

THE KNIGHT TODAY

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Iowa Knights of Columbus make a big donation to Camp High Hopes in Sioux City



Camp High Hopes announced a significant contribution from the Iowa Knights of Columbus. The Camp received a \$25,000 donation to support operations and the Phase 2 capital campaign. The donation was presented by Iowa's top Knight Jon Aldrich from Altoona and represents a portion of funds collected during the Knights of Columbus annual Campaign for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities. The Campaign is part of the Knight's on-going support directed to the dignity and worth of every human person. Siouxland has several local councils of the Knights of Columbus who were part of the campaign.

State Deputy Aldrich remarked at the presentation: "Each year the state leadership of the Iowa Knights of Columbus selects an eligible organization and makes a substantial donation to further their ability to help people in need.

By pooling resources from across the state, Knights can make a larger impact to advance the mission of the selected organization." To be eligible the organization must utilize the funds to serve clients with intellectual disabilities.

"Today's donation will go a long way to ensuring kids, teens and adults with disabilities are provided the opportunities to participate in Camp," says Chris Liberto, Executive Director for Camp High Hopes. "We are grateful to the Knights of Columbus, not only for this donation, but for the support we have received from the organization for several years."

Pictured from the left are: Jim Weber, Co. 11038; Kevin Hotchkiss, Co. 11038; DD Dennis Kluver, Anthony Gabriel, Co. 11038, Chris Liberto, Exec. Director Camp High Hopes; John Staiert, Co. 5660; State Deputy Jon Aldrich and PSD Mike Gaspers.

Each year your Iowa State Council, Knights of Columbus, make many donations to worth while projects and organizations in Iowa. For example, the last two years (2014-2015 & 2015-2016) from the state's portion of the Campaign for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities, we have provided over \$75,000 each year in donations to Iowa Special Olympics and other organizations around the state.

The Vocations donations run around \$32,000 per year from the Pennies for Heaven collection. The Perpetual Memorial Society provided \$11,200 to our bishops for vocations along with \$18,351.98 in interest from the Christopher Fund at Supreme this past year.

The Catholic Education fund also provides our bishops with over \$33,000 each year to support their needs in Catholic Education.



STATE DEPUTY'S REPORT

Jon Aldrich

Brother Knights,

As we near our 2017 state convention, I see my time as your State Deputy coming to an end. It has been an interesting 20 months so far. At times demanding, other times frustrating, but always worthwhile. I've been able to meet so many more of my brother Knights than I ever would have if I did not do this. I would never have seen the types of wonderful activities and charity conducted by the councils and our brothers. I am truly amazed at the great things this group of 31,000 plus men and their families have done. I am truly blessed to be part of, and privileged to lead such a great organization.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the State Convention in Dubuque this April. We have done a lot of things to make this a "family" event and not the usual convention. There are lots of activities for the children and several activities for the women to pick from as well. Bring the whole family with you!

I am pleased to know at this time there are three men vying to become or next State Warden. One of these men will likely become our State Deputy in four years. It's great to see so many who are wanting to take charge and be a leader. We need more men like this to join our state ranks. We are always looking for new men to step up and become part of the leadership in the state. We are always looking for District Deputies and program personnel. We have all kinds of positions and need new men with new ideas to help us improve what we are doing. Be courageous. Be that man and step up. It may be demanding, and sometimes frustrating, but it will be worthwhile.

Thank you for all you have done for your priests, your parishes, your communities and our state.

Faternally,

Jon Aldrich, State Deputy

Be Courageous!



STATE CHAPLAIN'S REFLECTIONS

Fr. William Reynolds

Lent. Another Lent. This is a late Lent and a late Easter.

But it is never too late to enter into the graced season of Lent. This Lent finds us in the United States a country and a people deeply divided.

Our Lord certainly invites us to unite in Him, in his love, peace, comfort, and solace. Families are divided, friendships are strained, parishes are upset, clergy uncertain, loyalties strained, and relationships fractured.

Only our faith can save us. This is a time for calm, for reasoned speech, moderate volume, and monitored emotions.

Lent is an invitation to be renewed in faith, in hope, and in love. Jesus reminds us again during our Lenten experience that we need to renew our hearts and souls in his mercy and forgiveness. Having just finished the Year of Mercy we may be especially attuned to both receiving and giving the Lord's mercy.

