



Knightly News

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**If you haven't done so
already, please pay your
dues, thank you!**

Grand Knight Report

Brother Knights,

I would like to share a little story with you about something that recently happened to me. I was asked to help out at the Deanery Council Dinner for the local area Clergy and lay people on the board. The evening was going very smooth thanks to great planning by Marlana Miller. As the Dinner neared completion, I asked if I could leave a little early to run and take care of my kids so my wife Donna could go to a meeting. As I said good bye to Marlana and rushed out the door to my truck, I was thinking about several other things I had to do that night at home. I started to drive out of the parking lot and needed to take a left turn to go out to 1st Ave. I found myself taking a right turn back into the parking lot instead. Next thing I know, I was parked back in front of the Parish Center doors that I had just left. I hesitated for a few moments and asked myself what I am doing back here. I instantly felt like I had forgotten something. As I walked into the entry way to the PC, I got my answer from what I truly believe was the Holy Spirit. In my haste, I had forgotten to do 2 things. 1.) I had forgotten to say good bye to the Priests and Sisters that were in attendance. 2.) I had forgotten to Thank them for there service to our Community, our Faith, and to our God!!! They truly are Special!!!

To sum it up, I believe is was the Holy Spirit kicking me in the behind to pay more attention and give Thanks to the Men and Women who have chosen to lead us in our Faith. When you get a chance, please be sure to thank our Clergy and Lay people who serve so selflessly.

Our Knights of Columbus Fish Fry's will be starting on Friday, Feb. 27th. Please come and support the Council. Part of the money raised will be given to St. Patrick's to assist with repairs to their community center. The other part of the money raised will be divided among the schools, our Parish and other charities that we support. We will again be raffling a Nintendo Wii Game System with a couple additional games besides the ones that come with it. The Boy Scouts will once again be assisting with each of the Fish Fry's. This is a big fund raiser for them as we donate a portion of the funds to the Boy Scout Troops that assist with bussing tables and serving.

*** We are expecting a larger turnout due to St. Patrick's and St. Wenceslaus not hosting their own Fish Fry's this Lent. ***We will definitely **NEED EVERYONE'S** help. Please check inside the front of your KC Directory to see who the Captain's are for each of the Fish Fry's. Some of the captains are new at this and could definitely use your help and support. Please call them to lend a hand, I know it would be welcomed. Thank You!

If you have any questions, please contact me at 369-0855.

Vivat Jesus!!!

Jay Fields~GK

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Special points of interest:

-Family of the month: is the **Gibbs** family. Randy and his daughter, Alexis, contacted us to see if they could work the Chris Tomlin concert at the US Cellular Center. Then called again to see if a friend of his daughter's could also work. Thank you Randy and Alexis and friend for your time, we appreciate it!

-Knight of the month: is **Randy Baner** who called 3 hours before a Rough Riders game would begin to say he could be there to help. Thank you Randy for your time and the much needed help, we truly appreciate it!

Free Throw Contest Results



Here are the winners of the Feb. 15th District Free Throw Contest:

Boys	Age	School	Council
Josh White	10	LaSalle	5544
Carter Johnson	10	Stanwood	13462
Josh Hoffman	11	LaSalle	5544
Adam Ahrenholz	11	Vinton	3893
Nathan Woeste	12	Atkins	3893
Jayden Johnson	12	Stanwood	13462
Ryan Doser	13	College Comm.	11942
Nick Whitson	13	LaSalle	5544

Girls	Age	School	Council
Madison Kadlec	10	LaSalle	5544
Taylor Skala	11	LaSalle	5544
Mikayla Moier	11	College Comm.	11942
Raechel Wehage	12	Vinton	3893
Mercedes Morris	13	College Comm.	11942
Katte Hanson	13	Vinton	3893
Ashley Stulken	14	LaSalle	5544
Georgia Higgins	14	Vinon	3893

The First place Athletes will advance to the Regional Contest to be held on **SUNDAY, March 8th** at the La Salle gym. Doors open at 12:30 PM Contest will start at 1 PM and should be completed by 3:30 PM

Please plan to attend and show support to our future Stars (especially those from our own Council).

16 knights, spouses, girl friends or adult sized children are needed for this event. Please call Jim Nieman (396-5892) to volunteer.

Blood Drive

Our council will be sponsoring a blood drive on Wednesday, March 25, 2009. St. Luke's Blood Bank Mobile Unit will be drawing blood from 2:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the St. Jude Parish Center. Please remember this is a Knight's Event, please sign up if you can donate your blood. There will be a sheet to sign up in the Narthex after the following weekend masses. The weekends will be March 7 & 8, March 14 & 15 and March 21 & 22. If you need any information, please contact Mark Seber @ 390-3842.

What the Recorder Heard

The February business meeting brought 3 motions and an important discussion item. Motions approved were to make Jay F. & Jeff F. our delegates to the state convention and Blaine M. & Mark K. as our alternates. Also approved was a \$10 donation to the memorial fund in the name of Arnie Kluber.

The discussion item was that the parish is doing an extensive 'space utilization' study and wants the knights to submit what their needs are for the future.

Other items of note are the next blood drive will be March 25th @ the PC; the regional free throw will be March 8th @ at LaSalle; the state convention this year (here in CR) needs many volunteers to help in many areas.

Thought for the month.

We have no control over what people say about us, however we do control how we react to it.

Dick Street
Recorder

Fish Fries

Lent is fast approaching! Our Fish Fries will kick-off on Friday, February 27, 2009 and run each Friday night through April 3, serving from 5:00-7:30 pm each night.



