

FOURTH DEGREE SWORD & SCABBARD

FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR

Seek Jesus First



Sir Knights and Ladies of the Fourth Degree

A Privilege to Serve

On the HONOR GUARD

Faithful Captain Alan Meissner

1-309-485-0117 home

Or

Faithful Navigator Dennis M Fries

1-309-825-2589 cell

Pat Chalmers, Faithful Comptroller

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Officers:

Faithful Friar-----Fr. Gregg Petri

Faithful Navigator-----Dennis M Fries

Faithful Admiral-----Dan A Pletsch

Faithful Capt. -----Alan L Meissner

Faithful Pilot ----- Paul J Larkin

Faithful Comptroller—Patrick J Chalmers

Faithful Scribe----- vacant, need someone

Faithful Purser----- vacant, need someone

Faithful Inner Sentinel—Dave J Kraft

Faithful Outer Sentinel-Terry L Cochran

1 year Trustee -----William (Bill)J Cunningham

2 year Trustee----- Robert L Wefer

3 year Trustee-----Michael J Tomlianovich

Our next Meeting will be Thursday, Feb 12th, at The Garden of Paradise, on East Empire St. Social starting at 6:00 P.M. dinner approx. 6:30 - 6:45P.M. Please let Dennis or Jan know you are coming. 309-825-2589 or 829-2589 by Feb 4th, 2015

Please RSVP by Feb 4th, 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**

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please get your contact info to Captain Alan:
309-485-0117 or at; a.meissner.@mchsi.com

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Upcoming Honor Guards

Catholic Week Mass for school kids, St Pat's , Merna 1/31, 9:15 AM
Confirmation, Epiphany, Feb 15th, 2PM
Confirmation, Holy Trinity April 14th, 2015 - 7 PM
Confirmation, St Mary's April 16th, time about 6:30 PM

Dues

DUES FOR 2015 ARE NOW DUE and last years dues are **PAST due**. If you have paid, thank you for sending your dues payment. **PLEASE CONSIDER THIS YOUR 2015 DUES NOTICE**. If you have yet to pay your dues, send to Pat Chalmers, Faithful Comptroller, at 2 Goose Creek Dr. Apt 1118, Bloomington, IL 61701-8346. PLEASE SAVE us the cost of mailing you a bill. Look at your last membership card: if it is for 2014 you will owe only \$20 for this year's dues. If it is older than 2014, add \$20 dollars for each year or contact Pat Chalmers for the amount you owe. 309- 679-7788. **Thank you** THERE are **NO LADIES DUES anymore** as the 4th degree Ladies Auxiliary is no longer existing.



Please let Navigator Dennis and Captain Alan of any new or changed email addresses or phone numbers. Or of anyone that should go on our prayer list. Thank you!

Business meeting –1/08/2015; Meeting was held at Denny's of Normal. The business was to report that Chalice presentations for Kent Harris would be January 10th, in Wapella at St Patrick's Church. And for Tim Flynn on Feb 11th, at Holy Trinity Grade School. Presentations for Jack Wilz, Bill Costigan and Allan Haas to be announced.

F.N Report: Nothing as a later discussion tonight will take a lot of time. Except that Fr Tony had a herniated disk surgery and is now doing fine, back saying Mass.

Old Business: We talked again about delinquent members and what to do about them. Decided that for 17 members that we should try to get a few members willing to make phone calls and try to talk the 17 in to staying a member and catching up on their dues. Any volunteers?

Charles talked about investing the matured CD in to a Vanguard Fund, after a lengthy talk, I pointed out that Supreme now allows this and they are coming out with a plan. It was suggested we invite Jason Bramley to come next month and tell us about it. This Vanguard Fund has averaged over 8% a year for many years. There is a concern about changing fiduciary names when officers change. We will have answers by the next meeting, We need to get this money re-invested soon.



New Business: We should plan on making a decision on re-investing the large amount of money from the CD that matured.

We discussed the number of members who are currently entitled to a Chalice and that at the current costs of Chalices we can not purchase all the chalices we would need, the discussion led to a talk about raising the dues and dedicating all of the increase to the Chalice Fund. More discussion next meeting and a Vote. We were talking about \$5 a year increase. There has not been an increase in at least 10 years by my reckoning.

We still need a Purser and a Scribe:The Purser's role is to receive money and deposit it and to write a few checks a month. There is a couple of other minor duties. The Scribe takes the minutes of the meeting, types them up and sends a copy to me. Then reads the minutes at the next meeting.

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.

Suggestion: Remember Assembly 213 in your will!



Councils activities:

574(Bloomington):

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

Blood drive – March 9th, 2015, 1:00-6:00 P M **Note new start time**

Tuesdays – Chicken dinner; Wednesdays – Tinkers meals; Saturdays – Burgers and Hot Dogs

4007(Minonk): no one got back to me by press time

6498(Epiphany): Feb 6th, Council Sponsored Blood Drive Epiphany Paarish Hall 12:30 – 5:30 PM

Feb 22nd, Council and District Free Throw Contest 2 PM

10938(EI Paso): no one got back to me by press time

10967(Downs): no one got back to me by press time

15175(St Patrick's Merna): 1st Tuesdays, Knights pray the Rosary, all welcome, 6:30 PM, Business meeting at 7 P M

Please remember to let your FN Dennis know of things you would like in this newsletter. Don't forget Don't forget your response to the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity, see last months newsletter.

We need your response as soon as possible as we need to send to Supreme before the 28th of January.

Thank you, Dennis

The Knights invite your support of St Mary's Gala in Honor of Fr Ric, and it is an opportunity to take your Best Lady out for Valentine's Day at Jumer's call St Marys.



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**Gala for Valentine's Feb 14th, honoring Fr Ric.
In support of St Mary's School, at Jumers, a fine meal
and other activities. \$50 per person. 5 PM – 6:30 Social, Dinner at 7 PM
reservation to ST Mary's with money by Feb 9th. Lynda Rettick 309-828-5954**