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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,

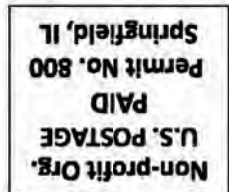
With March we find ourselves in the midst of Lent. Spring will soon be here, and the Lenten Season reminds us of this. The Lenten seeds that God is sowing in our lives and nourishes by His grace through frequent reception of the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist, allow our souls to grow and flourish.

Our Council continues to be busy as we hold our weekly fish fries every Friday throughout Lent. We also have two breakfasts remaining, March 1<sup>st</sup> and April 12<sup>th</sup>. Bring your family out and enjoy a delicious meal and help support your Club! Our last two Euchre Tournaments will be held on March 10<sup>th</sup> and April 7<sup>th</sup>. Bring a partner and have a great time!

We will have our Council election of officers in June for the upcoming year. Although this seems like a long way off, it will be here before we know it. If you are interested in serving your council as an officer, please reach out to me or to another officer for more details.

Lent is a time for prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It is a time to look inwardly to see where we are lacking in our relationship with God and outwardly to see where we may improve our relationship with our fellow man. "Agape" in Greek or "Caritas" in Latin is where we get the English word "Charity." It is the highest form of love, an unconditional, sacrificial love. This is the love that Jesus shows on the cross and that He desires for us to share. May our Lenten sacrifices be fruitful in our lives and the lives of others as we strive to live in charity with one another.

*Chuck Zarger, Grand Knight, Council 583*  
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### - OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Since January 24th we have welcomed twelve new members into Council 583! When you see them, please introduce yourself and say "Hello!"

- **Ryne Kirlin**, of Quincy, married to Kalyn, children Andi, Ayden, Cooper, and Logan. Ryne works as Senior Manager, Bain & Company.

- **Dustin Leach**, married to Abbi. Dustin works at Northeast Missouri Electric Power Cooperative as a system engineer.

- **Brett Loos**, of Payson, single, works for Loos Farm Supply.

- **Brady Loos**, of Payson, married to Rachel, one child, Lawson.

- **Craig Schafer**, of Quincy. Craig works at First Bankers Trust in the bookkeeping department.

- **Sam Zanger**, of Quincy, married to Elizabeth. They have three sons, Eli, Wade, and Weston. Sam works at the Veterans Home.

- **Brent Zanger**, of Payson, married to Joy. They have five children, Allison, Kayleigh, Savannah, Garret, and Micah. Brent is a teacher at Unity elementary school.

- **Jackson Zanger**, of Quincy. Jackson is single and works at Amcon Distribution Company.

- **Gabriel Zanger**, of Quincy. He works as a commercial merchandiser at Amcon Distribution Company.

- **Austin Zanger**, married to Ashleigh. Their children are: Zeb, Jax, Jed, Bo, Lena, Declan, and Nolan. Austin works at IDOC.

- **Michael Wernowsky**, is single and works for Stake Center Locating.

- **Matt Zanger**, married to Paula, they have three children: Jackson, Gabriel, and Lily. Matt is self employed as a crop insurance agent and commodity broker for Farm Marketing Services.

- **Owen Zanger**, of Quincy. Owen currently attends Monmouth College.

*Welcome Sir Knights!*

### - FISH DINNERS

Our popular fish dinners which began on Ash Wednesday will continue every Friday during Lent to include Good Friday. Dine-in or drive-through serving all you can eat Pollock, Catfish fillets, baked beans, potato salad, and mac-n-cheese. Price, \$14.00. children 12 & under \$7.00, children under 5 eat free. Held in McGivney Hall, the north building by the ball field. Sponsored by the Fourth Degree. Everyone welcome!



### - OUR WEEKLY RAFFLE



Is held in McGivney Hall. Six chances are available for \$5.00, with tickets being offered from 6:00 p.m. to 7:45p.m. with the drawing held at 8:00 p.m. The ticket drawn has a chance to win \$18,110! Eighty seven numbers remain on the board out of 100. Pick the right one and win the jackpot, pick a wrong one and still win a consolation prize of \$100!

