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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE—GLENN WELLS, *Grand Knight*

Birdies for Charity. We participated during the John Deere Classic. Thank you to those who made a pledge to help us raise funds for a variety of events during the year. The total for Birdies is \$1016.00 this does not include the bonus. In addition to monies taken for Birdies we did receive 8% bonus. This year was the largest amount we ever received for the Birdies for Charity. It pays the Knights to participate.

FIRST DEGREE. The First Degree was held on Nov. 10 and we installed four new members. Thanks to the Knights who brought in a new member

PROGRESSIVE LOTTERY. MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN. Come to the Council meeting on December 8 for a chance to win. Winning ticket holder receives \$10.00 with a chance at the larger amount currently over \$100.00 dollars.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION is on the first Sunday of the month. Volunteer your time to help, after the 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. Mass. Need more volunteers for this event

The Council is in need of people with expertise in **FINANCE, MARKETING, ADVERTISING.** If you can help in these areas, please come to the monthly meetings.

DINER CLUB books are being sold by Fred Luckenbill. They are \$35.00 ea. The Council will receive \$10.00 for each book sold. Help us to help others.

VOCATION SUPPORT PROGRAM. Give to support our Priests of Tomorrow

KOFC INSURANCE. When you review your insurance needs and retirement income, contact **JEFF SCHAECHER** for assistance.

GOD BLESS AMERICA! What Works? Team Work!

GLENN WELLS, Grand Knight, Allouez Council 658
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FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE – JOHN MARSHO, *Faithful Navigator*

December Social is scheduled for Friday, 2 December at the Believers Together Center at Christ the King. Mass will be at 6:00 p.m. followed by Dinner around 7:15 p.m. at a cost of \$18.00 a person. The menu consists of Stuffed Pork Chops, Turkey, five salads, Mashed & Sweet Potatoes and Chocolate Cake. Also the appetizers are like last years, Cheese and meat with Crackers and Chips

Since this is a Social Meeting, wives and other guests are welcome to attend. Once again this year during our December Social we would like to have the traditional TOY collection. Please bring an unwrapped toy. We will also have two Honorary Life memberships awarded that evening. Entertainment will also be provided. We will need your reservations by November 29. Call JIM CASEY (794-1159) or John Marsho (517-4822).

JOHN MARSHO, Faithful Navigator, Father Edward J. Bader Assembly 1922
(309) 517-4822

ALLOUEZ LADIES AUXILIARY – JUNE SAMUELSON, *President*

At this Holy and special time of year, I would like to wish all of you and yours a very Blessed and Holy Holiday Season. May the infant son of our Holy Father bless us all as we celebrate His day of birth. Merry Christmas to each of you with a Happy and Blessed New Year to follow!

I would like to take this opportunity to make sure that everyone is receiving the Knights of Columbus Monthly News Letter either by email or regular mail. Our News letter is our way of communication to our members especially those members who are unable to attend the meetings on the third Thursday of each month except in July and August. If you have an email address and I do not have it, please send it to me at Jsamuelson@mchsi.com.

I want to thank all of our members for all you do to help keep our organization going. Without all of you, we would not be able to do the charitable work we do each year. Our current charitable endeavor is "Coats for Kids." Watch the newsletter for more information.

I hope many of you will be able to make the Christmas Party and feel free to bring a guest or two, or as many as you like. May the Lord bless all of you and your families. Have a blessed Christmas and New Year.

God Bless All of You.

JUNE SAMUELSON, President, Allouez Ladies Auxiliary

"It had long since come to my attention that people of accomplishment rarely sat back and let things happen to them. They went out and happened to things." -- Leonardo da Vinci

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING IS AT FARRELL HALL ON DECEMBER 8, 2011 AT 7:00 P.M.



“She will bear a son
and you are to name Him Jesus,
because He will save His people
from their sins”
- Matthew 1:21

GREEN POINT REPORT

Here are the winners since the last report:

192 Michael Doyle	\$25.00
611 Nancy DeRudder	100.00
620 Patricia Stowbridge	25.00
237 Marie Kopatich	25.00
676 Ken Womack	50.00
711 Betty J. Sample	25.00
654 Mary R. Schmitz	50.00
309 Dale Gradel	25.00

Numbers drawn but no holders: 895, 397, 468, 614, 279, 716, 862, 307, 314, 143, 391, 386, 591, 076, 962, 850, 056, 635, 746, 700, 669, 149, 523.

