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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE:

Thank You to all who came out to the first RED ROOSTER / Clergy Night of the year held on January 26th. It was great to have so many Brother Knights and Clergy sharing good food and fellowship from our council and visiting councils of Fayetteville, Schulenburg, Sommerville and all over and in a special way to honor and show appreciation to our Clergy for all they do for the Knights, our families, and the community. Also, thank you Brothers for donating to the food drive; we collected 85 lbs of food and 150 dollars for AMEN Food Pantry. Thank you also to all who donated door prizes for the Prize Drawings. GREAT JOB!!!!

A Major Degree will be held on February 21st 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. It 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 18th. 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 16-17. 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 Saturday, 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 28th 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!!!!

We will be hosting a Fayette County Law Enforcement appreciation supper on Tuesday, March 1st 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 Randy Proske @ 979-505-0262.

In closing don't forget Ash Wednesday is February 10th, the beginning of the Lenten Season. Our KC Fish Fry will be Friday, February 12th. Other organizations will also have fish fries on Friday's 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,
Randy Proske

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Our Lenten Season this year begins with Ash Wednesday, February 10. Although it is not a Holy Day of Obligation, Ash Wednesday often has a larger Mass attendance than Sunday Mass, attracting non-Catholics and even non-Christians. Being marked by the ashes, we allow ourselves to reflect on this humbling sign of our mortality. Also, deep down we cannot ignore the reality of sin in our lives and the need for repentance and spiritual renewal. We will hear one of two liturgical formulas as ashes are placed on our foreheads: "Repent and believe in the Gospel"(Mk 1:15) or "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return" (Gen 3:19).

Although the ashes will be washed away before the day ends, we will be left with much to ponder during our forty-day observance. We are called to our inner room where fewer distractions of the world will separate us from God. We will follow Jesus to the desert and become more aware of the temptations of the world around us. We will take with us our disordered lives as well as our committed desire to make things right in our lives. With Jesus we will confront the temptations that plague us through our days: our desire for honor and prestige, our urge for power and our craving for material and temporal satisfaction. Hopefully, like Jesus, we will also take the Spirit by cooperating with His inspirations. For through the Lenten journey to the desert we will be both tempted and restored. We will walk with faith because the entire Church community, the people of God, walks along with us.

Finally, during this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we want to be aware that God wants us to receive his mercy in the Sacrament of Penance --- and, in turn, be merciful to others by our actions, word and prayers. We can enable others to be reconciled and share in God's Mercy. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as he does to us. Mercy is love that seeks to relieve the misery of others. It is an active love poured out upon others to heal, to comfort, to console and to forgive. Mercy is the love that God offers us, and, indeed, it is love that he demands from us for each other. *"I give you a new commandment ... As I have loved you, so you must love one another" Jn 13:34. "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" Lk 6:36*

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Dan Kahlich, Co-Chaplain

◆ ◆ ◆ ATTENTION KC MEMBERS ◆ ◆ ◆

Our next council meeting is Tuesday, February 9th, 2016. Social begins at 6:30 pm with a meal and meeting to follow. 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 23th 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 Randy Proske @ 979-505-0262.

◆ ◆ ◆ KC B-B-Q CHICKEN ◆ ◆ ◆

Just a reminder, B-B-Q Sunday is February 28th. Pork ribs, chicken and sausage will be available. So call in and place your order.

◆ ◆ ◆ **KC DOMINO TOURNAMENT- FEBRUARY 28** ◆ ◆ ◆

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual domino tournament on Sunday, February 28. 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 6th. 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 21** ◆ ◆ ◆

We will be hosting a 2nd and 3rd Major Degree Ceremony on Sunday, February 21. 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.