Enjoy either baked or fried fish, baked potato or fries, cole slaw, veggies, apple-sauce, roll and drink among friends. Adults are \$7.00, Seniors (65+) are \$6.00, children 5-12 are \$4.50,

children under 5 are free. Grilled cheese option available. Take out available too.

Please plan on attending and helping during our biggest fund raiser of the year. 25% of profits from the fish fries will be donated to St. Patrick's flood relief.

Chaplin's Report

Lent is a Season of Penance. The Church proposes three great acts of penance: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Of these three, fasting seems to have been forgotten. It is easier to say an extra prayer or two. It is easier to give some extra money to charity. But to fast, to give up some of the most basic elements of life, requires true sacrifice and for this reason is often left undone. However, in our day the practice of fasting is necessary more than ever to remove all the "stuff" that far too often gets in the way of our relationship with Jesus and bring us back to that complete dependency upon God. We are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. I encourage all of us to make fasting a regular part of our Lenten discipline. The world is in need of our sacrifices. The Lord is longing for our time and love. We are in need of greater faith and trust in Him. What better reasons to fast, and what better way to help us to grow this Lent. May God bless you and keep you.

Your Chaplain,
Fr. Michael Podhajsky

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to the following **Council** winners:

4th Grade: Cassidy Hart (1st), Britney Jean Reyes (2nd), Kara Grady (3rd) all from St. Ludmila School.

5th Grade: Ashley Lang (1st, LaSalle), Peter Clark (2nd, St. Pius), Rachel Clarke (3rd, LaSalle).

6th Grade: Noah Lauer (1st), Derek Fry (2nd), Mason Burken (3rd) all from LaSalle Middle School.

7th Grade: Katie Burke (1st), Ellie Burke (2nd) both from LaSalle Middle School.

Congratulations to the following **Regional** winners:

4th Grade: Britney Jean Reyes (1st, St. Ludmila), Cassidy Hart (2nd, St. Ludmila), Emma Davis (3rd, Clear Creek Amana).

5th Grade: Ashley Lang (1st, LaSalle), Kurt O'Keefe (2nd, Clear Creek Amana), Peter Clark (3rd, St. Pius).

6th Grade: Noah Lauer (1st, LaSalle), Mason Burken (2nd, LaSalle), Alec Morris (3rd, Clear Creek Amana).

7th Grade: Katie Burke (1st, LaSalle), Ellie Burke (2nd, LaSalle), Elijah Lee (3rd, Clear Creek Amana).

Be Prepared

This month's column is for the baby boomers. Do you know what that is sneaking up on you? Retirement! Ouch. I know. It's hard to believe isn't it? Seems like just yesterday...But it's coming - and coming fast. And that's actually the good news. Let me share with you some tidbits that may be of interest: "The trend by companies to freeze or end their employee pension plans may have a big impact on baby boomers now on the cusp of retirement. Boomers with pension plans have counted on monthly retirement checks at the end of their career, but increasing numbers of employers are ending their plans or halting future benefit accruals. Those at greatest risk include boomers in their late 40s and early 50s who are still at least a decade from retirement but too old to save enough to make up the difference in their pension benefits. An August, 2005 survey by PricewaterhouseCoopers showed that nearly half of companies that expected to change their pension plans in the next year were considering freezing benefits for all employees. More than a third that offered pensions have already pared back these benefits over the last three years. "This will definitely be a problem for baby boomers," says Karen Friedman at the Pension Rights Center. "You've been at a company under the plan and worked for years with that expectation, and then it's taken away." I'm at 389-5454 or mike.toczylowski@kofc.org. Call me - let's talk.
Mike Toczylowski ~ Field Agent

Help is needed for the following Rough Rider Games in March.

Concession Help Needed!

March 10 (4 people), March 14 (4 people), March 18 (4 people) all have a start time of 5:00 pm at the Ice Arena.

Who can help? Any Knight, their wives (or girlfriends) and anyone 16 or older with a parent (this is a great opportunity for service hours for Confirmation).

Please contact Chris, or Barb, Zaugg at 365-2830 as soon as possible to let them know you can help.

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March 2009

Mar. 1	Pancake Breakfast	6:30 AM-2:00 PM	Parish Center
Mar. 6	Fish Fry	5:00 PM-9:00 PM	Parish Center
Mar. 8	Regional Free Throw	12:00 PM-4:00 PM	LaSalle Gym
Mar. 10	Rough Riders Game	5:00 pm	Ice Arena
Mar. 11	Council Meeting	7:00 PM-8:30 PM	Parish Center
Mar. 13	Fish Fry	5:00 PM-9:00 PM	Parish Center
Mar. 14	Rough Riders Game	5:00 pm	Ice Arena
Mar. 18	Rough Riders Game	5:00 pm	Ice Arena
Mar. 22	State Spelling Bee	12:00 –3:00 PM	LaSalle Gym
Mar. 20	Fish Fry	5:00 PM-9:00 PM	Parish Center
March 25	National Day of the Unborn Child	TBD	TBD
Mar 25	Blood Drive	2:30 PM-8:00 PM	Parish Center
Mar 27	Fish Fry	5:00 PM-9:00 PM	Parish Center

April 2009

Apr 3	Fish Fry	5:00 PM-9:00 PM	Parish Center
Apr. 4	Kitchen Cleanup	8:00 AM-done	Parish Center
Apr. 15	Council Meeting	7:00 PM-8:30 PM	Parish Center
Apr. 25	Spring Dinner	5:30 PM-8:00 PM	Parish Center