We think of the difficulty the Lord had in convincing his contemporaries that he was indeed to Messiah, the Savior. May we never express reluctance in responding to all that the Lord calls us to as Knights, especially in our unity, charity, fraternity, and patriotism. As Knights we rise above the cultural and political fray, to be that shining example of spiritual leadership in our homes, parishes, councils, assemblies, and communities. In this we will be revealing that service to our Lord and his Church are primary duties as Knights of Columbus. Vivat Jesus.

Des Moines Co. 10558 presents check



Des Moines Co. 10558 GK Carlos Navarro presents Dr. Nancy Dowdle, St. Augustin Catholic School Principal, with a check for over \$6,200 from their golf outing proceeds. Dr. Dowdle will use the funds to purchase "Chrome Books" for an entire class at the school.



ADMIN. ASSISTANT'S REPORT

Ed Pancrazio

Included in this issue is information and forms for our 116th Annual State Convention held this year in Dubuque. Do yourself a favor and register to attend. This promises to be an action packed weekend. The convention committee has been hard at work planning so do not let them down.

Again this year complete registration is available online. Go to the State website, www.iowakofc.org and click on the Convention tab to register. Hard copy packets will have been mailed to all Grand Knights. If you prefer to register manually, ask your GK for the information.

I want to thank every council for submitting forms in a timely manner. We have developed and updated the Forms Reporting Guide to help with the flow of forms. Please review the guide. All forms listed are to be submitted. If you have not seen the guide, contact me and I will send you a copy.

I also want to remind councils who are in arrears with Supreme or the Iowa State Council, that per the By-Laws, they will not be allowed to seat delegates during the Business Meetings at the State Convention. What this means is that delegates will not be paid the published Per Diem and Mileage. It is important to keep accounts current.

Please contact me if you have questions or need information. I have a new email address and ask that everyone update to:

kcedp915@gmail.com

Last but not least, please keep our Military in your thoughts and prayers. We must remain on Nation Under God, indivisible with Liberty and Justice for all.

KC's for over 70 years



The above picture is of four brothers-in-law that have over 70 years membership in the Knights of Columbus. The front row has Lloyd Schreier of Manson Co. 14494 and Jim Barrett. In the back row are Ed Crawford and Leo Crawford.



**EDITOR &
STATE
TREASURER'S
REMARKS**

Francis Schlueter



**STATE
WARDEN**

Paul Lee



**PATRIOT'S
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Dave Bellendier

THE FINAL ISSUE OF "THE KNIGHT TODAY"

After 55 years of producing your Iowa Knights of Columbus newspaper, it is time to bring it to a close. I have been your editor for 30 of those years and have seen the production of the newspaper go from type setting to computer aided design that we have today.

As your state treasurer, I find the cost of producing the paper is too great to continue. We are spending over \$10,000 per issue for production and postage and are currently only producing two issues per year. When I started as editor back in 1987, we were doing four issues per year. Then due to increased costs dropped back to three and now to only two. In fact we had to stop producing the paper in 2012 because the state funds were depleted.

Today with our website and other media methods, we can provide you with all of the information needed to operate as successful Iowa Knights of Columbus. The funds saved can be used to support donations and other programs at the state level.

I wish to thanks all of you who have supported "The Knight Today" by providing articles and pictures over all of the years. It could not have been successful without you. We have received may wonderful remarks about the paper during my time as editor.

As we get ready for a great convention in April in Dubuque, the executive committee will be approving next year's budget for the delegates to vote on at the meeting. It will include the reduction in costs to produce the newspaper.

As your state treasurer, we have moved our funds from Wells Fargo Banks to the Veridian Credit Union. The banking fees from Wells Fargo have made continuing with them too expensive. At least now we are receiving some interest on our funds that can be used to support our projects.

We are currently using QuickBooks for our accounting program. I am also using 2017 Quicken Home and Small Business to track our finances on a daily basis as a double check for all of our transactions.

Along with our State Comptroller Tom Wittrock, we currently feel that we are now in complete control of all of our funds and can provide the information needed for our audits and financial reports as required by Supreme and our Iowa State Council.

Brother Knights- How is your Council doing with Building the Domestic Church while strengthening your parish? As a young married father with three young kids- I am personally excited about what we Knights have the potential to do if we fully embrace this calling.

