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JULY

Upcoming Events

8	(new date) Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X	6:30 pm
11	Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X	Light Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm
11-14	John Deere Classic Hole Marshalls	As Scheduled
24	Midwest Food Bank, Expo Center, RI [Sign Up]	9 to 11:30 am

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights, Families & Friends:

We are off to a new year and new leadership team. I would like to thank all of you who have expressed confidence in me to move into this position. I would be very remis if I didn't thank Dave Yordy for his patience and understanding over the past two years. Dave took me from someone who knew nothing about what the KofC stood for, to someone who will be able to continue the excellence our council has come to be known for and expect. You would expect that after three years of being Grand Night Dave would be ready for a little rest. Well, if rumors have it right, Dave will be moving to District Director in the new year. I would also like to take a moment and thank all the officers from last year that stayed on for this year along with new people who have taken on a position for the upcoming year. The list is as follows.

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Now, on to this year. July and Aug are restively quiet months. Coffee and Conversation are on a two months break. The first major project on the schedule is the Tootsie Roll sales which will be in September. Please give Greg S. all the assistance you can on this project. All the proceeds go for Intellectual Disabilities. I ask all of you to pay close attention to the calendar that Andy provides in his e-mail each month. As time goes on, I hope to improve on my reporting to the membership. I have been retired for 10 years and writing this type of correspondence does not come as easy as it used to.

With the holiday coming I am rescheduling our next Officer's meeting to July 8th at 6:30 pm at Farrell Hall. Our next Council meeting is July 11th also at Farrell Hall. We will have a light meal at 6 pm and the meeting will start at 7 pm.

Chuck Gibbs



QUESTIONS/SUGGESTIONS/VOLUNTEER: CONTACT A COUNCIL OFFICER:

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EMAIL, PHOTOS & ARTICLES

Want to add/update your email address to receive the abstract? Have [photos for the Council web site](#) or articles (due 23rd) for the abstract? Are you an officer & want your name, phone, &/or email address listed here?

Contact AndrewJ.Olson@yahoo.com (563) 484-4AJO [4256].

FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE

Greetings Worthy Brother Sir Knights,

On Sat. June 15 Sir Knight Bud Phillis PFN led us in the 19th Annual Official Flag Retirement Ceremony held at the Rock Island Arsenal National Cemetery at Pavilion #2 at 9:00 AM. We saw a record number of 4th Degree Knights attend this event to witness a very solemn ceremony to properly and respectfully retire the American Flag. Hundreds of flags were collected from Fire Stations across the cities along with all flags from the Arsenal Island and Cemetery and were officially retired on this day. We

were joined by the Vietnam War Veterans Honor Guard, providing a (21) Gun Salute and the Civil Air Patrol Honor Guard presenting the Colors, and a bag piper and drummer who led us into the event with a traditional Irish March and a Drum Cadence. Sir Knight Jeremy Goffier offered up an amazing rendition of our National Anthem and Greg Schneider in his Air Force Uniform led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Sir Knight Deacon Russ Swim led us in Prayer of Thanksgiving and Blessings of our Nation. Sir Knight Bud Phillis spoke words of wisdom about our Ragged Old Flag. Each attendee

received a portion of a flag to offer to the retirement fire tended by Sir Knights Lowell Gramling, George Huggins and Arnie Green. Taps closed the solemn Ceremony just before the rain started to fall. Many thanks for all that participated in the Ceremony especially those mentioned that did all the coordinating and all the hard work. The weather held until immediately after the ceremony. Refreshments were served after the ceremony under the protection of the pavilion, compliments of the Phillis Family.

Many thanks especially go out to SK Bud Phillis for his 19 years of conducting this event and to Lowell Gramling for providing the fire tank and wood, and tending the fire and flags. Each of these fine Sir Knights would like to step down from this duty eventually, so if it is to continue, somebody will need to step up and volunteer to keep it going. Please pray about this and consider giving your time to carry on this great tradition that Sir Knight Bud Phillis and Family have provided for so many years. Hopefully we can count on having one more year under SK Phillis' and SK Gramlings conductorship, but probably no more, so it would be good to work with him next year to get some experience. Bud will provide you with many years of experience, records, and guidance.

