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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE:

A Major Degree will be held on February 15th starting with Mass at 8:00 am. The Mass this year will be held at The Queen of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Hostyn. We ask all candidates who will be attending Mass to meet at the back of church at 7:30 am. If you are not attending Mass be at the KC Hall between 9:15 and 9:30 for registration and a light breakfast. The degree should start around 10:00 am and a meal will be served afterwards. This is a 2nd and 3rd Degree exemplification, and will be held at the KC Community Center. We encourage all 1st Degree Members to please attend this fraternal function. KC members are encouraged to attend and support the candidates.

The deadline for the KC Memorial Scholarships and The Msgr. Harry Scholarship is April 1st. All graduating seniors from our council and students in college can get the applications off the LGISD website: www.lgisd.net or the council website: www.lagrangekc.com.

If you have paid your dues, "thank-you", but if you have not please do so soon, so our Financial Secretary does not have to spend time and money sending out additional notices.

We will be having our second annual Knights of Columbus Msgr. Harry and Chromcik Council 2574 Memorial Scholarship golf tournament. The tournament will be held at Frisch Auf Valley Country Club on Friday March 27th. This will be a three man scramble for 300 dollars a team. If any members would like to DONATE a DOOR PRIZE, SPONSOR a HOLE, PLAY or JUST COME OUT AND HELP all brothers and their families are welcome. All proceeds from this tournament will go to scholarships. You can call Pat Kalina @ 966-3702, Randy Proske @ 979-743-4511 or Rusty Freedman @ 968-5190. Thank you for all your support.

As always we need to mark our calendars for the MS 150 Bike-A-Thon which is on April 18-19. We will need everyone's support for this weekend. It is our largest project and fund raiser, helping our contributions to Sacred Heart School, Youth Ministries, our Parishes and various local charities.

Just a reminder Ladies Night is Friday, February 13th. Guys, bring your wives or girlfriends out for a delicious meal, dancing, and a chance for them to win some wonderful prizes. What a way to celebrate Valentine's Day with the lady you love and show her how much the Knights appreciate their help. Please RSVP by February 7th.

Our Annual Domino Tournament will be held on Sunday, February 22nd in conjunction with our monthly barbeque. Come out and have a good time with your fellow brother knights and meet new people. I thank J Roy and Mary Baca for chairing this event. They always do a great job!!!!

I would like to thank brother Nick Deters for donating the breakfast tacos for the New Year's Eve Dance. Also I would like to thank all the knights and their wives that helped with the dance. The New Year's dance hasn't done as well as we would have hoped the last couple of years so the council has decided to quit sponsoring this event. Anyone interested in having it in 2015 can call Ed Sulak at 968-5117 to book the hall.

We will be hosting a Fayette County Law Enforcement appreciation supper on Thursday March 5th with a social starting at 6:00 pm and a meal to follow at 7:00 pm. The meal will be sponsored by our council and also the councils of Fayetteville, Flatonia, and Schulenburg. Any KC member who wants to come out and help is welcome. Law enforcement from the County, La Grange, Flatonia, Schulenburg, and the DPS are being invited as well as their spouses. For more information please contact Pat Kalina @ 966-3702.

In closing, don't forget Ash Wednesday is February 18th, the beginning of the Lenten Season. Our KC Fish Fry will be Friday February 20th. Other organizations will also have fish fries on Fridays during Lent. Please remember how our Lord our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us to forgive us of our sins.

May God Bless you and your families!

GRAND KNIGHT,
Pat Kalina Jr.

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Our forty-day journey of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 18. Although it is not a Holy Day of Obligation, Ash Wednesday often has a larger Mass attendance than Sunday Mass, attracting even non-Catholics and non-Christians. Perhaps the reason for such participation is that deep down many people cannot ignore the realities of sin and death in their human experience and the need for repentance and spiritual renewal. In the depths of reflection, we all realize that our sinfulness and mortality must be taken seriously. Fasting and penance are proclaimed as a means for such renewal. People will hear one of two liturgical formulas as ashes are placed on their foreheads: "Repent and believe in the Gospel" (Mk 1:15) or "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return" (Gen 3:19).