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, 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 - 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, Ryan Janda
- Feb. 26 - Franklin Mozisek
- Feb. 27 - Kenneth Taylor, James Anderle
- Feb. 28 - Stephen Taylor, Donald Johnson
- Feb. 29 - David W. Shimek (leap year baby)



– Important Dates To Remember –

FEB. 6—SACRED HEART/DENIM AND DIAMONDS

FEB. 9—KC MEETING

FEB. 12—KC FISH FRY

FEB. 13—LADIES APPRECIATION NIGHT

FEB. 16—BLOOD DRIVE

FEB. 19—CDA FISH FRY

FEB. 21—2ND AND 3RD DEGREE

FEB. 23—OFFICERS MEETING

FEB. 28—BBQ CHICKEN & PORK RIBS/DOMINO TOURNAMENT

MARCH 1—LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION SUPPER

MARCH 18—KC SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT/ KC FISH FRY

HOW & WHY TO ROLLOVER RETIREMENT ACCOUNT FUNDS INTO A FIXED ANNUITY

These days, the main concern for those of us in managing our retirement funds isn't the return ON our money, but rather, the return OF our money. So, when it comes time to rollover money from a 401 (k) or another tax-deferred retirement account, the safety of a fixed annuity is an attractive option to balance your retirement portfolio.

A good fixed annuity offers three advantages:

1. **SAFETY:** An annuity is as secure as the company that issues it, so choose a provider with a track record of top ratings for financial security from industry rating services such as A.M. Best and Standard and Poor's.
2. **GUARANTEED RETURN:** Annuity interest rates vary with the market, but look for one that has a guaranteed minimum. (For example, Knights of Columbus fixed annuity products offer a guaranteed minimum return.)
3. **GUARANTEED MONTHLY INCOME:** When you reach retirement age, you may "annuitize" your funds to create a steady, fixed monthly payment for as long as you live.

If you're receiving a lump-sum distribution from a 401(k), 403(b), IRA, pension plan or any account that qualifies for federal tax-deferred status, here are two strategies for safely rolling it over into a fixed annuity:

Avoid taxes—transfer funds directly! If the distribution is coming from an employer, ask the human resources department how you can authorize the company release the distribution directly to the annuity provider. As long as the funds are transferred directly into a qualified "IRA annuity" the employer will not withhold any funds. If, however, you take possession of the lump-sum payment in a check made out to you, the employer is required to withhold 20%. That money will become a taxable withdrawal, ineligible for deposit into a tax-deferred retirement account. You can counteract this by replacing the 20% yourself when you deposit the other 80% into your IRA annuity—then you'll be reimbursed for the 20% after you file your income taxes for the year. You have 60 days from receiving the lump-sum payment to deposit it into an IRA annuity or some other qualified retirement plan. The upshot is: direct transfer is a better, safer option.

Choose an "immediate annuity" if you're already retirement age! If you're at least 59½, you may choose an "immediate annuity" that begins monthly payments right away. You'll pay income tax on the monthly distributions, just as you would on withdrawals from a 401 (k) account. The difference with an annuity is that, by annuitizing it into lifetime monthly payments, you can't deplete the funds. Retirement fund rollovers create a variety of issues and options, and everyone's situation is different. Please contact your Professional Knights of Columbus Field Agent Doug or Jody Supak for help with anything regarding your retirement planning. They can be reached at (979) 968-5332, at douglas.supak@kofc.org or jody.supak@kofc.org or stop by their office at 130 S. College St. in La Grange!


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WE WISH YOU AND YOUR'S A HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!!!









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FEBRUARY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
GROUP 7	1	2	3	4	5	6 Sacred Heart Denim & Diamonds (KC Catered)
7 GROUP 8	8	9 KC Meeting 	10	11	12 KC Fish Fry 	13 Ladies Appreciation Night
14 GROUP 9	15 Country Music Show 	16 Blood Drive	17	18	19 CDA Fish Fry 	20 ICA (Bar Only)
21 GROUP 10 2nd and 3rd Degree	22	23	24	25	26 Shock Fish Fry 	27 Leslie Soto Quinceanera
28 GROUP 11 BBQ Chicken Sausage, and Ribs/ KC Domino Tournament	29	1 MARCH Law Enforcement Dinner	2 Noon Lions Club Drive Thru	3	4 Plum Church Fish Fry 	5
6 GROUP 1	7	8 KC Meeting 	9	10 Band Booster	11 KC Fish Fry 	12 Roadrunners Square Dance (Bar Only)
13 GROUP 2	14	15	16	17	18 KC Scholarship Golf Tournament KC Fish Fry	19

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Group 6 - Proske/Supak 968-8630/968-5332

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