



Knights Corner



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Grand Knight's Message:

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

What a great Christmas Mass and Whit Elephant Auction it was a lot of fun,. If you missed this year party you don't want to miss next year's party. Reminder about K.C. retreat at the Kings Retreat Center in Buffalo, if you still want to go sign up, do it soon as this event fills up fast.

My family and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Have a great month

Yours in Christ

Craig Solarz GK

MATT ROERS FAMILY THANK YOU

The family of Sir Knight, Matt Roers, gratefully thank everyone for their prayers, kindness shown, words expressed over the last few months, and the generous monetary donations given as a memorial for the Father Gappa Primary School in Africa.

God bless you,

Gertrude Roers and Family

BROOKLYN CENTER MEMORIAL UPDATE, It was voted not to help with the project. However, they do have an engraved Brick program that will help raise funds for the memorial. If you want to buy a brick and have your family name engraved on it you can do that, Cost is \$250.00 per brick. Contact GK Craig Solarz if you need more info.

FR BRAD'S MESSAGE

Greetings and God's Peace to all my Brother Knights and your families, and a Blessed December to you all. May the Incarnation and our preparation for His Coming, be sources of inspiration and hope for us all. In these last several weeks, I have felt God calling me to pray for all who are struggling with conflict and sadness in their lives, especially those who are sick, unemployed, and grieving at this tender time of year.

Amidst the joy of this Advent Season, I find myself reading multiple articles on "Domestic Abuse." I read the Saint Anthony Messenger, and find articles on the need for emotional and spiritual healing in families. I read commentaries on the Sunday Readings, and they speak to me about the need to confront those who are disconnected from Church and apart from God. Finally, in my daily prayer reflections, I read this passage: "A person bent on revenge moves unknowingly further and further away from being able to forgive. If we are without anger, we are without a source of energy. Hatred is the rabid dog that turns on its owner, and bitterness is the trap that snares the hunter. But mercy, reconciliation, and love are the choices that can set them all free." (From the "Applause of Heaven," by Max Lucado).

My God, you are trying to tell us something very important, and I believe it's this: to pray for peace and healing in our families and ourselves, and for the courage to confront those who we struggle with each day. If conflict and a lack of reconciliation have been a part of your family history, know that they have also been a part of mine. My Brother Knights, in this holiest of seasons, let us pray that all families, including our own, will celebrate all that is good about our family traditions: especially the ability to reconcile, comfort, and love. May we pray for families who are not at peace, that God's healing grace will inspire and strengthen them. Finally, may we pray for the strength to be good Catholic Christians, and the courage to confront, forgive, comfort, and heal. As your Faithful Friar, know that you remain in my prayers always, and I wish you and your families the happiest of Christmas Seasons, and much joy and peace in the New Year.

Please pray for me as well.

Oh Come, Let Us Adore Him, Christ the Lord! Sincerely Yours in Christ, Fr. Brad C. Baldwin, T.O.R.

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**THE FLOUR SACK
Reminiscences of Times Past**

IN THAT LONG AGO TIME WHEN THINGS WERE SAVED, WHEN ROADS WERE GRAVELED AND BARRELS WERE STAVED, WHEN WORN-OUT CLOTHING WAS USED AS RAGS AND THERE WERE NO PLASTIC WRAP OR BAGS, AND THE WELL AND THE PUMP WERE WAY OUT BACK, A VERSATILE ITEM, WAS THE FLOUR SACK.

PILLSBURY'S BEST, MOTHER'S AND GOLD MEDAL, TOO STAMPED THEIR NAMES PROUDLY IN PURPLE AND BLUE. THAT DURABLE, PRACTICAL FLOUR SACK.

THE SACK COULD BE FILLED WITH FEATHERS AND DOWN, FOR A PILLOW, OR WOULD MAKE A NICE SLEEPING GOWN.

IT COULD CARRY A BOOK AND BE A SCHOOL BAG, OR BECOME A MAIL SACK SLUNG OVER A NAG. IT MADE A VERY CONVENIENT PACK, THAT ADAPTABLE, COTTON FLOUR SACK.

BLEACHED AND SEWN, IT WAS DUTIFULLY WORN AS BIBS, DIAPERS, OR KERCHIEF ADORNED. IT WAS MADE INTO SKIRTS, BLOUSES AND SLIPS. AND MOM BRAIDED RUGS FROM ONE HUNDRED STRIPS.

SHE MADE RUFFLED CURTAINS FOR THE HOUSE OR SHACK, FROM THAT HUMBLE BUT TREASURED FLOUR SACK! AS A STRAINER FOR MILK OR APPLE JUICE, AS A SLING FOR A SPRAINED WRIST OR A BREAK, TO HELP MOTHER ROLL UP A JELLY CAKE, AS A WINDOW SHADE OR TO STUFF A CRACK,

WE USED A STURDY, COMMON FLOUR SACK! AS DISH TOWELS, EMBROIDERED OR NOT, THEY COVERED UP DOUGH, HELPED PASS PANS SO HOT, WE POLISHED AND CLEANED STOVE AND TABLE, SCOURED AND SCRUBBED FROM CELLAR TO GABLE, WE DUSTED THE BUREAU AND OAK BED POST, AND MADE COSTUMES FOR OCTOBER (A SCARY GHOST)

FROM THAT LOWLY, USEFUL OLD FLOUR SACK!