All of our Lenten observances should lead us to an authentic conversion – a change of heart – which involves not only repentance of and turning away from sin, but turning toward Jesus Christ. As Saint John Paul II explained, 'it is an encounter with the living Christ that ultimately impels us to conversion'. He told us that there are several places where Jesus comes to meet us: the prayerful reading of Scripture; the sacred liturgy, especially in the real presence of the Eucharist; and in service of one's neighbor, especially the poor. Prayer holds a pre-eminent place in our spiritual lives for it is the duty of every Christian to maintain a relationship of love with God. The sacrament of Penance is also essential -- for only those reconciled with God can become agents of true reconciliation with our brothers and sisters.

Our observances of prayer, fasting and almsgiving then have the same purpose. They are all meant to open our hearts to an encounter with Christ, leading to reconciliation with God and neighbor, and an increase in faith, hope and charity. We are invited then to not only remember our mortality, but also to welcome a new life in the Risen Lord. For God desires that we all share this eternal relationship of love with Him in Heaven.

Father Dan Kahlich, Chaplain

◆ ◆ ◆ ATTENTION KC MEMBERS ◆ ◆ ◆

Our next council meeting is Tuesday, February 10th, 2015. Social begins at 6:30 pm with a meal and meeting to follow. Last month Brother Benedict Kallus won the door prize and better luck next time to Brother Brett Freedman who would have won 345.00 dollars. Next month it will be 350.00 dollars. Please make an effort to attend. We look forward to seeing all our brother Knights.

◆ ◆ ◆ KC OFFICER'S MEETING IN FEBRUARY ◆ ◆ ◆

There will be a KC Officers meeting on Tuesday, February 24th starting at 6:00 pm.

◆ ◆ ◆ KC SCHOLARSHIP FUND ◆ ◆ ◆

Are you interested in contributing to the Scholarship Fund? Each year our Council gives scholarships to deserving students. If you need more information about the Scholarship Fund, please contact Jody Supak @ 968-5332 or Pat Kalina Jr. @ 966-3702.

◆ ◆ ◆ KC B-B-Q CHICKEN ◆ ◆ ◆

Just a reminder, B-B-Q Sunday is February 22nd. Pork ribs, chicken and sausage will be available, so call in and place your order.

◆ ◆ ◆ KC DOMINO TOURNAMENT ◆ ◆ ◆

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual domino tournament on Sunday, February 22. You can choose between "straight or 42". Come out and enjoy some fun and fellowship. Registration will begin at 9:00am and play at 10:00 am. Call the hall at 968-5117 for more information.

◆ ◆ ◆ SACRED HEART SCHOOL DINNER & DANCE ◆ ◆ ◆

Sacred Heart School will hold a Dinner and Dance at the KC Community Center on Saturday, February 7th. A Social will start at 6:00 pm, with a meal and dancing to follow. For tickets you can contact the school office at 968-3223.

◆ ◆ ◆ MAJOR DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION - FEBRUARY 15 ◆ ◆ ◆

We will be hosting a 2nd and 3rd Major Degree Ceremony on Sunday, February 15. It will begin at 8:00 am Mass at The Queen of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church. If you know of a current First Degree member, encourage them to take the next level of our organization. For those who are already a Third Degree member, come out and be a witness. Hope to see you there.

◆ ◆ ◆ 4TH DEGREE NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆

The 4th degree will be falling out on Sunday, Feb. 15th for the major degree at The Queen of the Holy Rosary Church in Hostyn. Also they will fall out on February 24th for Sacred Heart confirmation. On Thursday Feb. 19th the 4th Degree will have their meeting at Fayetteville.

Happy Birthday To You!

Our Council would like to wish the following members a "Happy Birthday" and many more happy, healthy years ahead. Enjoy your special day!

