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**Sir Knights and Ladies of the Fourth Degree**

**A Privilege to Serve**

**On the HONOR GUARD**

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Faithful Scribe----- Tade Layden

Faithful Purser----- Charles R. Morton

Faithful Inner Sentinel—John C. Foehr

Faithful Outer Sentinel-Terry L Cochran

1 year Trustee -----Dan Pletsch

2 year Trustee----- Michael J. Tomlianovich

3 year Trustee-----David J. Kraft

Our next Meeting will be Feb 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Social starting at 6:00 P.M. dinner approx. 6:30 - 6:45 P.M.

We will meet at Denny's Restaurant at Veteran's and East Oakland, Blm

*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 2016 are due January 31st** and last years dues are **PAST due**. If you have paid, thank you for sending your dues payment. If not, **PLEASE CONSIDER** doing so. We have already sent Final Notices and we do not want to lose you as a member. **BUT IF YOU ARE MORE THAN 18 MONTHS IN ARREARS WE MAY HAVE TO** unless you contact us. If you have yet to pay your dues, send to Bob Wefer at 1313 Joan Way, Normal, IL 61761-3612. Look at your last membership card: if it is for 2015



you will owe only \$25 for this year's dues. If it is older than 2015, add \$20 dollars for each year you are behind or contact Bob for the amount you owe. 309-838-1075. **Thank you. Remember dues** went up to **\$25** for 2016. We still have a few delinquent members, and had to drop 6 as they were several years behind. We do still have members that are late in paying 2015 dues and 1 member who owes for 2014 and 2015. **The new billing came out about Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**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:** The motion for a resolution stating that the members supported the investment in the Ave Maria Fund was made and seconded and the motion passed. The resolution and pictures of our Charter were sent to and received by the Fund management. Dennis mentioned articles that were in the Columbia magazine and encouraged reading them. He also talked about a letter from Supreme that outlined changes that Supreme wants made, especially those changes that promotes Building the Domestic Church. The heart of this new program is a commitment to strengthen the Catholic identity of our families by integrating our activities more fully with the church and parish. With Fr Gregg passing on Christmas afternoon we are looking for a new Chaplain.

**Bills:** We need to set it up that Charlie our Purser can pay ordinary bills without waiting for an approval. We are talking about bills that ordinarily occur. An example would be the bill each month to pay for printing and mailing the 4<sup>th</sup> degree newsletter. I think that got over looked when we talked about paying the bills. The bills were approved for paying. Those were; \$25.24 for the newsletter, \$154 for Flag poles and cases. \$98 for stamps and \$39.92 for a frame for the Charter.

**Treasurer's Report:** Charlie presented the Treasurer's Report; Cash balance of \$1397.37 Regular Fund and the Chalice Fund has \$1400.42 and the total of both accts is \$2797.79, these numbers are as of the 31<sup>st</sup> of December. Since then \$780 in dues and donations has been received. The remaining C.D. will mature in Feb. 2016.

**Captain's Report:** We had an Honor Guard on Sunday January 17<sup>th</sup> for Special Olympics Winter Games and we used our new flags and flag poles as we were doing both the Honor and the Color Guard. And we will have an Honor Guard for Special Olympics for the Spring Games about the end of April. And on April 17<sup>th</sup> we have Confirmation at Epiphany.

**Communications:** The Cape and Chapeau, the Master's newsletter has an interesting article about a Power Point presentation for Honor Guard training, Alan will follow up on this. And the Master is reminding us that we need to be sure to turn in our Fraternal Activities Survey form 1728. Dennis says he has received only two or three of them so far. Remember to keep your time separate for

Council and Assembly volunteering. Also for the rest of your volunteering such as visits to the sick or bereaved just make a guess as to what portion should be council and assembly.

**Old Business:** No response yet on the where abouts of the Assembly Jewel case or the jewels. On Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> I received them.

**New Business;** none listed.

## 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.** And if you are not

receiving the Honor Guard requests by email or otherwise and want to be included let Alan know.

Suggestion: Remember Assembly 213 in your will!



## Council's activities:

**574** (Bloomington):

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

Blood drive – March 14th, 2016, **1:30** - 5:45 P M Tuesdays we have a Chicken dinner only \$7 and Children \$3; Saturday we have Burgers and Hot Dogs & Fries. THESE MEALS ARE ALWAYS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, Your support is appreciated. Tell your friends about these meals. Fish Fries in Lent

**4007** Minonk: No response **10938** El Paso: No response. **10967** Downs: No response

**6498** Epiphany: Blood Drive Feb 12<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 -5:30, Fish Fries on Fridays, 2/26, Mar 4<sup>th</sup>, & 11<sup>th</sup>. choice of entrée and 2 sides, drink & dessert. Beer sold separately. Price prob in \$8 -\$10 range.

**15175** St Patrick's Merna: 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Men's Reflection @7:30 AM, Council meetings 1<sup>st</sup> 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

REMEMBER our next meeting will be Feb 11th. It will be at Denny's Restaurant in Bloomington. Social starting at 6 PM, please let Dennis know whether you Are attending or Not attending. Thank you

Please submit now your Fraternal Survey of Charitable hours, blood donations and Blood donations rejected still count. Works to serve the church, the community, your council or assembly, or fellow members. This will be due the 31st of January. I will bring some donation forms, or you can email me to send you one if you want to be formal. Otherwise just send me a summary of what you have. A summary but of each category. Thanks, Dennis



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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 Assembly. Please try to attend meetings and respond to our communications. We do miss you when you don't attend. Thanks