We also had a request for the Honor Guard for the **Corpus Christi Procession** from Sacred Heart to St. Mary's Rock Island on **Sunday June 23rd** following the 9 AM Mass at Sacred Heart, and another request for Honor Guard the same day at St. Ambrose, Milan at the 8:00 AM Mass. Thanks to all who participated in these great ceremonies of the **Feast of Corpus Christi**, Latin for "**Body of Christ**" we celebrate the real presence of the body and blood of **Jesus Christ , the Son of God**, in the elements of the **Eucharist**...known as transubstantiation.

At the time of this writing I have received some information about a Steak Fry hosted by a Tri-Assembly effort at Loras Council Hall, Davenport on July 16th at 5:30 PM. It was billed as a Tri-Assembly Steak Fry, not a Bi-State Assembly Steak Fry, and not including our Assembly. I've been assured that we are welcome to attend but I had to ask about it. So I've concluded that not really being invited and not really deemed a Bi-State Assembly Steak Fry, and the time frame being so close, the Annual Bi-State Steak Fry event has concluded with last years hosting by our Assembly. Several member Knights said they would not attend the steak fry in Iowa anyway, so we will have our own Steak Fry as part of our August Meeting on the first Thursday of August 1st at 6:00 PM. Details to be determined.....we may have our usual caterers provide and prepare our meals much like last year, or we may bring and cook our own steaks (or other entree) with the Assembly providing other fixings, desert and beverages. This will depend on the feedback that I get from you, and a committee to handle duties, including a location determination. Let me know of your requests.....majority rules. I will start taking reservations for the Steak Fry to be held in August anytime. I will need a meal count by July 28th. See contact information below. Please try

to attend to be an active part of our Assembly. Thank you all!!

The **Annual Mass and Ceremony** to honor our namesake **Father Edward J. Bader** has been set for **Sept. 8th at the St. Pius X 10:30 AM Mass**. The Father Bader Assembly Honor Guard is requested to provide an entrance & exit procession for our Mass celebrant(s). I would ask that all Sir Knights with regalia participate if at all possible, and all members not of the Honor Guard at least attend the Mass with their spouse to honor Father Bader. We will briefly commend the spirit of Father Bader after Mass from the podium. There will be coffee and donuts available after Mass for some conversation and fellowship. Please plan accordingly.

Have a safe and blessed summer. Thanks to all for being Knights of Columbus!!!

Vivat Jesus!!!

Jack Swan

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FLAG RETIREMENT



Dr. Bud Phillis & Lowell Gramling are requesting someone to step up to help with the flag retirement ceremony as they would like to step down.

We hope you have a happy and safe 4th of July.

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

ALFRED & MARY HUBER	07-01-1995
JOSEPH & SHARON BURNS	07-12-1969
ROBERT & PHYLLIS LAWRENCE	07-31-1965

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. Tarre Kroft so he can put it in our records or correct our records.



21 brother Knights are celebrating a birthday this month. May they live as long as they want & never want as long as they live!

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| DUNCAN KRAMER | JARED VOGELE |
| DAVID SWEENEY | WILLIAM BUCKLEY |
| KENNETH CARLSON | ROSS HANNA |
| FRANCIS COYLE | KEVIN KOSKI |
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Please call F.S. Tarre Kroft if our records need updated.

**PRAY FOR US MEMBERS & FAMILY
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. We remember the following members in our prayers:

JOSEPH BURNS	AT HOME
BEV CASEY	
JIM CECIL	AT HOME
SAMUEL S. COLLINS	AT HOME
GENE FOWLER	AT HOME
JERRY FOWLER	AT HOME
JIM FOBERT	AT HOME
RICHARD FRIEDEL	FRIENDSHIP MANOR
MARY GREEN	
MIKE (DON) HINDRICKS	AT HOME
LARRY HINZMAN	FRIENDSHIP MANOR
CHARLES HOOD	AT HOME
LEO KELLER	
DEAN LACKEY	AT HOME
MARGARET & JESSIE LOPEZ	
DEACON FRANK RANDAZZO	AT ROSEWOOD
JACK SHOWALTER	
BETTY VANDEVOORDE	
SUE SCHAECHER	

We pray, O God, that You look with pity on Your servants who suffer. Ease their pain & 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.