SO NOW MY FRIENDS, WHEN THEY ASK YOU AS CURIOUS YOUNGSTERS OFTEN DO,"BEFORE PLASTIC WRAP, ELMERS GLUE AND PAPER TOWELS, (con't next column)

Remember in your Prayers



Jan Wojtysiak
Denny Braget
Hames sister in law
Sylvia Kramer
Priests at St Al's
Jerry Hallerman
Mary Miller
Judy Kowalczyk
Gladys Claseman

And for others we may have missed and need our prayers.

**CARDS SENT TO
GET WELL**

Fr. Joe Stenger



**SYMPATHY
May he/she rest in peace**

Matt Roers, husband of Gert

Diane Roers, Matt & Gert sister-in-law
Mother-in law of Dave Holst

If you know of someone who may benefit from a card, contact Simon Fehn at 763-560-3971 or simon.f@usfamily.net

WHAT DID YOU DO?" TELL THEM LOUDLY AND WITH PRIDE DON'T LACK, "GRANDMOTHER HAD THAT WONDERFUL FLOUR SACK!"



Teach your children well

Raising children is without question the hardest job you'll undertake. It requires wearing more hats than you ever thought possible. One of the most important roles you accept as a parent is that of teacher. Before they even get to school, you'll teach your children so much, and before they get out into the world, you'll instill the values that they will carry with them through life.

Sometimes the values you want to impart (respect, compassion, accountability, financial responsibility, etc.) often run counter to what our instant-gratification driven society values and teaches. So, we strive to teach by example.

This is one good reason to carry enough life insurance to protect your family. This one simple act can show what you value. You'll show them that you love them and are concerned about their welfare. You'll show that you take your responsibility to provide for your family seriously, and that you want to make sure they're provided for even if you're not around. You'll show them that investing money in your life insurance protection is more important than the home theater system you've had your eye on, or whatever else you might be sacrificing to pay the premiums.

It will teach them about priorities. Sure, it may not sink in at the time, especially if any of the sacrifices made prevent them from filling what they see as their immediate "needs". In the long run, they will learn from what you do and what you don't do. Only you can choose the lessons you will teach.

Let's meet to review your existing coverage. Our detailed needs analysis, provided as part of your membership, will help inform you as to where your coverage may be lacking. We can plan today to secure your family's future and set in motion lessons that will last a lifetime. No pressure, just brother Knights working together to secure your family.

I'm at 612.743.6659 or joseph.hamand@kofc.org

Fourth Degree Article

News From Nicollet Assembly and the Fourth Degree

December is a month of celebration and a time for gathering with family and friends. We in the Fourth Degree often don our tuxedos and regalia for Honor Guards observing the Christmas Season, and begin with our monthly dinner meeting during the first week of December, by honoring the Ladies of our Assembly at the Dinner. In addition to music and good food, each Sir Knight is requested to bring a modest wrapped gift, which is then distributed to each of the Ladies present at the Dinner. The evening ends with Christmas caroling, and dancing to the tunes of the Holidays. Prayer is central to the evening, the common link among those present. We travel from the many parishes and communities that our members call home, yet reach out to be part of each others lives for this evening of enjoying color, laughter, and Christmas traditions.

The New Year will be soon upon us, with resolutions and a fresh start on our path as Knights of Columbus. Are you thinking about the Fourth Degree? Has one of your Fourth Degree brother Knights in your Council approached you, or invited Council members to consider membership in Fourth Degree? 2012 is the year for you to take the final step as a Knight and experience your faith journey beyond the confines of your parish.

Speak to one of us.....today!

STEP UP TO FOURTH DEGREE; Ken Hudoba Faithful Admiral Nicollet Assembly



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**Membership Meeting, 7 PM
First Thursday of the Month
St. Alphonsus School Cafeteria**
Planning Meeting, 7 PM
Third Thursday of the Month
St. Alphonsus CCD Building
St. Clement's Room 4111-71st Ave. N.

SPECIAL DAYS

- Jan 1 New Years Day
- Jan 3 Epiphany
- Jan 5 Super Bowl
- Jan 16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Feb 2 Ground Hog Day
- Feb 3 St Blasé Day
- Feb 8 World Day of Prayer
- Feb 12 Lincoln's Birthday
- Feb 14 Valentine's Day
- Feb 15 President's Day
- Feb 22 Ash Wednesday
- Feb 22 Washington's Birthday

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The Ladies Auxilians are relaxing after a busy holiday season with their families -- Hope you are doing likewise.

The Knights of Columbus invite the ladies to attend their January 5th meeting to hear their speaker from Women's Source in Osseo inform us about their work and goals.

A date to place on your calendars is Thursday, March 1, for the 6 PM mass which will be offered for our Ladies Auxilians with a pot luck to follow in the CSSR Hall.

A Blessed, Peace filled year to everyone.

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Dates to Remember

Jan 5 Membership Meeting 7 PM School Cafeteria
 SPECIAL SPEAKER FROM WOMEN'S SOURCE WILL BE AT THE MEETING. SHE WILL BE SPEAKING at 7 PM WITH OUR MEMBERSHIP MEETING TO FOLLOW.

Jan 13-15 Annual Knights Men Retreat, Fri, Sat, Sun at King's House Retreat in Buffalo, MN. Details were in last month's newsletter

Jan 19 Officer's Meeting 7 PM Faith Formation Bldg, St Clement's room

Jan 22 Breakfast 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM
 may be pancakes or French toast

Feb 2 Membership Meeting 7 PM School Cafeteria

Feb 16 Officer's Meeting 7 PM Faith Formation Bldg, St Clement's room