We have been called by our induction into the Knights of Columbus to live a life of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. Each of the specific Building the Domestic Church programs have been picked with proven success of strengthening ALL parishes- no matter the size!

Every brother Knight can participate in this moment! Here are some quick and simple ideas-

- Lead a rosary ASA FAMILY before Mass on Saturday night/Sunday morning
- Work with your Chaplain and/or Pastor to do a renewal of vowels
- Arrange a food drive for your local food pantry/food bank
- Order and put on display one of the "Building the Domestic Church" book sets

In order to receive the Columbian Award, at least FOUR of your Council's programs have to be one designated to "Build the Domestic Church while strengthening your parish". For the complete list of eligible, please visit <http://www.kofc.org/en/domestic-church/index.html>. There will be a vibrant display to learn more at the 2017 State Convention in Dubuque April 7-9.

Finally, most Councils throughout the state are beginning to make plans for summertime activities. A great way to support young families is through summertime activities. Plan a potluck after Mass one Sunday in June, sponsor a family pool night, take the kids to an outdoor movie or a local baseball game. Our parishes need us to take the lead in Building our families- building the Domestic Church!!! Be Courageous!!!

Greetings from the Iowa District Master

We completed two exemplifications in the fall, in Marion and Burlington. My thanks to the Sir Knights in those areas for their help with the organization of these events.

At this time, we have three confirmed exemplifications for the spring: March 25 in Algona (class honoree Sir Knight Doug Kollasch), April 7 in Dubuque (class honoree Father Aloysius Schmitt) and April 22 in Altoona (class honoree State Deputy Jon Aldrich). Information on these degrees can be found on the Iowa K of C website (www.iowakofc.org) under the Fourth-Degree tab.

The State Convention exemplification has historically been our largest exemplification each year. I encourage those of you contemplating joining the Fourth Degree to attend on April 7 in Dubuque. You can make it a Knights of Columbus/family weekend by staying for the Convention and enjoying the water park at the hotel along with other areas along the water front. Make it a complete K of C weekend by volunteering to be a delegate to the Convention for your council.

I encourage assemblies that have not recently hosted an exemplification in their area to contact me about scheduling one for the fall. I would also appreciate hearing from one or two assemblies that could benefit from splitting into smaller assemblies to lessen the distance traveled by members and increase participation at meetings and Fourth Degree functions.

Please continue to work on recruiting new members into the Fourth Degree. Much like the 1st degree, many will join us and are only waiting to be asked.

I am grateful to all Sir Knights serving as officers in their assemblies and to all those that have promoted the Fourth Degree. It is only through your efforts that we can continue to be successful.

Des Moines area Knights present check to Dorothy's House



The Tenth Annual Raffle for Life presented a check for \$30,186.16 to Kellie Markey, Dorothy's House Founder and Director.

Dorothy's House is a safe place for those girls whose lives have been interrupted by sex trafficking. They provide access to physical and mental health care, spiritual recovery, and skills at a home where they are treated with dignity, respect, compassion, and unconditional love.

Pictured l-r: GK Jerry McClain, Elkhart Co. 15347; Kellie Markey; Ray Blase, Raffle Chair; and GK Don Brown, Ankeny Co. 5038.

116th Iowa Knights of Columbus State Convention

Grand River Center/Grand Harbor Hotel, Dubuque, Iowa

April 7-9, 2017

Tentative Schedule (see website for details & updates) <http://iowakofc.org/convention>

Friday, April 7		Saturday, April 8	
8:00 AM	Mass (open to public)	8:00 AM	Mass (open to public)
11:00 AM	Fourth Degree Registration	9:30 AM	Business Session #1
1:00 PM	Exemplification: Fourth Degree Ladies Hospitality	11:30 AM	Lunch
4:00 PM	4th Degree District Meeting	11:30 AM	Ladies Luncheon
6:30 PM	Banquet	1:30 PM	Business Session #2
		6:30 PM	Convention Banquet

Sunday, April 9

7:30 AM Mass (open to public)
9:30 AM Business Session #3

Welcome to the 2017 Convention!!!

We hope you are excited about joining us for the 116th Annual Meeting and State Convention of the Iowa Knights of Columbus, April 7-9 in historic Dubuque. We are excited about showcasing how we are Building the Domestic Church!

