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Council Business Meeting
2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

From The Grand Knight….

Dear Brother Knights and Family Members,

With February now here, we will be turning our attention to the penitential season of Lent. Our dedicated volunteers continue the weekly chicken dinners on Friday evenings and will switch over to Fish Fries starting on Ash Wednesday, and every Friday during Lent. Come out to the dinners and support your club by enjoying a delicious meal at a reasonable price!

On January 24th, our Council hosted its first in-person exemplification to the Knights of Columbus since Covid, and we are pleased to welcome nine new members and one first degree member that have been exemplified to the Third Degree of Knighthood! It is important for the future of our order to bring in new members, and the best way to do this is simply to ask men to join. If you know of a Catholic gentleman who would like to join our ranks, reach out to me or any other officer and we would be glad to help them through the easy process of becoming a Knight.

During the season of Lent, the Church offers us an opportunity to deepen our relationship with Our Lord. It is meant for us to give ourselves in a sacrificial way so that we may be united to the sacrifice that Christ made on the cross, and is continued to be made present in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. During this Lent, think of something to offer to Our Lord that helps you to grow in holiness, remembering that Our Lord does not want our things, only our hearts. Let us all prayerfully consider what God is asking of us this Lent, and by His grace may we have the courage to follow it.

- Chuck Zanger, Grand Knight
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– KC BREAKFAST BUFFET

The next delicious monthly KofC breakfast buffet will be held on Sunday, February 1st from 8 a.m. till 11 a.m. in the Club House (South building) Adults $14, Kids 6-12, $6. Age 5 and under free.

2026 Calendar Raffle Update

The 2026 Calendar Raffle proved to be very successful as we ended the year with a net profit well over $9,000!

Once again, we want to thank all of our members who worked hard to make the raffle a success. The winners will be drawn weekly and notified with a letter and a check in the mail. Please inform anyone who received a calendar from you that a letter from KofC 583 is *not* junk mail and may have a winner's check enclosed. The names of the winners will be posted at the club on the wall across from the kitchen as well as on the Council 583 web site. We still have calendars for sale with plenty of chances to win in 2026. Stop by the club or call John Veith at 217-653-0258.

Winners Circle Update. The lucky winner of the 2025 Calendar Raffle winner's circle is Chuck Zanger who won $1,000! Congratulations to Chuck and good luck to all of the winners in the 2026 raffle.

- THE BATTLE OF THE PADDLES

Will be held on Saturday February 21st in Father McGivney Hall. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. with an auction from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Bring your non-alcoholic drinks, snacks, quarters and friends. Cash bar available. Support Blessed Sacrament School. Great items to bid on!

If we get the man right, we get everything right – the marriage, the family, the parish, the community.

We need men who will say 'yes' to their God-given vocation.

– Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly

- LENT BEGINS ON ..

Ash Wednesday February 18th. For times of Masses and the distribution of Ashes in your parish check out your parish bulletin or one view online at the website of Sunday Missal Service:

Sundaymissalservice.com.

Please look under "Bulletin Service" and then click on "Parish Bulletins."

- FAMILY ACTIVITIES

If you need a room for a family event or reunion, a wedding reception or a business meeting we have the right space available to fit your needs!

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Member prices are only for paid-up third and fourth-degree K of C members. The member must pay the fee, be the contract signer and be present at the event.

Member prices are for a member's immediate family only. This includes the grandparent, parent, child, or grandchild of the member.

For rental needs, please contact John at 217-653 -0258.

- THE VAST FLOCK OF CHICKENS...

Recently seen running from Quincy escaping Terry Obert and his kitchen crew will soon end—as the last Chicken Fry will be held on Friday February 13th!

Unfortunately Mississippi River fish are not so lucky as Terry has gone fishing for the Lenten Fish Fries which begin on Ash Wednesday February 18 and to held on every Friday during Lent including Good Friday. Serving from 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm. The menu includes Catfish or Pollock fillet. Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Mac-N-Cheese, Bread. Cost is $14.00 for adults, children 12 & under $7.00, children under 5 eat free. $14.00. Dine-in or drive-thru service offered. Prepared by the Fourth Degree, Council 583 members, wives & friends. "Everyone is welcomed!"

- CHAPLAIN'S REFLECTION...

Perhaps you have heard my question from the pulpit: "Do you know Jesus?" I have asked that, hoping that you will get curious, and indeed seek to know Him.

And as you come to know Jesus your Catholic faith will change even if you have been a life-long Catholic — indeed *especially* if you have been a life-long Catholic.

Most of us were brought into the Faith as children and instructed in the rules of the Church. Some sadly have drifted from the Faith, perhaps in disillusionment with the Church. While we were taught *about* the Faith, some never came to *know* the Faith which is not ideas, but a person, the Lord Jesus himself—"I am the way, the truth and the life," he taught us.

Studying a cookbook will never equal the delight of having a fine meal!

Something extraordinary happens when you come to know Jesus personally. As Jesus himself shared in the Gospel of John, "I am the Light of the world, he who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the Light of life." (John 8:12)

When that happens his light is cast inward to your soul and along your path in life. The Lord's light helps you to see your own soul more clearly, your motivations, your sins and the hearts of others.

As we see in *Revelation*: "Night will be no more, nor will they need light from lamp or, for the Lord God shall give them light, and they shall reign forever and ever." (Rev. 22:5)

This light of Jesus will put your faith into a much clearer focus. You will understand it as never before and see things in a new perspective. It is like that "ah-hah" moment when you find the place for a piece in a great jigsaw puzzle.

Jesus opens this when he told his followers, "If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8: 31-32"

This whole experience is not a product of knowing facts, but rather of knowing a person. It is the journey *of a relationship.*

You can see these same changes happening in those men who were Jesus's disciples. As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, called Peter, and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. (Matt 4: 18-22 NIV)

Can you imagine grown adults being so captured by an encounter with another person so that they walked away from their livelihood?

Why did they follow him? It was because there was something more real and alive in him than they had ever seen anywhere. Peter said as much the same when he told Jesus, "Lord, to whom shall we go, you have the words of eternal life?" In so many words, "You are it, Jesus!!

Do you know Jesus?

– Fr. Don Blickhan

- TV MASS INTENTIONS

Broadcast Date	Intention
Sunday, Feb 1	Walter & Alberta Winking
Sunday, Feb 8	Mary Lou Anderson
Sunday, Feb 15	Joseph "Joe" Meyer
Sunday, Feb 22	David J. McCaughey
Sunday, Mar 1	Richard L. "Dick" Wand

- KC INFORMATION

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- FOURTH DEGREE NOTES...

I hope everyone is doing well and adjusting to this Midwest weather. Please remember in your prayers all of our Assembly #200 & Council #583 members, their families & friends who are sick, in the hospital, at home or just need some prayers. And also remember our service men & women who are serving in the Armed Forces. May God look over them & keep them safe. Our next Fourth Degree Meeting will be Tuesday, April 21, 2026.

-Your Faithful Navigator: Terry Obert (217-592-6400)