Please watch for the mailing of tickets for Series VV for the period of January, February, March and April, 2012. It should arrive right after the first of December. Thanks for playing and have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year

Green Point Chairman, JIM WIELAND
(309-786-9605)

LADIES DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to the fourteen ladies who are sharing a December birth month. Have a Happy Birthday!

Laurine Armetta	Beverly Casey
Frances Hayes	Beverly LaSalle
Barbara Lawrence	Joyce Mack
Sue Manhard	Mary Kay Michalski
Kathleen Peterson	Nancy Roels
Norma Smith	Barb Vanhyfte-Sparrow
Rosemary Vittori	Judy Yeager

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to the four couples who are celebrating a wedding anniversary this month. May they celebrate many more!

Jeffrey & Linda Barnes	12/27/1969
James & Sally Cecil	12/14/1970
Charles & Rose Hood	12/01/1962
La Vance & Barbara Moore	12/29/1951

We want to recognize all of our married couples but we can't if you don't tell us what this important date in your life is. Call F.S. JEFF SCARPINATO (309-593-2407) or email him at jscarpinato@frontier.net so he can put it in our records or correct our records.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Twenty-nine Brother Knights are celebrating a birthday this month. May they live as long as they want and never want as long as they live!

James M. Cecil	Marcus Cortez
Dennis Demaught	Douglas Duesman
Cecil Hannah	Patrick Kernan
Robert Kulig	Tyler Kulig
John Kustes	Marc Lemon
Robert McDonald	Robert Milas, M.D.
James Morrissey	Clancy O'Houahan
Fred Orth	Edward Otten
John Phillips	Ralph Robinson
John Rodts	Walter Schaecher
Greg Schneider	Thomas Seibert
William Tacey	Mark Teele
Gregory Vogeale	William Walzem
Fred Whiteside	Steve Wieland
John Wright	

PRAY FOR US

MEMBERS SICK OR IN DISTRESS

We pray for our Brother Knights who are ill or otherwise incapacitated. We can only mention those of whom we are aware. Let us know if you wish to be included. Call F.S. JEFF SCARPINATO (309-593-2407) to be added. We remember the following members in our prayers:

Robert McDonald	Bloomington, IL
Samuel S. Collins	At home
Emil Dupont	At home
Gene Fowler	At home
Charles Hood	At home
LaVance Moore	At home
Dick Requet	At home
Don Stange	At home

We pray, O God, that You look with pity on Your servants who suffer. Ease their pain and comfort their loneliness. Give them the grace to bear this cross patiently with You in Christian reparation. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

REST IN PEACE

Our sympathies go out to the family of Brother JOHN T. LUSSON who passed away on October 24, 2011, at the age of 53.

JOHN was born January 16, 1959, in Davenport, Iowa. He married DIANA DIETERICH on September 24, 1983, in Rock Island. JOHN worked for 35 years for the City of Rock Island, retiring in 2007. He was a member of St. Pius X Church and Allouez Council 658, Knights of Columbus. He coached basketball for a time at Jordan School.

He is survived by his wife, DIANA, by a son, MICHAEL, and by a daughter, AIMEE.

We also extend our condolences to Brother JAMES V. MORRISSEY and his family on the death of his son, MATTHEW, who died on October 31, 2011. At 49 years of age, he was the youngest son of JAMES and PEGGY MORRISSEY. He attended Alleman High School and later obtained an associate degree in horticulture

His funeral was at St. Pius X Church with burial at Calvary Cemetery.

Our prayers go out for the repose of the soul of Brother DOMENICO DI IULIO who was called to his heavenly reward on November 6, 2011.

DOM was born April 8, 1927, in Silvis, Illinois. He graduated from St. Joseph High School in 1945. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II. Following his discharge from the Marines, he enrolled in St.

Ambrose College where he majored in music. He graduated in 1950, and became music director for the Sherrard School System. During that time, he married ELIZABETH JOAN FEENEY on August 4, 1951, at St. Paul the Apostle Church, Davenport. . He founded Midwest Fibre Products Inc. in Viola in 1963.

DOM was an Honorary Life Member of Allouez Council 658, Knights of Columbus. He and his wife were honored at this year's Columbus Day dinner for 60 years of marriage. They were members of St. Ambrose Church in Milan

DOM was an amateur wine-maker who promoted grape-growing in Western Illinois. He was an active member of the Illinois Grape Growers Association.

DOM and JOAN raised five sons, Domenico, Michael, Peter, Christopher and Joseph.

May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace.

