THINK ABOUT YOUR INVOLVEMENT, we are continuing to see a decline in participation in all aspects of our work. The meetings and support of the things we try to do to support our church and our Assembly. Please try to attend meetings and to reply to our communications. We do miss you when you don't attend. Thanks