We are incorporating our long-standing traditions with new and exciting activities for the ENTIRE family. We want our convention to draw KofC families from throughout the state for a weekend of fun, faith formation, and learning.

Anyone can attend so go to the Iowa K of C website: www.iowakofc.org/convention to register, purchase tickets and find more information. Each council is permitted two delegates to represent their council at convention and they receive per diem at \$55 per day for two days and round trip mileage at \$0.15 per mile from the Iowa State Council. It is highly recommended that the councils also support their delegates by providing similar funding to offset their costs to attend the convention.

On behalf of the convention committee, we welcome ladies of the Knights to the 116th Iowa Knights of Columbus State Convention at the Grand River Center/Grand Harbor Hotel in Dubuque! We are excited to have you and your family join us for a fun-filled weekend and look forward to seeing each of you!

When you arrive at the Grand River Center, you will find the ladies/family registration kiosk inside the lobby near the men's registration. Please check in to receive your welcome packet with your materials including a weekend schedule, luncheon ticket, ladies' activity ticket, bowling passes, and youth t-shirts and passes to pool party and museum.

Our hospitality room is located in Platinum A and B rooms on the second floor. It will be open starting at 11:00 am on Friday for fellowship and refreshments, and will continue throughout the convention with the exception of Mass times, planned ladies' events, and socials/banquets.

A reminder to all councils to bring their Vocations Support Forms and your Pennies For Heaven contribution to registration when you check in. We look forward to seeing each of you at the 116th Iowa Knights of Columbus State Convention in Dubuque where we can **"BE COURAGEOUS"** for the state of Iowa. SEE YOU THERE!

BANQUET & LUNCHEON TICKET ORDER FORM

or Register online at: www.iowakofc.org/convention

Ticket Deadline: Friday, March 26, 2017

Name _____ Council/Assembly No. _____

Address _____ City, State & Zip _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

Please Indicate: Delegate ___ SF Member ___ Insurance Agent ___ Other ___

FRIDAY BANQUET

Please select one of the following meals for you and your wife/guest

Baked Tilapia _____ Vegetarian Lasagna _____
(number) (number)

SATURDAY CONVENTION BANQUET

Please select one of the following meals for you and your wife/guest

Sauteed Chicken _____ Roast Beef Sirloin _____ SW Fajita style Rice _____ (Veg)
(number) (number) (number)

SATURDAY BUFFET LUNCH for DELEGATES & GUESTS

****State Family, Clergy, District Deputies & Insurance Agents - Do Not Use!**

Number of Reservations _____

_____ FRIDAY BANQUET TICKETS @ \$22 EACH = \$ _____ TOTAL

_____ SATURDAY BANQUET TICKETS @ \$26 EACH = \$ _____ TOTAL

_____ SATURDAY LUNCHEON TICKETS @ \$18 EACH = \$ _____ TOTAL

TOTAL COST = \$ _____

Make checks payable to: IOWA STATE COUNCIL

Send to: Iowa State Council, 915 South 17th St, Centerville, IA 52544-2701

Questions: call Ed Pancrazio: 641-895-1364 or Email: kcedp915@gmail.com

LADIES LUNCHEON & ACTIVITIES ORDER FORM

Featured Speaker: Shelly Bardon Till

Deadline: March 24, 2017

Lady's Name _____

SATURDAY LUNCHEON

Pasta Buffet with meat sauce or alfredo, salad, and beverage

_____ SATURDAY LUNCHEON TICKETS @ \$18 EACH = \$ _____ TOTAL

_____ SATURDAY AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES @ \$10 EACH = \$ _____ TOTAL

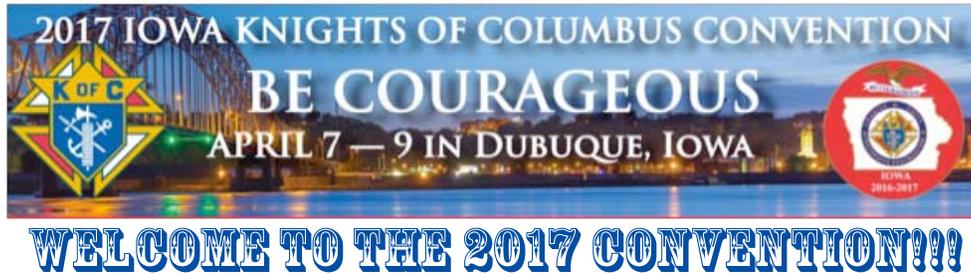
Select One: _____ Trolley Tour of Dubuque or _____ Wine glass painting