DEACON'S QUESTION BOX

Must Catholics Believe in Miracles?

Christmas is approaching and with it the season of miracles. We don't often think of the word 'miracle' as anything particularly special when we think of this time as a 'season of miracles'. In our vernacular, we often use this term to define an event that is amazing, extraordinary, or simply unexpected. We also typically find the event pleasing to us in some way. If we didn't, we would be using less flattering terms.

Many people today would limit miracles to just that, an extraordinary event, and write it off as something we can't explain today. We also tend to assume that just because we can't explain it does not mean it can't be explained given science enough time. In our Catholic faith, must we believe that there is more to miracles than just 'science can't explain it yet'?

We know that true miracles have God as their author. These miracles aren't necessarily breaches or suspensions of the natural law. Rather, they are an effect independent of natural powers and laws. Additionally, their character is such that we reasonably conclude that God is the immediate cause.

We also know the Christ Himself promised that miracles would continue in the Church. These miracles are wrought for the good of souls; as aides to helping our souls reach Heaven. We know these things through the unbroken tradition of the Church and through the eyes of faith.

As Catholics then, we are bound to accept the principle that God's miracles have happened in the past, may be happening somewhere in the world right now, and will continue to happen into the future. We accept that but are not bound to accept the miraculous character of any specific event without evidence. That evidence would be examined by the Church and it would approve the miracle as divine or just a random or unexplained event within the confines of the law of nature.

Feel free to drop me a question for this column. Questions may be dropped off on the head table at a Council Meeting or sent via email to Deacon Russ Swim, Assistant Chaplain, rpswim@mchsi.com, phone 786-3097.

WHAT'S YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?

Having your Email address allows us to send the Abstracts to you electronically instead of paying postage and printing fees. Responses to this request have been excellent. We currently have over 170 addresses. We thank those who allow us to use their Email address. This has reduced our expenditures and may improve our communications to you on special Council events, etc. By accessing our website (www.kofc658.org) you will find additional information such as pictures from Council activities and links to other websites. We plan to use our online capabilities as much as possible. If you haven't sent your address to JIM WELLS (jpwel@mchsi.com), do it now. It's not too late for future use.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE DATE

Next month's newsletter is scheduled to go to the printer on December 26. Any articles that you wish to be in that month's Abstracts Newsletter must be received at the home of JIM CASEY on or before December 23. You may email your article to jmc2800@gmail.com or mail it to 2800 47th Street Court, Rock Island, IL 61201. Your article may be edited for content, to correct misspellings or to fit into the space available.

ST. PIUS X PARISH COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Coffee and Conversation will be hosted by Allouez Council after the 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Sunday Masses at St. Pius X on December 4. We look forward to seeing you again at Farrell Hall on the first Sunday of December.

DON'T FORGET NEWMAN

Your Newman Contribution supports a Catholic presence on our non-catholic Colleges and Universities. Give what you can afford.

COUNCIL MEETING JACKPOT

We have a new Council meeting drawing. It is a progressive 50/50 JACKPOT. The winner must be present at the Council meeting to win. Tickets are one dollar apiece or 6 tickets for \$5, or 13 for \$10, or 21 for \$15 or 30 for \$20. The more tickets bought the higher the prize. November's JACKPOT was \$136 with no winner. That means December's Council meeting will start out with a \$136 prize.

Come to our next Council meeting and you could be the winner!

INSURANCE AGENT'S MESSAGE

Sometimes it is easy to overlook the simplest of things.

Take the beneficiaries on your life insurance policies. If your policy was applied for and issued several years ago, it could very well be that the beneficiary originally designated to receive the proceeds from that policy needs to be updated. If you bought the policy when you were single, for example, you may have named your parents as beneficiaries. If you have since been married, that could be updated to reflect your spouse, and even your children.

Most people list a primary beneficiary – that person is specifically designated as the first in priority to receive policy proceeds. We also encourage the naming of a contingent beneficiary – an alternate person designated to receive policy proceeds, usually in the event that the original beneficiary pre-deceases the insured.

I routinely call all of our policyholders for annual review appointments, usually near the anniversary date of your policy – the date it was originally issued. One of the matters that I'll discuss during this review is the status of your beneficiary designations. If they need updating, and they often do, I can complete the paperwork during that appointment.

I look forward to meeting with each of you.

JEFF SCHAECHER, (309) 793-4218
jeff.schaecher@kofc.org

SIR KNIGHT LARRY QUANE 32ND ANNUAL PRO-LIFE BREAKFAST

7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Sunday, January 22, 2012 at Farrell Hall, St. Pius X Church. Cost is \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children (12 and under), \$18.00 for a family. Tickets will be sold at the door.

