

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ASSEMBLY 0213

FOURTH DEGREE SWORD & SCABBARD

FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR

Seek Jesus First

Dennis Fries



Sir Knights and Ladies of the Fourth Degree

A Privilege to Serve

On the

HONOR GUARD

Faithful Captain John Schraufnagel

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Or

Faithful Navigator Dennis Fries

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Upcoming events

Sheridan School Parade

OFFICERS

Faithful Friar-----Fr. Deo

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Faithful Purser-----Pat Chalmers

Faithful Inner Sentinel--Rich Staley

Faithful Outer Sentinel-Terry Cochran

1 year Trustee----- Dave Kraft

2 year Trustee----- Bill Cunningham

3 year Trustee-----Jack Wilz

6:P.M.

SOCIAL, MEAL & MEETING

6 P.M.

at

Sept.13th at the K of C Hall Bloomington
PLEASE RSVP see newsletter for details

ARE WE WILLING TO DO THE WORK OF FATHER J. MCGIVNEY

BECOME ACTIVE BY BEING PART OF THE HONOR GUARD

Honor Guard

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Honor Guards August 31st at Sheridan School for the Parade
See newsletter for details

This space usually has a prayer for the month. Last month I asked everyone to put God back in our lives, and say a prayer for our country. This month I am repeating that request and pointing out that Supreme has spoken about supporting our clergy and that they did a poll in July and found that the public is increasingly frustrated with the tone of political campaigns and sees that the problem is getting worse. The survey also found that a strong consensus of Americans believe that such negative campaigning is ultimately harmful to the political process. They found that “the American people want and deserve civility and a conversation on the issues rather than the personal vilification of the political opponent.” They are inviting you to sign a petition on this. To do so you need to visit; civilityinamerica.org. and sign the request for the candidates, the media and others to have a more civil tone in their public discourse on political and social issues.

The K of C Supreme has also filed a formal comment with the United States Department of Health and Human Services Department, calling on the government to rethink the unpopular healthcare mandate. “To rescind the Mandate altogether,” as it violates the First Amendment’s guarantee of the free exercise of religion.

On the other side “Telling Our Story” providing a global portrait of the Knights of Columbus State Councils, local councils, assemblies etc., total contributions of \$158,084,514 for 2011. Total volunteer /fraternal hours donated of 70,053,149. Blood Donors 418,841, with a ten year cumulative charitable disbursements; of \$1,436,712,757. This is only part of the story as this information comes from the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity for 2011, where only 78% of all K of C units responded to the Survey. So imagine what the numbers would be if all 100% had provided their numbers.

Now to get back to us, Assembly 213, we had about 21 adults at the meeting August 9th at Michael’s. We had a good meeting and a good social gathering. I hope everyone had a coupon, I know that several couples brought extra coupons, for that, I thank them for their consideration and their willingness to share.

We really need to work at getting our members to come to meetings. I say WE, but mean each and every one of YOU. I STRONGLY ENCOURAGE each of you to read the “Columbia” magazine for August. The articles give a clear statement of our mission as Knights. It gives us a decade by decade account of our development and history. “Our religious freedom, particularly our right to practice our Catholic faith without interference is under severe attack in our country today.” Our Bishop courageously took a strong public stand in defense of our

religious freedom. Most Pastors have openly supported him. As you will recall the charges delivered to all of us in the induction rituals of 2nd and 3rd degree “that we as Knights should be visible in defense and support of our Bishop and Pastors. As members of the 4th degree we should be out in front. All of this at a time when interest in being active in the Knights of Columbus is waning. We need to change that if we are to be the **strong supporter** of our Bishop and clergy that we are meant to be. We need to increase our numbers and reinvigorate our current members. For we all know there is strength in numbers and the more there is of us the more positive things we can accomplish. We need to be more active in our roles as a Knight and in particular as a 4th degree. There are a great number of things that were said and done by our forefathers that support their belief in God and that we need God’s help to keep our world, Our way of life heading in the right direction. There are numerous references to God in our government buildings and quotes from the signors of our government formation documents. But for now I will suggest that you look at the Editorial letter in the August Columbia magazine, Written by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson where he quotes Mr Charles Carroll, the only Catholic to sign The Declaration of Independence. Mr. Carroll said; “GOD GRANT THAT THIS RELIGIOUS LIBERTY MAY BE PRESERVED IN THESE STATES TO THE END OF TIME, AND THAT ALL BELIEVING IN THE RELIGION OF CHRIST MAY PRACTICE THE LEADING PRICIPLES OF CHARITY, THE BASIS OF EVERY VIRTUE.”

I thank a member of our 4th degree for pointing out the articles that I refer to in the August Columbia magazine and hope that each of you will find and read them.

Our next meeting on Sept 13th will be at the council hall, and there will be a spaghetti dinner with Salad and garlic bread as well as the usual Pork Chop dinner or sandwiches and Appetizers.. PLEASE LET ME KNOW THAT YOU ARE COMING and your meal choice so I can give Scott a heads up so he will have the right food available.

Remember that there are meals Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday evenings as well as Burgers and Hot Dogs on Saturdays so come on down and support the K of C. **You do not have to be Catholic to come to these meals or to Rent the Hall. Spread that information Please.**

Honor Guard for the Sheridan Back to School Parade, we have done this event for many years, be at the O’Neil Park swimming pool parking lot by 9AM, call if you have questions.

Faithfully,

Dennis, 8/26/12