

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ASSEMBLY 0213

FOURTH OF DEGREE SWORD & SCABBARD

FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR

Seek Jesus First

ROGER PETRI

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*Sir Knights of the 4th Degree & Ladies*

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On the

HONOR GUARD

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Upcoming events

April 12 K of C Hall

6 P.M. Social, 6:30 P.M. Dinner, 7 P.M. Meeting

McGivney's Grill

Wear something that is Hawaiian

To our next meeting

*LET US BECOME ACTIVE BY DOING HONOR GUARD*

*April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012*

*Men's March and Mass*

**APRIL 29 - World day of Prayer for Vocations**

*Remember read Columba it does have interesting articles*



**A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE HONOR GUARD AT EPIPHANY ON MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup>.**



**A Prayer for April**

Lord, this morning I am filled with hope for what the day will bring.  
Be with me as I go about my activities and keep me mindful of your love and care.  
Thank you for the opportunities you have given me and may I always act according  
to your will. *Amen*

**Dear 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Sir Knights**

The last meeting was held at Bloomington K of C Hall in attendance was 12 sir knights and ladies.

We are getting close to the end of the fraternal year and are looking for member to step up to be ***FAITHFUL OFFICERS are you one of those Knights?***

***For those that have not paid Please send in your dues to...***

Dennis Fries, 403 E Leland, Bloomington IL. 61701 5647

**MASONIC TEMPLE & THE PASCHAL LAMB**

Brother Knights,

It has come to my attention as Faithful Navigator from the Supreme Office. We are no longer to be part of the Masonic Temple Annual Observance of the Paschal Lamb and the Memorial Service for those of our departed Brethren who have passed on.

The following information was gathered from The A.D. Times (newspaper of the Diocese of Allentown, PA)... A letter from 1974 was misinterpreted by some bishops. "The Vatican letter according to the Cardinal Law study was only to indicate when the penalty of the excommunication would apply to Catholics joining Masonic associations. This modification became one of the sources of confusion among Catholics regarding joining Masonic "On November 26, 1983, the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith stated, "The Church's negative position on Masonic associations remains unaltered since their principles have always been regarded as irreconcilable with the Church doctrine...."

As example is "Masonry's regard for Jesus Christ. Masonry does not recognize Jesus' special spiritual claims. It honors Jesus as it honors Socrates, Buddha or Mohammed." "The Masonic God is a neutral "Great Architect of the Universe," not the personal God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, nor the Father of Jesus".

The 4th degree has been part of the Paschal service with the Masons since 1983. For some members it is difficult as to why we no longer be part of the service. We as 4th Degree Knights are not able to participate in the service as Knights. At the same time there are no reasons that we cannot stay as friends with them.

If anyone is interested in reading the document on why we cannot as Knights of Columbus participate, I will send it out to you. The document is 6 ½ pages in length

F.N. Roger Petri

## *Good news*

“Men’s March” April 14, 2012

*St. Joseph, the patron of this annual event.*

Knights let’s talk to the men and boys of our families and parishioners about going to the Ninth Annual Event. *Let’s show up and publicly stand in defense of faith, family, and church. The annual event of Calling Catholic Men of Faith* will be at Liberty Park on the Peoria River, starting off with Sacrament of Reconciliation at 8:30 a.m. Opening prayer and speaker at 9 a.m. next will be the Rosary and Mass. We’ll have lunch and fellowship in the Spalding Pastoral Center after Mass.

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### ***Something to think about!***

**“Filled with the Spirit Take with you words, and return to the Lord”.**

**Hosea 14:3**

HAVE YOU EVER found yourself speechless, especially when it comes to matters of faith?

Have you ever stood open-mouthed when asked to give a reason for your hope in Christ?

It can be difficult to find both the courage and vocabulary to share our faith in a world that often seems to thrive on skepticism and self-sufficiency. Where do we start? How do we draw people to Christ without scaring them away? Our first step in any effort to evangelize must be the self-knowledge that we can’t do it alone. No amount of education can replace our ability to merely open our mouths and allow the Spirit to fill us with what we need to say. Faith must always precede knowledge.

***I stand open to you, Lord. Give me the words I need.***

Steve Givens



Pontiac area 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights was part of the 36 Knights from the surrounding area that was invited to be at Epiphany Church in Normal on March 19<sup>th</sup> for the Mass of educators with Cardinal George and the 5 Bishops from Illinois.

As I was sitting here thinking what to write. It came to me that I have been on Bishop Sheen 3<sup>rd</sup> degree team for some time now and as a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree team we always work our way through questions. As we hear the questions, we remember some of the answers but never know all the answers.

Thinking about this I decided to look up Easter in the Catholic Catechism book copyright of 1994, page 166 #638 here is what it had to say.

“We bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, this day he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus.” The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith in Christ, a faith believed and lived as the central truth by the first Christian community; handed on as fundamental by Tradition; established by the documents of the New Testament; and preached as an essential part of the Paschal mystery along with the cross:

Christ is risen from the dead!

**Dying, he conquered death;**

**To the dead, he has given life.”**

How many of us remember just a small part or all of the answer? Myself I remember just a part of it.

Good of the order let us remember to keep in your prayers **Anne Kraft** who had a hip replacement, **Barb Hermes** who has cancer, **Don Coffey** who is recovering from surgery. Let us also remember the religious, our Knights, service men and women who are serving and have served in all wars. LET US ALSO PRAY FOR THE CONVERSION FOR OUR COUNTRY, ENEMIES & NON BELIVERS

**Happy Easter**

***May you and your family be Blessed in this holy season and throughout the year.***

Faithful Navigator Roger Petri