Proceeds support pro-life activities within the Quad Cities area.
Chairman: JEFF SCARPINATO

Co-Chairmen: TOM LAWRENCE, KEVIN RAFFERTY, JACK SWAN, GLENN WELLS

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Once again Allouez Council will furnish the Nativity figures that will be shown in front of the Mausoleum at Calvary Cemetery. If you are driving past the Cemetery on 31st avenue, you can't miss them. The Knights thank all the good people at Calvary for displaying these figures for us.

DINING BOOKS AVAILABLE

November 7 - \$35.00

The 2012-13 Dining Books are now available. The new series includes most of the old favorites i.e. Circa 21, City Limits, Red Crowe Grille, Bishops but this year also now includes O'Melia's, Subway, Pagalo's, Rhythm City Casino and Subway. \$10.00 from the sale of each book will go to Allouez Council. These Dining Books make appreciated Christmas Gifts for family, friends and employees. Contact FRED LUCKENBILL, luckenbills@mchsi.com, or by phone at 309-794-9085 to purchase. Deliveries can be arranged in the Iowa-Illinois Quad Cities. Books will also be available at Council Meetings in November and December.

DUES BILLS

The Financial Secretary, JEFF SCARPINATO, tells us that he will be sending out the bills for the 2012 year in December. Make his New Year a happy one, don't make him bill you a second time. It's quite a job sending out over 200 bills. Once is enough.

BLOOD DONORS NEEDED

A blood draw is scheduled for St. Pius X on Thursday, December 29, in Farrell Hall from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. All persons having donated blood prior to November 3, 2011 are eligible to participate. The Blood Center tells us that there is a great need for blood at that time of the year. Please call Jim Casey (794-1159) for an appointment. Walk-ins will also be welcome.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The following men became members of Allouez Council during November:
ABE LEVY, RICHARD W. ROWE, JR., HARRISON WALLACE, JONATHON WALLACE, RAY SAELENS.

We welcome you and encourage you to become active.

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

2011

Dec. 2	Father Bader Assembly, Winter Social, Believers Together Center, Moline Mass 6:30 p.m., Dinner 7:15 p.m., Entertainment to follow.	
Dec. 4	Coffee & Conversation, Farrell Hall	after 7:00 & 9:00 a.m. Masses
Dec. 5	Allouez Council Officers' Meeting, Farrell Hall	6:30 p.m.
Dec. 8	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Day	
Dec. 8	Allouez Council 658 Meeting, Farrell Hall,	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 15	Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party, Holiday Inn, Rock Island Dinner 6:00 p.m.	Social 5:30 p.m.,
Dec. 25	Christmas	
Dec. 29	Blood Draw, Farrell Hall	3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 31	New Year's Eve	

2012

Jan. 1	New Year's Day	
Jan. 2	Allouez Council Officers' Meeting, Farrell Hall	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 8	Coffee & Conversation, Farrell Hall	after 7:00 & 9:00 a.m. Masses
Jan. 12	Allouez Council 658 Meeting, Farrell Hall,	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 19	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Farrell Hall	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 22	Larry Quane Memorial Pro-Life Pancake Breakfast, Farrell Hall 12:30 p.m.	7:45 a.m. to
Feb. 2	Father Bader Assembly Business Meeting	TBD
Feb. 5	Coffee & Conversation, Farrell Hall	after 7:00 & 9:00 a.m. Masses
Feb. 6	Allouez Council Officers' Meeting, Farrell Hall	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 9	Allouez Council 658 Meeting, Farrell Hall,	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 14	Valentine's Day	
Feb. 16	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Farrell Hall	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 22	Ash Wednesday, Lent begins	
Feb. 28	Community Awards Night, BlackHawk Area Special Ed, E. Moline	6:30 p.m.
Mar. 4	Coffee & Conversation, Farrell Hall	after 7:00 & 9:00 a.m. Masses
Mar. 5	Allouez Council Officers' Meeting, Farrell Hall	6:30 p.m.
Mar. 8	Allouez Council 658 Meeting, Farrell Hall,	7:00 p.m.
Mar. 15	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Farrell Hall	7:00 p.m.
Mar. 17	St. Patrick's Day Mass and Parade, St. Mary's, Rock Island	9:30 a.m.
Apr. 21	Italian- American Dinner, Farrell Hall	4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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