TOTAL COST = \$ _____

Make checks payable to: 2017 STATE CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Send to: Jerry Peck, 33108 Hwy 52, Guttenberg, IA 52052-8106

Questions: call Jan DeMouly: 563-451-8850 or Email: demouly@hotmail.com



Dress Code

The preferred dress code for Mass, business meetings, and banquets consists of a dress shirt, tie, suit coat or blazer, and dress slacks, or business suit. Jeans and shorts are not acceptable.

Delegate Credentials

Per the bylaws of the Iowa State Council, each council is entitled to elect and send two (2) members to serve as the council's official delegates. The current Worthy Grand Knight should, by virtue of office, be the first official delegate. Two alternates may also be selected. Other members of the Council are invited and encouraged to attend. All attendees must have a current third degree membership card which WILL be required to gain entrance to the business meetings.

There is an official delegate registration form to be completed and submitted no later than March 24, 2017. You can complete this online via <http://iowakofc.org/convention>.

Meeting and Hotel information

The Grand River Center is our convention headquarters. The facility offers both free parking and complimentary wireless internet. Kids attending will receive a free waterpark bracelet no matter where they are staying! Hotel accommodations are available at the Holiday Inn Dubuque. Reservations can be made online via <http://iowakofc.org/convention> or by phoning 563-690-3270, mentioning the Iowa Knights of Columbus. Our discounted rate is \$98.00. The Holiday Inn is pleased to offer both free parking and free wireless internet. Please make your reservation NO LATER THAN March 24, 2017. There will be free shuttles from the hotel to the Grand River Center.

Mileage and Per Diem

Each duly registered and seated council delegate will receive \$0.15 per mile round trip from your council's headquarter city to the Convention hotel, as well as a \$55.00 per day stipend, provided the delegate is registered, attends, and participates in all three (3) business sessions. To find out the exact amount your council's delegate will receive, please visit <http://iowakofc.org/convention>.

Pennies for Heaven and Vocational Support

Have your pennies for heaven checks ready when you register! All of these funds go to support vocational support offered to each of the four dioceses in the state. You can turn in your support during the registration process. Make sure to complete the vocational support form or online at <http://iowakofc.org/convention>.

Loras College Dance Marathon

We are excited about our partnership with Loras College and the Miracle Network Dance Marathon. We are raising funds for the University of Iowa Children's Hospital, and all youth in attendance Saturday evening will experience a mini- Dance Marathon! For more information and to donate before the Convention, please visit <http://iowakofc.org/convention/dance-marathon>.

Spiritual Opportunities

An array of various opportunities for spiritual renewal will be offered during the State Convention including daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Check the program upon check-in for additional information.

Trainings

We will offer an array of trainings focused on membership, fraternal programs, leadership development, finances and fundraising, strategic partnerships, and spiritual development. A partial list of trainings can be found by visiting <http://iowakofc.org/convention>.

Corks and Kegs – Beer and Wine Competition

This is a first-ever K of C beer and wine making competition. Held during State Convention Friday night hospitality – 7 April 2017. Open only to Iowa Knights of Columbus members – must be a member in good standing. To compete in this competition, brewers and vintners must abide by the following rules: This is a “for fun” competition: Knights do not have to be attending convention to enter the competition. Knights who are either amateur or professional brewers or vintners may enter.

All samples must be in bottles, no exception. You may enter both wine and beer competitions and may have multiple entries in each category.

Entries for Beer: must present 12 ounce bottles, 6 total for each style you enter

Entries for Wine: must present 750 ml bottles, 2 total for each style you enter

Email your intent to enter the competition with the following info to Convention Chair, Mike DeMouly at: demoulyl@hotmail.com

Name of brewer/vintner. (Must be a K of C in good standing – list council or assembly). ABV of beer, alcohol content of wine

Style: Beer – light ale, amber ale, dark ale, light lager, amber lager, dark lager, Belgian strong ale, specialty beer

Wine – red, white, sparkling, dessert, mead

Note: Your intent email must be received by 5 PM on April 1, 2017 in order to be entered in the competition.

