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# MOKENA KNIGHTHOOD

**COUNCIL MEETING IS ON WEDNESDAY JAN 12  
AT THE MOKENA VFW!**

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**RECORDER** Michael Baker  
**TREASURER** George StMarie  
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**WARDEN** Tom Lulinski  
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Carter Caul  
Albert Sparks  
**INSIDE GUARDS:**  
William Farhat  
Michael Doyle  
**TRUSTEES:**  
**3 YEAR** Peter Baker  
**2 YEAR** Bob Strezo  
**1 YEAR** Donald Zich  
**FIELD AGENT:** John Cinkus  
**KNIGHT OF THE QUARTER:**  
Jeff Kozinski



## George Washington's Monday morning prayer:

O eternal and everlasting God, I presume to present myself this morning before thy Divine majesty, beseeching thee to accept my humble and hearty thanks, that it hath pleased thy great goodness to keep and preserve me the night past from all the dangers poor mortals are subject to, and has given me sweet and pleasant sleep, whereby I find my body refreshed and comforted for performing the duties of this day, in which I beseech thee to defend me from all perils of body and soul. **Direct my thoughts, words and work. Wash away my sins in the immaculate blood of the lamb, and purge my heart by thy Holy Spirit,** from the dross of my natural corruption, that I may with more freedom of mind and liberty of will serve thee, the everlasting God, in righteousness and holiness this day, and all the days of my life. Increase my faith in the sweet promises of the Gospel. Give me repentance from dead works. Pardon my wanderings & direct my thoughts unto thyself, the God of my salvation. Teach me how to live in thy fear, labor in thy service, and ever to run in the ways of thy commandments. Make me always watchful over my heart, that neither the terrors of conscience, the loathing of holy duties, the love of sin, nor an unwillingness to depart this life, may cast me into a spiritual slumber. **But daily frame me more and more into the likeness of thy son Jesus Christ, that living in thy fear, and dying in thy favor, I may in thy appointed time attain the resurrection of the just unto eternal life.** Bless my family, friends & kindred unite us all in praising & glorifying thee in all our works begun, continued and ended, when we shall come to make our last account before thee blessed Saviour, who has taught us to pray, our Father.  
(A thought for the new year) Vivat Jesus

## MONDAY JANUARY 3: JOLIET ASSEMBLY MEETS

At Council 4400, 7:30 PM.

## WEDNESDAY JANUARY 12: COUNCIL MEETING AND OPEN HOUSE.

At the Mokena VFW, 19852 S. Wolf Road from 6:00 until 10:00 PM (article)

## SATURDAY JANUARY 15: POKER NIGHT 7:00 PM at Joe Kral's house, 19403 Kevin Ave.,

Mokena. Phone (708) 478 4543

## SUNDAY JANUARY 16: PAN- CAKE BREAKFAST.

We work together at this fun fundraiser for our council. All morning in Burnett Hall. Come and join the fun and raise money, too. Call Joe Kral at (708) 478 4543 to volunteer.

## TUESDAY JANUARY 25: OFFI- CER MEETING.

In the Deacon James Fitzgerald Room of St Mary School. 7:30 PM.



## THANK YOU KNIGHTS!

As reported by Email at Thanksgiving time, Brother John O Reilly's wife Rosemary had an unfortunate fall that broke her upper leg while visiting her daughter for Thanksgiving in Torrance, California. Many of our council members responded by sending her an outpouring of love while she was in the hospital and while celebrating an unexpected Christmas in California. We hope to see John and Rosemary back soon!

*From Rosemary:  
Thanks for all your love and caring!*



Our brave snow warriors attend the blessing of the nativity by our own Ordained Acolyte SK Nabil Halaby on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. Acolyte Halaby was assigned to the task by Father Jim. In a few months, brother Nabil will be ordained as Deacon at the Cathedral in Joliet. This milestone will occur on August 27—we should all plan to attend. Auxiliary Bishop SK Joseph Siegel has been appointed Caretaker Bishop of the Diocese of Joliet. We expect that he will perform the ordination since it generally takes some time for a new Bishop to be assigned by the Vatican.

Vivat Jesus

# WORTHY OF BELIEF!

On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, Bishop David Ricken, Bishop of the Diocese of Green Bay, Wisconsin, made the formal declaration that he approves the Marian apparitions at the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help located at Champion, Wisconsin. Bishop Ricken stated: "I declare with moral certainty and in accord with the norms of the Church that the events, apparitions and locutions given to Adele Brise in October of 1859 do exhibit the substance of supernatural character, and do hereby approve these apparitions as worthy of belief (although not obligatory) by the Christian faithful."

