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From The Grand Knight...



The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14th. Now is the time we can prepare ourselves by considering the sacrifices that we can make during Lent.

Our prayers are needed for the Church, our Country, our families, the end to abortion, and an end to war. Fasting, attending extra Masses, praying the Rosary are just some of the things that we can do. And consider picking one or two of the Corporal and Spiritual work of mercy.

The "Big Raffle" Jackpot is now over \$11,500.00! Please come out on Thursday and support the Raffle. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and we sell tickets from 6:00 to 7:45. The weekly drawing is at 7:55 and Big Raffle drawing at 8:00 p.m. sharp. By participating in the Raffle you are helping the many charities we support.

Please consider helping with the preparation, cooking, and cleaning up at the weekly fish fries. And come to enjoy a great fish meal in McGivney Hall or pick up a meal at the drive thru. Complete details are in the Newsletter.

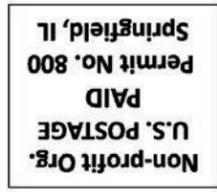
Did you make a New Year's resolution? I hope you are doing well following it.

May I encourage our Knights read the *Columbia Magazine* this year. Many articles show what our brother Knights are doing around the world. For example, the December issue shows the Knights in Ukraine helping the orphans that are the result of that ongoing war.

The column "Man of the Month" tells what ordinary men can do to serve God. By reading *Columbia* magazine you can learn much about our Catholic faith and grow as a Knight.

Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life and for an end to abortion. Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us!

- Thomas Maas, Grand Knight
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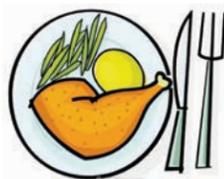


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- CHICKEN DINNERS

Friday Night "Chicken Buffet Dinners" are being served in Father McGivney Hall from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. all Fridays through February 9th (after that date Fish Dinners are served. Price is \$13.00 for adults, \$7.00 for Children 12 & under, with under 5 eating free. Drive-Thru is also available Meal includes: 1/2 chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans & corn. Price \$13.00 per meal. Tell your Family & Friends "Everyone is welcomed!"



- FISH DINNERS



KC Friday Night "Drive Thru or Dine-In Fish Dinners" will begin on Ash Wednesday February 14th and continue each Friday of Lent thru Good Friday, March 29th, with serving from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm.

Menu will include Catfish or Pollock fillet, baked beans, potato salad, mac-n-cheese & bread. Cost is \$13.00 for adults, children 12 & under & \$7.00, with children under 5 eating free.

Prepared by the 4th Degree, Council 583 members, wives & friends. "Everyone is welcomed"

- EUCHRE CARD TOURNAMENT

Come join with friends to play Euchre at the Clubhouse, February 21st, March 20th &, April 17th. Sign up at 6:00 p.m. and start time is 6:30 p.m.



EASY TO JOIN THE KC'S



We will receive persons in the 1st, 2nd & 3rd degrees online here at the Council, 700 South 36th Street, Quincy Wednesday February 7th, 6:00 p.m. and Wednesday February 21st, 6:00 p.m.; Sunday March 17th, 1:00 p.m. and again Wednesday March 27th, 6:00 p.m. It only takes about an hour of your time. New Members have their dues waived for their first year!

- MEMBERSHIP CARDS

These cards are useful when visiting another council or assembly meeting. Cards are available for paid up members at the club during business hours at the bar. Questions: Call John Veith at 217-653-0258 or Bill Anderson at 217-257-2108.

- TEAM BLAKE NEWS...

Thank you for saving your tabs! On December 18th *Team Blake* delivered two copier boxes of aluminum Beer and Soda tabs to the Ronald McDonald House. Many tabs were gathered at both KC Bars and many patrons dropped their tabs off at the K-of-C for *Team Blake*. Thank you!



We will continue to gather these tabs and deliver every December so please pull and drop your tabs in the Ronald McDonald houses you see around the Club.

Team Blake also delivered four i-Pads and 40 Stuffed Animals with \$50 Walmart Gift Cards to children battling cancer at St John's Hospital in Springfield, IL on Monday, December 18th. Money to purchase these items has been raised locally since Aug 2013 after Blake Genenbacher lost his battle from Osteosarcoma Cancer. His last wish was to support young patients battling childhood cancer by providing items to brighten their day as well as furnish i-Pads for less fortunate families that need technology to help during chemo treatments. God bless all who have helped in raising these funds. *Team Blake* will continue with holiday visits until all money raised is depleted.

