

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

With Lent upon us, it brings a time of renewal, a time to reflect on the death of our Lord. So during Lent, take time to say a few more prayers and say Yes to someone in need. There are many ways we all can be more Christ-like. May God bless all of you.

I will start this letter off by thanking all of you, your friends and families that have come out to support our Friday night chicken dinners. They were a huge success for the K of C Council #583 and the Fourth Degree Assembly #200. A great big "thank you" also goes out to all the members of our club, along with their wives. For the ladies and men that volunteered their help during the chicken dinners, your help was greatly appreciated. "THANK YOU VERY MUCH."

"Lenten Fish Fry News"

Your "K of C" Council #583 members will be serving the fish fry buffet dinners starting on Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017 and continue every Friday during Lent. (See article in Knightly News.) Please come out and support "your club," our family club, so bring your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc. Enjoy the meal and spend some time at your club. You never know who you will run into out here.

"God Said Let There Be Light"

The Fourth Degree has installed 2 new LED lights for the parking lot in front of the club and has replaced the fixture on the sidewalk pole light with LED lighting. Thanks to the men who took time out of their busy schedule to install the lights.

Remember, if you still have not paid your 2017 Fourth Degree dues and would like to pay them, you can come to our next meeting on March 21, 2017 and pay them. Hope to see you there.

Please keep in your prayers the members and family of our Assembly #200 and K of C Council #583 that are sick, homebound, in the hospital or nursing home that need our prayers.

Also, remember our servicemen and women who serve our country. Please keep them in your prayers. May God bless the United States of America.

Next Fourth Degree meeting March 21, 2017.

Vivat Jesus
Your Faithful Navigator
Terry Obert (217) 257-3161

SUNSHINE

Fran Fischer, our Sunshine reporter, who has done an outstanding job sending birthday, sympathy, get well and all other types of cards to our Auxiliary members, has asked to give up her position. Billie Steinkamp has offered to take up the task until we can find another volunteer.

If anyone knows of someone who should receive a card, please call Billie at 223-4215. You may leave a message if she is not home.

We would like to thank Fran for all her years of loyal service and Billie for taking on yet another Auxiliary job.

Auxiliary Officers

SENIOR LUNCHEON

The Senior Luncheon will be held Wednesday, March 1, 2017. Serving time 12:30 p.m. Please bring a covered dish and table service. All Seniors are invited. Committee: Leonard Niekamp and crew.

LADIES MEMORIAL MASS

The following ladies will be remembered at our annual Memorial Mass to be held on March 19 at 9:30 a.m. at McGivney Hall.

Norma Dietrich
Marilyn Bertrand
Dorothy Olps
Barb Koch
Mary Kay Brinkman
Marilyn Stegeman
Marjorie Becks
Rita Koch

The K of C Men will also be giving 25 and 50 year membership pins. All of the recipient's families are invited to stay for the terrific breakfast prepared by Joe Hollensteiner and crew.

If we missed anyone, please let one of the Officers know.



K. C. Breakfast Is Served
K. C. Volunteer Teams
will be serving breakfast
every Sunday through April 9, 2017
from 8:30 a.m. to Noon.
Featuring Scrambled Eggs,
Sausage, Bacon, Ham,
Fried Potatoes, Pancakes,
Biscuits and Gravy, Fruit Cocktail, Toast,
Coffee, Milk and Orange Juice.
Adults, \$6.99 / Kids 6-12, \$3.50
and
Kids 5 and under FREE.
All are Welcome!

MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE

It's not too early to get ready for our Wednesday Men's Golf season. We start at 4:00 on May 3 and play weekly until October. All ages and skill levels are welcome. This is a fun and enjoyable league. If you have any questions, please call Jay Grawe, 224-3529.

OUR INSURANCE FIELD AGENT

Anyone needing assistance with Knights of Columbus insurance issues may call the new agent, Larry Biever, 309-807-2035.



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COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING, 2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

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FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Hello Brother Knights,

I hope that this finds you all well and enjoying the nice weather we've had recently. It makes us all start to think about spring activities like softball, volleyball and golf. It will be great to see the green grass again, too. I hope to see you all out at the club for all these upcoming activities and thanks for coming to the chicken dinners and other activities we've had over the winter. The fish fries will start on March 1 and continue on the following Fridays through Lent. Please come out and enjoy these events as well – we love seeing our members and the rooms full of smiling faces.

We are still working on our policies between the K of C Council and the Columbus Home Association. At our next Council meeting we will be voting on a directive to send to State and Supreme voicing our desire to stay with the Columbus Home Association as our Council has always been, and not go to a parish-based Council. If you would have any input on that, please come to our next Council meeting which would be the second Tuesday of March at 7:00 p.m.

K of C Supreme has announced that March will be a major recruitment drive for new members. We will have a First Degree after the officers' meeting on March 28 at 7:30 p.m. Please talk to your friends and family and send any Catholic gentlemen to the First Degree and we will make him a member of this great organization. Since the Columbus Home Association has taken over the day to day operations of our club, it is allowing the Council to have more time to work on charitable causes. We would love to have more active members to help with these endeavors. We plan to put information in the church bulletins and put educational materials in the church vestibules – a good job for our Recruitment Committee. Thanks for all your help with this recruitment drive.

Lastly, we still need Bar-B-Que chairmen. I know that August seems a long way away, but it will sneak up on us before we know it. The CHA will be in charge of the Bar-B-Que this year and has some very good ideas on how to make it more profitable with less man-hours involved.