Samples must be dropped off at the Convention Registration on Friday, April 7, 2017 and must be received by 5 PM that day to be considered. You may send your samples with your council delegates to the convention if you are not attending. You are not required to label your samples, but you must include a note with your name so we can ensure your entry is considered. Pre-chilled beer or wine is appreciated – if you need your creation chilled to serve, please let us know that!

We will use a simple 1-5 scoring sheet - your samples will be tasted and judged in a “free will” tasting by members and spouses attending the Friday night hospitality. There will be three prizes for beer, three for wine and best of show – all based on total points, ties decided by coin flip by the State Warden and the Committee Chairman.

Prizes: Best of show - \$100 Northern Brewer gift certificate. 1st prize – Beer/wine kit from Bluff Street Brewhaus in Dubuque

2nd prize – Case of wine/beer bottles from Bluff Street Brewhaus. 3rd prize – wine sommelier bottle opener/Pope Francis “Popener”



MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Mike Gasper

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Weigand has spent over a dozen years feeding the needy at Thanksgiving. I mention these two brothers specifically as both were Knights for a number of years before starting these ministries. Both have made a difference in the lives of those helped and served to inspire others to do likewise. They are not the only ones worthy of recognition—only brother’s whom I’ve been privileged to meet.

First point: A Knight may be a member for a number of years before having the opportunity to be truly active. Be patient with each other. All in Knighthood doesn’t mean always in everything.

Many Catholics and some Knights to whom I talk lament the current state of participation in our Catholic faith, especially here in northwest Iowa where our diocese is readying to close over 40 parishes. The questions what are we to do might produce various answers. For a Knight it is perhaps the opportunity to act to make a positive difference in his corner of the world. And he should not consider acting alone but inviting other Catholic men to stand with him to make that difference. Doing what you may ask? We can start with faithfully living the precepts of our religion including vocation to marriage, not as an impossible ideal, but as a holy challenge that can be met through the power of grace.

Second point: Actions count. Actions based on principle matter most. Grace will carry us through difficulties.

The Gospels call us to be active missionaries to the world and we are not to go alone. Knights of Columbus councils can be a leaven in their parishes inviting greater participation in the practice of faith. This means inviting other Catholic men to join us in building up the domestic church while strengthening our parishes. A group of active Catholic men is

vital to parish evangelization efforts. Those experienced and committed to living as active Catholic husbands and fathers can be as a mentor to the young men of his parish. Councils that act as a band of brothers give safe space to each member to be honest and accountable to each other about their life and faith.

Third point: we all need somebody to lean on. No man is an island

During the first 6 months of 2017 we are concentrating our membership growth efforts on building the domestic church while strengthening our parishes and we are doing so with the support of our Bishops. To motivate and celebrate our recruitment efforts we are rewarding our top recruiters with cash prizes. Our top recruiters in each diocese will have dinner with his bishop and the overall top recruiter in Iowa will attend Supreme Convention as his prize.

But none of that really matters unless each of us is courageous and invites another Catholic man to be a brother Knight of Columbus alongside of us.

Back to that film Silence – each of us have the privilege of answering this silence with our own faithful actions. Our Supreme Knight reminds us that Knights especially provide concrete answers in our works of charity, unity and fraternity. Remain faithful my brothers. Do what you can and then with Grace do some more. Support each other as brothers should. Invite others to be a part of our fraternity.

Vivat Jesus!

Remember More Knights bring More Hands (& Hearts) to raise More Funds (& and to evangelize doing God’s Word) for More People in need. Be Courageous! Ask a man to be a Knight! Be equally Courageous! Help a brother remain a Knight!

My Columbia magazine came today and my first glance on opening it fell on our Supreme Knight’s reflection upon Silence – Scorsese’s movie about persecution of Japanese Catholics. This film explores responses to the perception of a silent God in the face of evil. We see in All-in Catholic response from the peasants facing martyrdom and a Catholic-lite response from the more educated missionaries.

While not suffering the overt persecution of feudal Japan, we in our time can also wonder about the silence of God as we see large and often unwelcome changes in our American culture relative to religious faith. What might be the connection to membership?