Feb. 01 - Dillon Drab
 Feb. 02 - Robert Belota
 Feb. 03 - Walter Stoeber, Thomas Supak, Bradley Faldyn
 Feb. 04 - Gary Antosh
 Feb. 07 - Ben Bohuslav, Leon Hrachovy, Tucker Herring
 Feb. 08 - Kyle T. Janda, Mark Munsch, Weston Mozisek
 Feb. 09 - Henry Cernota
 Feb. 10 - Jason Jecmenek
 Feb. 11 - Dennis Belota, Alfred Torres
 Feb. 12 - Robert Fojtik
 Feb. 14 - Garrett Martinek
 Feb. 15 - Daniel Muras
 Feb. 16 - Anthony Kristek, David Srubar
 Feb. 17 - John Eilert, Brandon Dwigans
 Feb. 18 - Daniel Beck, Michael Wagner,
 Anthony Hoffman
 Feb. 19 - John Svoboda
 Feb. 20 - Matthew Bosque, Tyler Goerig
 Feb. 21 - Joseph Hild, Daniel Wick
 Feb. 22 - Garrison Mueller
 Feb. 24 - Clement Jecmenek
 Feb. 25 - Lawrence E. Adamcik, Craig Prause,
 Joe Nathan Muras, Adam Antosh
 Feb. 26 - Franklin Mozisek
 Feb. 27 - Kenneth Taylor, James Anderle
 Feb. 28 - Stephen Taylor, Donald Johnson
 Feb. 29 - David W. Shimek

– Important Dates To Remember –

**FEBRUARY 7-
SACRED HEART SCHOOL DANCE**

FEBRUARY 10 - KC MEETING

FEBRUARY 12 -BLOOD DRIVE

**FEBRUARY 13 -
LADIES APPRECIATION NIGHT**

FEBRUARY 15-2ND AND 3RD DEGREE

FEBRUARY 20 - KC FISH FRY

**FEBRUARY 22 - BBQ CHICKEN & PORK
RIBS/DOMINO TOURNAMENT**

FEBRUARY 24 - KC OFFICERS MEETING

FEBRUARY 27 -CDA FISH FRY

**MARCH 5 -LAW ENFORCEMENT
APPRECIATION SUPPER**

MARCH 6 -SHOCK FISH FRY

**MARCH 27 -KC SCHOLARSHIP GOLF
TOURNAMENT**

Knights of Columbus...Why We Offer Insurance!!!

Before you think about how you and your family would use life insurance and what products and options you would need, there are a few more basic questions that need to be answered. What is life insurance? Why do the Knights of Columbus care about it? It may seem counter-intuitive that a Catholic Organization would be in the life-insurance business. It may seem odd that one of the world's largest charitable organizations is also one of North America's largest insurers. But it's not odd at all. Providing financial protection for Catholic families has been at the core of our mission since the beginning.

Two Problems, One Solution

The drive to offer financial protection for Catholic families comes from our venerable founder Father Michael J. McGivney. On numerous occasions in his brief life, Father McGivney witnessed firsthand the devastation wrought by the untimely death of a breadwinner. Two instances are particularly instructive. In the summer of 1873, as a young Seminarian in Canada, Michael was forced to leave theological studies & return home to aid his family after the sudden death of his father, Patrick. "He was reeling," it says in his biography, Parish Priest. "He packed his belongings, knowing that he would never return to Sainte-Marie, & went home." "Money for tuition was no longer available," the authors go on to say. "Even if the McGivney family could survive without Michael's financial support, it was not clear that he could survive without help from them – or someone." Michael was able to continue his studies after receiving a scholarship from the then-Diocese of Hartford.

Less than a decade later, McGivney, now an associate pastor at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, was faced with an all too similar situation. Of his parishioners, Edward Downes, Jr. was forced to quit the seminary & return home to New Haven to support his mother & twelve siblings after his father died unexpectedly. In those days, the court could assign children to public institutions if it believed their families couldn't properly care for & support them. The Downses were facing the very real prospect of losing their three teenage boys unless each had a guardian to sponsor & stand for him in court & provide \$1,500 to back the claim to guardianship.

