

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ASSEMBLY 0213

FOURTH DEGREE SWORD & SCABBARD

JAN, 2017

Seek Jesus First

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

**A Privilege to Serve**

**On the HONOR GUARD**

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Faithful Outer Sentinel Jared Pletsch

1 year Trustee -----Mike J Tomlianovich

2 year Trustee----- Dave Kraft

3 year Trustee----- Roger Petri

Our next Meeting will be Jan 12th, 2017  
Social starting at 6:00 P.M. This will be at Council 574's club room  
PLEASE R.S.V.P. to me, so we will have enough chili.

*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:** We want to be sure you turn in your Annual Fraternal Activity Survey, it is needed to support our Charitable Organization Status and Tax Exempt Status. We didn't really discuss the next meeting, but tradition has had it as a Chili dinner by volunteers, bring your favorite chili, we usually get about three versions, and the rest of you bring something to go along with a chili supper. We will hopefully come up with a meeting schedule for the rest of the year.

**Comptroller's Report;** Bob reported that he is prepared to start taking dues money, that we have a few that are delinquent and hopefully they will get caught up. That he has \$115 from the Spaghetti supper, attendance was low, Bob basically donated the expenses so we made a little money.

**Purser / Treasurer's Report;** Charlie presented a bill to pay for the Dec newsletter of \$22.86. and \$94 for postage. A motion to pay the bills was made by Dave K and seconded by Mike T, and approved. Checking Cash balance of \$1,104.33; Chalice Fund Balance is \$629.25; the Total is \$1,733.58. We have \$5000 in a CD, till June of 2017 and \$5450 earning 1%, in the Money Market. The Ave Maria Growth Fund, has earned us 10.74% The Ave Maria Dividend Fund has earned us 12.97% so far.

**Captain's Report:** Alan told us that Epiphany has requested an Honor Guard for Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 for Confirmation and Fr Greg has said that there will be a Bishops Mass coming up in the near future and he would like us to provide an Honor Guard.

**Communications;** It is time for You to be putting together your record of volunteer hours. It is very important for you to turn in a report, the report is what HAS TO BE PART OF THE REPORT THAT Supreme turns into the IRS TO RETAIN OUR CHARITABLE STATUS. I attached a copy of the short form to the December newsletter, please fill it out and mail it to Bob Wefer at either 1313 Joan Way, Normal, IL 61761 or email to him at [weferkc@aol.com](mailto:weferkc@aol.com). Thank You

We need to slow down and think about the meaning of the season, "Giving" not just material things, but giving of ourselves, giving of our talent, our time, visiting a friend, sick or not, stopping by to just say hello, or opening a door for someone, think about how fortunate we are. And to enjoy the Season, our family our friends and yes, even our fellow Knights of Columbus family.

The Master and wife Brenda sends their "very hearty and blessed Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year" to everyone. He also reminds us that there is a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification, Feb 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and encourage submission of the Fraternal Survey by mid January so that Supreme will have before the deadline.

**Old Business;** Tade has suggested that the Transfers that have not gone thru be checked on, and New Applications for the Transfers be started if necessary. The Assembly had the December meeting at 574 club room and we had a delightful meal, plenty of great food and I think everyone had a good time and shared some Christmas spirit.

**New Business;** The new business was for things that have already happened so I won't go into them. 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 end of the year, we seem to wait to late to get plans made and have time to implement what ever activity we decide to do, we need to have lead time to advertise what we decide to do.

**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** –Jan16th , 2017 **PLEASE NOTE** the date change **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 Hot Dogs & Fries, also open to the public.

**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 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.

**For the Good of the Order;** Fr Greg Ketchum is continuing to have medical problems. We should keep him in our prayers. Don McHugh is home from the hospital and rebuilding his strength, continue to pray for him and probably for Mary Margaret. Please pray for Joe Fries and for Dennis, both are having health issues.

Closed the meeting at 7:36 PM with our usual prayers.

**REMEMBER** our next meeting will be Jan 12<sup>th</sup>, at Blm Council 574 clubroom. Please let Dennis know whether you will need a ride and if you **Are** attending or **Are Not** attending. And if you are bringing Chili, so I know we will have enough chili.

Thank you

Faithfully, Dennis Fries



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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