DEACON'S QUESTION BOX

[See the Abstract Archives for a list of past questions.](#)

What is Most Important to Growth in Holiness?

Last month, my column addressed the question 'What is Holiness?'. In a nutshell, being holy is conforming yourself to God. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we all have a fundamental goal to be holy. As St. Peter said, "as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in every aspect of your conduct, for it is written, "Be holy because I [am] holy." [1 Peter 1:15-16]

Many spiritual advisors have different suggestions for the first and most things to focus on in the effort to become holy. They may vary depending on the person being advised, distractions that might need to be dealt with, or sins that must be addressed. Based on my experience, there is one common thing that nearly all people need to address: time.

All of us tend to allocate time based on immediate priorities and desires. We don't tend to look to far out into the future; least of all to that time when we must leave this life. To make it harder, life is becoming busier and more demanding of time; largely at the instigation of Satan. After all, the last thing he wants is for you to be working on mastering holiness. I challenge each of you to do an assessment of how you spend your time. How much is devoted to the things that are really important? That includes your God-given families and other relationships and the things you need to do to support them. How much time is devoted to things that have lesser impact?

Back in the early 90's, Anders Ericsson suggested that it takes 10,000 hours to master a craft. While the actual number may be different, as a rule

of thumb, it comes remarkably close regardless of the craft: medicine, law, plumbing, carpentry, theology. Former legendary golfer Lee Trevino once said, "There is no such thing as a natural touch. Touch is something you create by hitting millions of golf balls." Practicing eight hours per day means it would take five years to amass 10,000 hours.

"So, is it possible that this idea of 10,000 hours could apply to holiness — to mastering one's growth in the faith? Maybe. Maybe not. However, if all we ever do to work on our spiritual development is to go to Mass every Sunday and pray 5 minutes per day (which is higher than average), then it would take about 116 years to achieve that master level. And we wonder why our spiritual life feels flat, so often. But what if we spent 30 minutes per day in a combination of prayer and Scripture study, along with daily Mass? Even if that were just done four days per week (to add to Sunday Mass attendance), that would bring us to 10,000 hours in about 38 years. Suddenly, we have an achievable goal, assuming we live long enough. Add in some Adoration time and some apologetics or patristics reading each week, and we might be able to get this down closer to 20 years. We could take this a step further still, and apply tithing to our time — 2.4 hours per day — then we achieve master-level holiness in about 11 years!" [Vincent Weaver, May 27, 2019, National Catholic Register]

And don't forget, in mastering a craft, there is no 'standing still'. Once a mastery level is achieved, we must continue to work on it or we are falling back.

After you take your self-assessment, think about how you will allocate time going forward. Time is essential to encourage growth in our spiritual life; to achieve holiness.



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.



DINING BOOKS

Dr. Bud Phillis will have dining books for sale by mid July and will bring them to the next meetings.



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR: 177 PROJECT
RETURNS TO THE QUAD CITIES**

The 177 Project brings an evening of Eucharistic Adoration in a way that few of us have experienced. It is an evening of focused prayer, periods of silence, brief reflections, and intentional, worshipful music in the presence of our Lord and Savior in the Eucharist. They will be in Rock Island two nights this year: **September 29 at Sacred Heart** **October 7 at St. Pius X.** Confession will be available through the evening. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend both events. Further details will be coming in the future.





PRO-LIFE MESSAGE

There was a vast divide between middle America and the coastal “elites” who often purport to speak for the people in the current national debate over abortion, until the Pro-Abortionist in the Illinois Legislature passed and the Governor recently signed into law the most radical pro-abortion legislation in the country. Now the Chicago elites have joined the coastal elites! And Illinois will become the abortion mecca of the Midwest, paid for by the Illinois Taxpayer, who is already overburdened with debt and taxes to come, passed by this same group of thugs.