On Feb. 6, 1882 – the very same day as the 1st organizational meeting for what would become the Knights of Columbus – Father McGivney stood in court as guardian for Edward's brother Alfred. The court accepted & McGivney was satisfied with the outcome, but not with the recurring nightmare of financial hardship. "Even though he was only a young man," Parish Priest says, "he was filled with a lifetime of anger & frustration at the sense of doom that settled over every family that lost its wage earner. On the afternoon of Feb. 6, he was more determined than ever that what had happened to the Downses family need not happen to anyone else."

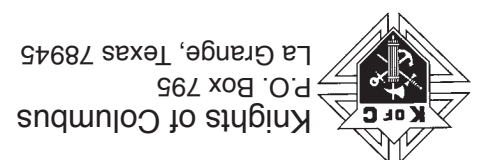
The Mission Begins – And Continues

In that spirit, Father McGivney set off with "entrepreneurial zeal" to found the Knights of Columbus. In his own words, Father McGivney wanted the organization to "unite the men of our Faith throughout the Diocese of Hartford, that we may thereby gain strength to aid each other in time of sickness; to provide for decent burial & to render pecuniary assistance to the families of the deceased members." He knew what life was like without that assistance. The initial system of "life insurance" designed by Father McGivney was a simple one, a pass-the-hat system through which each member could help support his Brother Knights. As the Knights grew council-by-council, state-by-state, so too did the insurance program. The pass-the-hat system was transformed into one of the largest & most highly-rated life insurance programs in North America.

The Knights have passed many milestones & received many accolades along the way: \$96 Billion of life insurance in force, 39 consecutive A++ Superior ratings for financial strength from A.M. Best; 14 consecutive years of sales growth; & designation as a 2014 "World's Most Ethical Company," but all that is secondary. What matters most is we continue to fulfill Father McGivney's mission of offering & providing financial protection for Catholic families. 2015 is not 1882. Times are different. Laws are different. Economies are different. But even for those families who may have slightly more than next-to-nothing, insurance protection can be the difference between getting by & getting evicted. In its role as the premier Catholic life insurer, the Knights of Columbus continues to provide a valuable & noble service. That's why we offer life insurance.











It's not for the over \$8 Billion in annual sales volume or the \$96 Billion in force or the 2 million policies on the books. It's not the amount that counts, but the impact of those dollars. It's the homes saved, the college tuitions provided, the Catholic funerals paid for & the families shielded that create the legacy of protection that would make Father McGivney proud. It's those things that are the Hallmark of the KofC Insurance program. Contact your dedicated Knights of Columbus Field Agent Doug or Jody Supak – who themselves are brother Knights – and see what we might be able to offer you & your family. They can be contacted by phone (979) 968-5332, by email supakins@cmaaccess.com or visit them at 130 S. College St. in La Grange.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 GROUP 10	2	3	4	5	6	7 Sacred Heart Sweetheart Dance (KC Catered)
8 GROUP 11	9	10 KC Meeting 	11	12 Blood Drive CDA Drive-Thru (KC Catered)	13 Ladies Night	14
15 GROUP 1 2nd and 3rd Degree	16 Country Music Show 	17	18	19	20  KC Fish Fry	21 ICA (Bar Only)
22 GROUP 2 BBQ Sunday and KC Domino Tournament	23	24	25	26	27  CDA Fish Fry	28 Chris Mayer Wedding (Bar Only) 
1 GROUP 3 MARCH	2	3	4 LG Noon Lions Drive Thru (Not KC Catered)	5 Law Enforcement Dinner	6  Shock Fish Fry	7 Texas Women's League (KC Catered)
8 GROUP 4	9	10 KC Meeting 	11	12	13  KC Fish Fry	14 Roadrunners Square Dance (Bar Only)
15 GROUP 5	16 Country Music Show 	17	18	19	20  Plum Fish Fry	21 Clinton Ellebracht Private Dance (Bar Only)

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