### - FOURTH DEGREE NOTES...

I would like to thank all of you, your friends and families who have come out to support our Chicken Dinners this year and thanks to all of our volunteers who have come out and helped.



Please keep in your prayers all our Assembly #200 and Council #583 members that are sick, homebound, in the hospital, or in a nursing home.

Please remember to keep all of our service men and women who serve our country.

"May God Bless these United States of America." Our next 4th degree meeting will be Tuesday April 21st.

Your faithful navigator,  
*Terry Obert* (217-59-6400)



When it comes to life the critical thing is  
whether you take things for granted  
- or take them with gratitude.

- G. K. Chesterton

### - CHAPLAIN'S REFLECTION...

I came across a quotation from Mark Twain recently that brought a chuckle. He wrote:

*"Let us swear while we may,  
for in heaven it will not be  
allowed."*



During the Lenten season we are called to turn our hearts to the Lord and to address the sinfulness in our lives. One area that many Catholics have traditionally considered sinful has been cursing and swearing.

Webster's defines cursing as: "An appeal for evil or injury to befall someone or something." To swear is defined as "To make a solemn declaration."

From these definitions I would conclude that the typical person does not often curse nor swear. What most people get involved with is just vulgarity or crudeness of speech. That normally does not involve sinfulness.

In some circles, vulgar language is common, almost a badge of masculinity, an expression of bravado. Over the years listened to people using vulgar language with some amusement, carefully analyzing the content of their speech. What very soon became evident, was that these individuals were filling their speech with crude words in an attempt to express emotion, feelings or to add emphasis. They did not seem to realize that the expletives they used were empty of meaning and content. They made very little sense.

If such persons ever listened to themselves, they would realize how silly and vacuous they sounded. The vulgarities with which they sprinkled their conversation displayed not power, but rather a lack of precision and content in thought. As such we are not dealing with sin, but rather with a display of ignorance.

One area of speech that can be sinful is that in which we toss God's name about in vain. Most of the time this too is simply an expression of ignorance and bravado. It is not something however that we ought to take lightly.

We never cuss using the names of our parents, that of close friends—so why use the holy name of God? Such an action betrays either ignorance, or even a lack of respect for the Lord.

In most cases crude language is not so much sinful as it is an indicator of a lack of refinement and awareness. As persons, created in the image and

likeness of God, is it not appropriate that we take enough pride in ourselves to clean up our speech?

A person who loves his spouse and children, takes some pride in himself, his demeanor and his appearance. He does not want to disgrace them. So also, should we who are God's children not want to carry ourselves with some dignity? Should we not want to reflect well on our Creator?

Lent is well under way. Perhaps we might want to look at this area in our lives and give it over to the Lord. As we do so, we can more truly say with St. Paul, "I live now, not I, but Christ lives in me."

- Fr. Don Blickhan

### - KC BREAKFAST BUFFET

The next delicious monthly KofC breakfast buffet will be held on Sundays, March 1st and April 12<sup>th</sup> 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.



### - FACEBOOK PRESENCE!



The Quincy KC's has a new Facebook page. Follow us on Facebook and invite your friends to do the same to help us promote activities going on at the K of C. Our Facebook page is listed as: "Knights of Columbus Quincy, IL Council 583."

### - JANITOR POSITION

Your KC Council is looking for a Full or Part time janitorial persons to clean and maintain the buildings at your Club. If you know anyone interested, please contact Terry Obert (217-592-6400) or one of the officers for more information.



Broadcast Date	Intention
Sunday, March 1	Richard L. "Dick" Wand
Sunday, March 8,	Kent J. Mast
Sunday, March 15,	Rollie E. Thomas, Sr.
Sunday, March 22,	Ernest William Schroeder
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