Preparing these articles I spend time teasing out creative thoughts that I hope will inspire and motivate. Not all are original; a past and present slogan for Knights Membership is the experience of a lifetime—which lends itself to recognizing long time members. We all know at least someone – for instance the editor of this Knight Today Francis Schlueter – who has contributed for many years and in many ways and exemplify that slogan about a lifetime. In my travels around this state I’m privileged to meet other remarkable knights. One such is Harold Overmann of Spirit Lake. Brother Overmann in his retirement years started a ministry to reintegrate young men released from prison. Another long time Knight from Muscatine Jim

Ankeny Knights complete major “Rebuilding Together” project in Des Moines



When approached by Rebuilding Together Greater Des Moines with a unique and longer term project to put a three decades homeowner back into her fire devastated home, Ankeny Council 5038 graciously accepted to perform this Apostolic Action. Under the direction of PGK John Gaspari, skilled and unskilled volunteer Brother Knights and their family members along with able-bodied members of the recipient’s family and friends complete the repairs.

North Polk County Knights deliver Beds



Knowing that a good night's sleep can have a positive impact on the quality of life, Slumberland began the "Homes for the Holidays" program to provide new beds for families in need. Since 1993, Slumberland has partnered with local charities to identify and help families needing beds at home.

For the past decades, the Slumberland stores in the Des Moines Metro Area have participated in the Homes for the Holidays program and Msgr. J. M. Hanson Council 5038 in Ankeny has been with them from the get-go. On 12 December 2016, this proud partnership continued as Council 5038 organized the delivery of 68 beds to recipients determined by Lutheran Services in Iowa and Anawim Housing.

Future Fourth Degree Exemplifications

ALGONA, IOWA – EXEMPLIFICATION
Honoree – Deceased Sir Knight Doug Kollasch
SATURDAY, March 25, 2017
Columbian Hall
1501 E. Walnut St.
Algona, Iowa

DUBUQUE, IOWA – EXEMPLIFICATION
Honoree – Fr. Aloysius Schmitt
FRIDAY, APRIL 7th, 2017
Grand River Center
500 Bell Street
Dubuque, Iowa

ALTOONA, IOWA – EXEMPLIFICATION
Honoree – State Deputy Jon C. Aldrich
SATURDAY, April 22, 2017
SS John & Paul Parish
1401 1st Avenue South
Altoona, Iowa

The Exemplification fee is set at \$70 per candidate by Supreme. This fee includes social baldrick, lapel pin, and one meal ticket for the candidate.

Candidates are required to wear a black tuxedo, white tuxedo shirt with regular collar, black bow tie, black cummerbund, black shoes, and black socks.

Clergy, Military, Law Enforcement and Fire personnel have the option to wear dress uniform.

Candidate meal is no charge. Spouse and other guest banquet tickets are \$25 each in Algona, \$22 each in Dubuque and \$20 each in Altoona.

Fourth Degree Members are urged to attend the degree and banquet to support the new members.

Mail all copies of Fourth Degree Membership Documents (properly signed), along with a check (payable to Iowa District Master) for your \$70 Exemplification fee and additional spouse/guest banquet tickets to:

Steven J. Vonnahme, District Secretary
2314 4th Ave SE, Altoona, IA 50009-2701

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Steve at 515-669-8894 or email svonnahme@q.com.



GENERAL FUND

HELPING HANDS FUND

CULTURAL for LIFE FUND

PERSONS with INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES FUND

VOCATIONS and CATHOLIC EDUCATION FUND

FUNDING THE FOUNDATION

The Iowa Knights of Columbus Charitable Foundation functions on donations received and asks your consideration when considering a donation to a charity. The Foundation Board also encourages each council in Iowa to offer support to the foundation on an annual basis. Support will enable the foundation to serve Persons with Intellectual Disabilities, support Vocations, Catholic Education, Culture for Life and those less fortunate. When making a donation, please designate which fund you wish to support.

WHY SUPPORT THE FOUNDATION?

- We assist those less fortunate.
- We support Catholic Education.
- We grow Vocations.
- We support the Culture for Life.
- We help Persons with Intellectual Disabilities live better lives.

The Iowa Knights of Columbus Charitable Foundation is certified by the IRS as a 501(c)3 organization. All donations are tax deductible.

QUESTIONS

To ask questions or make donations to the Iowa Knights of Columbus Charitable Foundation please contact:

Tom Wittrock

Foundation Treasurer & Past State Deputy
at: 641-427-5741 C:515-370-1820
or his office 712-652-3916

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