- CALENDAR RAFFLE UPDATE

The 2024 Calendar Raffle was down a few thousand from previous raffles, but still a success with approximately \$6,000 profit for our charities. We want to thank all the members who worked hard to make the raffle a success with special thanks to those people who sold 50 or more.

The winners will be drawn weekly and notified with a letter and check in the mail. The names of the winners will also be posted at the club on the wall outside the kitchen, as well as on the Council 583 web site. Stop by the club and see who is winning.

We still have calendars for sale with plenty of chances yet to win in 2024. Stop by the club or call John Veith at 653-0258.

2023 Winners Circle Update: The lucky winner of the 2023 winner's circle is Margaret Cannady who won \$1,000. Good luck to all the daily winners in the 2024 raffle. - *Council 583 Officers*

I cannot do all the good the world needs. But the world needs all the good that I can do.

- *Jana Stanfield*

CHAPLAIN'S REFLECTIONS...

Dear Brother Knights & Family Members,

The author Michael Crichton had an interesting insight when he wrote:



The closer one looks at history, the less coherent it becomes. From a distance, from the chapter headings of a textbook, history looks very tidy indeed. But on closer inspection it all breaks down ...

Distance and time from an event helps to put things into perspective. That's why an historian, taking great care to examine the sources and evidence, can sort out and write coherently about the great trends and events of time. History makes great reading!

Ah, but in the middle of events, what we experience is chaos and confusion! And unfortunately life cannot be lived from the perspective of history - where all things are neatly charted and figured out - no - we must live in the midst of the turmoil!

How then do we keep our bearings? How do we keep our perspective?

The Lord has given us one true rock to cling to, and that is the Catholic Church. And I refer here not to the opinions of some church thinkers, but to the teachings of the Faith that have been constant since the time of Christ. As G. K. Chesterton observed: "The Catholic Church is the only thing which saves a man from the degrading slavery of being a child of his age."

In this insane world, immoralities which we would never talk about are standard fare on television, and even considered a "civil right." "Wrong" is now "right," and attempts to force itself upon us. As the Rev. Billy Graham once remarked, "The new morality is just the old immorality."

And of course to disarm any criticism, the elite now preach a new commandment, "Thou shalt not be judgmental." This trumps the first ten and renders them moot!

In the midst of all this insanity, if we want to survive with our souls intact we can turn to the Church for a sure standard of morality.

And we can daily go to our knees to be strengthened and enlightened by Christ. He alone shows us the way out of the turmoil of this world.

He is "the way, the truth and the light!"

- *Fr. Don Blichkar*

- THE BATTLE OF THE PADDLES

A "Battle of the Paddles" will be held at McGivney Hall on Saturday February 24th. Doors will open at 5:00 p.m. with bidding beginning at 6:00 p.m. Open to the general public.

This event is a fund raiser to support Catholic Education here in Quincy.

How does it work? You purchase one or more bidding paddles for \$1 each. There are only 400 available.

This resembles an auction. There will be approximately 50 items available for bidding each of which has an assigned value. Numbers are drawn out of a bucket and the person holding up the matching paddle number wins the item!



Hosted for Blessed Sacrament school by Lori Quevillon and Jennifer Arens. You may bring snacks and non-alcoholic drinks to your table. Alcoholic drinks will be available from the Bar from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Quarters to use in bidding will be available to purchase.

Vendors will be present to offer various products. A bake sale will be held to support club volleyball.

To reserve a table call ahead to 217-228-1477 (with the number at your table).

- KARAOKE NIGHTS...

Karaoke Nights will be held at the Main Club Bar from 8:00 p.m. till midnight on Saturday evenings, Mar. 9th, April 13th, & May 11th. No admission fee. All are welcome. Enjoy some good music and fun!



- GOLF COURSE NEWS

The Board of Directors has voted unanimously to approve a lease agreement which turns over management of our golf activities to a private group of investors effective February 1, 2024. We look forward to working with them in the future and believe their management will enhance the golfing experience at the Knights of Columbus facility.

- THE MASS FOR SHUT-INS



Local priests offer a weekly Mass broadcast on KHQA, Channel-7 Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Misalettes for shut-ins are available from Bill Anderson at 217-257-2108. Intentions are for: January 30, Bill & Phyllis Rummenie; February 6th, Blaise Genenbacher; February 13th, Timothy Haley; February 20th, Dorcas King; March 3rd, Dalton M. Gibson.