

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ASSEMBLY 0213

FOURTH DEGREE SWORD & SCABBARD

February, 2019

Seek Jesus First

Sir Knights and Ladies of the Fourth Degree

A Privilege to Serve

On the HONOR GUARD

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1 year Trustee -----David J Kraft

2 year Trustee----- Roger M Petri

3 year Trustee----- Rich D Staley

The February meeting will be at the Blm K of C club. Please let Dennis know if you **are or are not** going to be there, so we can have the proper amount of food. This will be a Chili nite, please bring a Dish to share.

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. JOE KLINGLER , HIS NUMBER IS ABOVE

Several had volunteered to bring Chili, so we should have plenty of Chili, please bring something that will go with the chili. Thanks

Dues

DUES FOR 2019 are due on or before January 31st, SO 2018 year dues are PAST due. If you have paid, thank you for sending your dues payment. If not, **PLEASE CONSIDER promptly** doing so, send to Bob Wefer at 1313 Joan Way, Normal, IL 61761-3612. Look at your last membership card: if it is for 2018 you will owe only \$25 for 2019 year's dues. If it is older than 2018, add \$25 dollars for 2018 and 2017 and 2016 then \$20 each additional

year you are behind. I am pretty sure we have no one that owes back to 2016. **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 Joe 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: We had a good meeting at Denny's, with 21 present, I thought the service from the kitchen was slow, but then we had more time to socialize and get the mtg started so we ended on time. Since the meeting we have finally accomplished something on the Dining at Portillo's and the meat raffle. See later in this for an update.

Comptroller's Report; Supreme has us at 103 mbrs, but James Boehle died late December so we are at 102. \$470 recv'd in dues with 50 members owing over \$1000 in dues, part of our problem is that about 42 % of our members have aged out of having to pay dues. Some will send in donations and we want to be sure to thank them when they do.

Purser / Treasurer's Report; As Nov 30th, the bank balances are; Ave Maria Growth Fund: \$13,569. Ave Maria Dividend Fund: \$12,232. The Growth account had a gain of \$1,015.04 and the Dividend Fund had a gain of \$781.62 for the year. Checking: \$1,738.30, chalice Ckg: \$178.25 for a total of: \$1916.55. We recv'd .15 cents in interest, These numbers are from the prepared report.

Captain's Report: Joe said that he had nothing pending or scheduled, but that we will soon be in the time frame that the schools will be scheduling Confirmations, sometimes the Bishop actually comes

Chalice; Mike reported that a Thank You card was recv'd from Deacon Dan McShane for his being the recipient of Msgnr Greg Ketchum's chalice. That we still have 7 chalice requests waiting for a destination including the chalice for recently departed James Boehle, Mike will be contacting the son-in-law about the end of the month.

Communications: it is time for everyone to report their Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity. A worksheet was attached to the previous months newsletter, so far I have recv'd two, plus my own. I need more than that to be able to file a report. Report is due Jan 31st, 2019

Old Business: It was mentioned that the Dining Out for Donations had a delay because of needing a 501(c)3 certificate. Options were presented and settled on. We have been able to proceed and we are signed up for Portillo's for Feb 20th, from 4 PM until 8 PM, **tell all your family and friends to go and eat there that night** and be sure to **tell the cashier that you are with the K of C 4th Degree.**

New Business: No one had any new business. Just the Annual Survey mentioned above.

Programs: lots of discussion about the two fund raisers

For the Good of the Order: We pray for, Bill Cunningham, who is in Asst'd Living and Kelly Rudin, wife of a member who has been diagnosed with Crohn's disease. Becky Wilcox, Dan Kraft's fiancé.

And Joe Fries is still dealing with a blood issue, rejection caused by his transplant. And deceased James Boehle.

Honor Guards: **Please respond to Captain Joe's requests for honor guards. Please let Joe know if you have an interest, we do have some of the old style regalia we will loan or give you.** If you are not receiving the Honor Guard requests by email or otherwise and want to be included let Joe know. (Although that Regalia will be no good after June 30th, 2019 Maybe.) But there was some talk that both types of "uniforms" might be accepted for a longer period. I noticed in the Catholic Post last week that a Honor Guard by the Rockford group, everyone was in our old style Regalia.

Council's activities:

574 (Bloomington):

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

Blood Drive Mar 11th, PLEASE NOTE 1:30 – till 5:45 PM for last appts. Tuesday's we have a Chicken dinner, On **Feb 6th, Wednesday** we have a Tinker's meal, this meal will be a Mini-Meat Loaf dinner. by the Cooking Cuties. The monthly Wed. menu changes 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.

4007 Minonk: No response, **10938** El Paso: No Response; **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. "SHOULD I CONTINUE TO ASK THESE COUNCILS FOR INPUT?" I almost never even get a reply. I have not received any answers to this question either, from them or from any 4th degree members.

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

What are your thoughts on the above Council Activities? You may have noticed that the various councils very seldom have responded to my requests for news they would like shared. Usually no response of any kind.

Closing prayer led by Fr Doug mtg closed at 7:27 PM.

Thank you,

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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. Thank you.