Poll after poll has found that most Americans are deeply divided over abortion. Unfortunately even Catholics seemed to be equally divided. One [recent poll](#), for instance, found that a solid 50% of Americans say that, in general, abortion is “morally wrong,” whereas only 42% said that it is “morally acceptable.” Another [recent poll](#) found that almost 80% of Americans oppose abortion in the third trimester. Yet [another poll](#) this year found that 75% of Americans favor restricting abortion to – at the very most – the first three months of pregnancy (*i.e.* the first trimester). **(Note that only three countries worldwide allow abortion after the first trimester, China, North Korea, and the USA. Aren’t we in great company??)** That same poll found that 65% of respondents said that if the Supreme Court were to revisit the *Roe v. Wade* case, the Court should either allow states to determine their own abortion laws (49%), or completely outlaw abortion (16%).

Naturally, it is deeply tragic that Americans, let alone Catholic Americans, support *any* abortions at all. However, numbers like these expose the reality that the actual state of abortion law in the United States is far more permissive than what most Americans would like to see. Under *Roe v. Wade*, there is nothing preventing states from allowing abortions right up until the point of birth – which is precisely what we saw New York, Illinois and a few other blue states explicitly allow in their recent extreme new laws. Gone are protestations and hand-wringing that abortion is a “tragic necessity.” Instead, abortion is increasingly treated as a positive good. In fact, a few states seem to be in a competition for who can pass the most radical laws. The leader in this grotesque competition at the moment: Illinois.

Given this, we shouldn’t be surprised that many red states right now are pushing back by passing pro-life laws designed to challenge the status quo created by *Roe v. Wade*, and to protect the lives of babies much earlier, or even from the very beginning of pregnancy. How encouraging that despite the enormous pressure coming from the rich and the powerful, pro-life legislators and ordinary citizens are making such unprecedented progress in protecting the lives of the most innocent. State after state is passing bills designed to challenge *Roe v. Wade*, protecting unborn babies from being murdered in their mothers’ wombs earlier and earlier in pregnancy. We might even catch up with the rest of the world in protection of innocent human life, outside of China & North Korea....

One new law, in Alabama, amounts almost to a complete ban on abortion. Unfortunately, due to *Roe*

v. Wade, this law and the various “heartbeat” bills being passed around the country will not immediately go into effect. Instead they are being blocked by pro-abortionist judges, but they will inevitably make their way to the Supreme Court, which will have to decide whether or not to uphold arguably the worst Supreme Court decision in the history of our country. I’ve often wondered why we never get any pro-life judges to stay pro-abortion laws passed like we have just witnessed in Illinois, but it doesn’t seem to happen.

The job of the pro-life movement right now is to stay focused. Let the elite, with their self-centered and self-destructive ethos of sexual libertinism at any cost, including the lives of the innocent, make their threats and spread their lies and misinformation. Let the media paint pro-lifers as the villains or extremists.

For our part, we must continue to peacefully and prayerfully, but shrewdly and determinedly, use the opportunity handed to us at this point in history to place a legal mantle of protection over the lives of the unborn. Let us work with everything we have to make our country a more loving, compassionate place for unborn babies and their mothers. Let this thought motivate us: If we succeed, there may well one day be hundreds of thousands, even millions, of babies who will escape the abortionist’s scalpel, and who will go on to enjoy the opportunity to live a full life, and to contribute to the common good with their gifts and talents. Keep up the good fight. In the end, God and His faithful followers will face a loving God who will say to us, Come, faithful follower, come into the house of the Lord. Will each of us be part of this group, or will we like Eve, try to blame our way past God’s Judgement Day. There is no excuse for anyone to believe that we have the right to do something very wrong!!!! Follow the science in addition to church teaching.....

Jack Swan Pro-Life Director



OUR FUTURE FUND REPORT

The 3-digit game is a great way to contribute to our council and have a chance to win money every day. For \$10 every 4 months (\$27 if you pay for the full year), you have a chance to win \$25 every weekday and at least \$50 on weekends!