So, please think about volunteering yourself or with a group of good helpers to be this year's chairmen.

God bless you and yours,
 Mark Holtschlag,
 Grand Knight

Video of the Month:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8bYtRM73eM>

K OF C LENTEN



***Ash Wednesday and
 Every Friday of Lent***

M E N U :

FRIED OR GRILLED FISH
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 MAC & CHEESE
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Perspective from the Pew



Many people, unfortunately, think of Lent as merely a time to “give up something.” They grudgingly accept some small sacrifice, hold their nose for 40 days, and then, once Easter arrives, return to business as usual. Lent shouldn’t be lived like that. It is meant to be a season that leads us to a deeper conversion of heart, a closer identification with Christ.

Lent has a close connection to baptism. In the early Church, adults preparing for baptism would go through a catechumenate. This program, as the name implies, involved catechesis, or instruction, about the faith. The Roman-style catechumenate, officially in place by A.D. 200, extended over two to three years and involved intense preparation each year during the six weeks extended over two to three years and involved intense preparation each year during the six weeks prior to Easter. As the candidates approached their day of baptism (usually on Holy Saturday) they would fast for a few days. The community would join them in this fast. This was the origin of the Lenten fast. (The tradition of a 40-day fast was established in Rome in the fourth century.)

The community in effect accompanied the catechumens and also prepared to renew their own baptismal commitments at Easter. And what does baptism do for us? Among other things, it “gives a share in the common priesthood of all believers.”

So what does it mean for us concretely? It means that we should aim to get rid of sin from our lives forever, and not just during Lent. Instead of a spur-of-the-moment decision, try to set aside some time for prayer and calmly and deeply look at your life. How is your life of piety now, compared to a year ago? What are the sins you confess the most? Those sins might give you an idea of where you should focus your energy.

Then, give yourself a concrete goal during Lent, something that will help you battle these particular sins. Give yourself a reasonable goal, something that you can continue to live after Easter.

Be sure to give your sacrifices a spiritual motivation too, such as for vocations or for the conversion of a loved one. The other two parts of the triad – prayer and almsgiving – are also crucial parts of the equation. Try to attend daily Mass. Pray the Stations of the Cross one or more times a week. Daily rosary and spiritual reading are good too.

If you can get a spouse or a friend to join you in these extra activities, that is even better. And don’t forget almsgiving. This can involve acts of charity or volunteer work as well as donations to worthy causes. And keep in mind those baptismal commitments. A Lenten program could include efforts to share the faith more at your workplace. In a word, make your Lent pro-active. The habits you develop in these 40 days can serve souls all year round.



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April 8, 2017

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Questions:

Contact Mike Wensing, 573-690-5181

MARCH SCHEDULE FOR THE TV MASS FOR SHUT-INS

March 4

Priest: Fr. Macario Torres-Torres

Hosts: Al Kirk, Norman Rodriguez, Tom Alford

March 11

Priest: Fr. Roy Bauer

Hosts: John Farwell, Tom Maas

March 18

Priest: Fr. Tom Donovan

Hosts: Alan Mitten, Kurtis Fischer, Aaron Maguire

March 25

Priest: Msgr. Leo Enlow

**Hosts: Russ Doellman, George Schrage,
Steve Trimble**

Please note that these Masses are taped in the Channel 7 studio at 301 S. 36th St., Quincy, at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday evenings. They are televised a week later. We are taping one week in advance. Please note the studio door is open from 7:00-7:15 p.m. Please make every effort to show up for your scheduled Mass set up. Thank you for your participation.

These Masses, which are sponsored by, and paid for by your Knights of Columbus, are shown each Sunday morning at **10:30 a.m.** on **Channel 3 (ABC)** for the benefit of our Catholic friends who may be unable to attend their church, and anyone else who may enjoy joining us in these services.

KARAOKE DATES FOR 2017

MARCH 18 – APRIL 22

MAY 13



Card Parties

LADIES OF ST. FRANCIS CARD PARTIES

Card Party Season 2017

Held in the St. Francis Parish Center on 17th Street, **11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Card Parties: Thursday, March 2, April 6, May 4, 2017. Reservations: Marcia at 222-3370.

ST. ROSE OF LIMA 2017 CARD PARTIES

St. Rose of Lima Church Hall, 1009 N. 8th St., Quincy, IL. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. and lunch is served at noon. Contact (217) 316-6737 or (217) 222-7219.

2017 Schedule: March 28, April 25, May 23, June 27, July 25, August 22, September 26, October 24.

BUILD HEALTHY HABITS

We are creatures of habit, so why not make those habits healthy ones? You need time, planning, and some effort to change long ingrained habits. For example, if you want to improve your eating habits, have healthy foods on hand to substitute whenever you’re tempted by fast foods or sweets. Whatever healthy habit you want to adopt, set goals to accomplish it and track your progress.

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**COUNCIL #583 MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017,
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**FOURTH DEGREE MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2017
7:00 P.M.**

**COLUMBUS HOME ASSOCIATION
REGULAR MEETING
THIRD MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH,
6:30 P.M.**

**DEADLINE
FOR KNIGHTLY NEWS IS
SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2017,
NOON**

**KC WEBSITE:
www.quincykofc.org**



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against the wickedness and snares of
the devil; may God rebuke him, we
humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince
of the heavenly host, by the power
of God, thrust into hell Satan and all
evil spirits who wander through the
world for the ruin of souls. Amen.



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