The Winners Since Our Last Newsletter Are:
\$25 – Kevin Rafferty \$50 – Tom Lawrence

Congratulations to our winners!

Thank you to all participants!

Tarre Kroft

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Chairman – 3 Digit Raffle

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DAILY PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS & PRAYER FOR CANONIZATION FATHER J. MCGIVNEY

Please see archived Abstracts prior to June 2019.



JULY 2019**SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS 2019/2020**

8	(new date) Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X	6:30 pm
11	Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X	Light Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm
11-14	John Deere Classic Hole Marshalls	As Scheduled
24	Midwest Food Bank, Expo Center, RI [Sign Up]	9 to 11:30 am

AUGUST 2019

1	4 th Degree Meeting & Steak Fry (meal count by July 28) Location TBD	6:00 PM
5	Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X	6:30 pm
8	Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X	Light Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm
21	Midwest Food Bank, Expo Center, RI [Sign Up]	9 to 11:30 am

SEPTEMBER 2019

1	Coffee & Conversation, St. Pius X	After 8 am & 10:30 Masses
2	Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X	6:30 pm
8	Annual Mass and Ceremony to honor our namesake Father Edward J. Bader, St. Pius X	10:30 AM Mass
12	Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X	Light Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm
14	National Day for the Remembrance of Aborted Unborn, Calvary Cemetery, Rock Island	9 am
18	Midwest Food Bank, Expo Center, RI [Sign Up]	9 to 11:30 am
20-22	ID Drive, Jewel, HyVee RI, HyVee 7th St., IHMVCU	There will be a sign-up schedule.
29	5 th Sunday Rosary, St. Pius X	10 am
29	177 Project (Eucharistic Adoration), Sacred Heart, RI	TBD

OCTOBER 2019

5	Octoberfest, St. Pius X	TBA
6	Coffee & Conversation, St. Pius X	After 8 am & 10:30 Masses
7	Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X	6:30 pm
7	177 Project (Eucharistic Adoration), St. Pius X	TBD
10	Holy Hour with Dinner Following, St. Pius X	5 pm
	Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X	7 pm
14	Fall Blood Drive, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X	2 to 6 pm
23	Midwest Food Bank, Expo Center, RI [Sign Up]	9 to 11:30 am

NOVEMBER 2019

3	Coffee & Conversation, St. Pius X	After 8 am & 10:30 Masses
4	Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X	6:30 pm
9	Deceased Member's Mass, St. Mary's, RI, Reception following in the Schroeder Hall.	9:00 am
14	Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X	Light Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm
20	Midwest Food Bank, TBA [Sign Up]	9 to 11:30 am

DECEMBER 2019

1	Coffee & Conversation, St. Pius X	After 8 am & 10:30 Masses
2	Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X	6:30 pm
12	Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X	Light Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm
18	Midwest Food Bank, Expo Center, RI [Sign Up]	9 to 11:30 am
29	5 th Sunday Rosary, St. Pius X	10 am

JANUARY 2020

5	Coffee & Conversation, St. Pius X	After 8 am & 10:30 Masses
6	Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X	6:30 pm
9	Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X	Light Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm

FEBRUARY 2020

2	Coffee & Conversation, St. Pius X	After 8 am & 10:30 Masses
3	Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X	6:30 pm
13	Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X	Light Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm

MARCH 2020

1	Coffee & Conversation, St. Pius X	After 8 am & 10:30 Masses
2	Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X	6:30 pm
12	Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X	Light Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm
29	5 th Sunday Rosary, St. Pius X	10 am

APRIL 2020

5	Coffee & Conversation, St. Pius X	After 8 am & 10:30 Masses
6	Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X	6:30 pm
9	Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X	Light Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm

MAY 2020

3	Coffee & Conversation, St. Pius X	After 8 am & 10:30 Masses
4	Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X	6:30 pm
14	Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X	Light Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm
31	5 th Sunday Rosary, St. Pius X	10 am

JUNE 2020

1	Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X	6:30 pm
6	Coffee & Conversation, St. Pius X	After 8 am & 10:30 Masses
11	Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X	Light Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm



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