In October 1859, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared on three occasions to Adele Brise, a young Belgian immigrant. Brise stated that a lady dressed in dazzling white appeared to her and claimed to be the "Queen of heaven who prays for the conversion of sinners".

The Lady asked Brise to pray for sinners, as well as to gather the children and teach them what they should know for salvation. The Blessed Virgin followed the commands with these words of assurance to Adele Brise: "Go and fear nothing, I will help you."

Since 1859 countless faithful have made the pilgrimage to Champion, Wisconsin to offer prayers of thanksgiving and petition to Jesus and to ask for intercession of Our Lady of Good Help.

The declaration of December 8, 2010 makes Our Lady of Good Help at Champion, Wisconsin the first and only site in the United States of an approved apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help, Champion, Wisconsin

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## THOMAS GENOVESE

Our friend and brother knight Tom Genovese passed from this life on Sunday December 12. He had been in 24 hour hospice care and was failing for over a month. Tom's wife Marie said that he watched the Chicago Bears lose 36 to 7 on Sunday and gave up his life immediately afterward. Tom was 80 years old, father of six daughters and grandfather of 19 grandchildren. A Korean War veteran, he was a wonderful knight who will be sorely missed. We pray for Tom and his family.

## ABORTION FACTS

When the council pro life display of crosses and signs was in place in front of the Franciscan Mother House on St Francis Road last November, a passer by contacted Dwayne Meyers, business manager of the convent, to question the accuracy of the numbers. Our signs state that 50 million children have been killed so far at 25,000 per week. This prompted research. It turned out that the source for the abortion numbers of all the sources I consulted, regardless of politics, was the Guttmacher Institute, which is the PR arm of Planned Parenthood. They seem to be proud of their work! Our numbers are correct Joe Sluis

## COUNCIL

### .OPEN HOUSE

The council will host an open house at the Mokena VFW at 199th and Wolf Road on January 12 FROM 6:00 pm until 10:00 PM. The January council business meeting will be conducted by Grand Knight Jim Peppmuller during the open house by temporarily moving to another room. There will be an open bar and pizza! Prospective members and their wives, as well as your wives are cordially invited to attend. The last open house was a lot of fun. Come and enjoy!

# “I ALREADY HAVE INSURANCE AT WORK”

Many jobs offer some form of group life insurance. Often this insurance is an employee benefit provided at no charge, or for a small co-pay. Knowing that this coverage exists may convince someone that he doesn't need to discuss personally owned life insurance with an agent. That could be a mistake.

Most forms of group life insurance are limited in amount. That amount may be tied to a salary or some other benchmark, but often there is a cap. That cap may be dangerously low for your family's needs should you die. In fact, without a needs analysis (which I'll be happy to provide, free of charge), it may be completely unrelated to needs at death. In addition, the amount of insurance offered is almost always reduced—and sometimes dramatically—when you retire.

Especially today, there is a very real possibility that you could lose your job or that your benefits could be reduced. In either case, you can find yourself without coverage. If your health has changed in the meantime, you can find yourself out of luck.

While group life helps, it does not replace the need for individually owned life insurance. I'll be happy to meet with you and provide a free, custom-tailored needs analysis, so that you'll know exactly where you stand. Please give me a call.

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## WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS PARTIES!

Once again our council had some great parties at Christmas.

The annual “Nun’s Bingo” was a great success with Dan Michalak obtaining the gifts for the Bingo, Jim Peppmuller buying the beer and Lino Sbragia leading the singing. Some of our knights attended for the first time and made a point at the council meeting of discussing what a great time they had. The turnout was great while the weather was terrible.

The Council Christmas Party was held on the same day after the 5 PM Mass. 101 persons attended despite the lousy weather. This year Joe Kral attended garage sales in Mokena and bought eleven gifts that

were in like new or new condition. The gifts Joe bought were used by Santa at the council party and were very well received. Most of the gifts were suitable for young teens. Thanks to Joe's efforts the council saved about \$70 on gifts this year. The party was conducted by the usual crew. Santa Bob Strezo did his usual wonderful job. Al Sparks played the music while Lino Sbragia led the singing. Grand Knight Jim Peppmuller hosted. Everyone looks forward to next year's parties.



Grand Knight Jim Peppmuller



Al Sparks at his keyboard

# THE FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

The Northern Illinois District of the Fourth Degree will conduct its annual exemplification of new members on February 26, 2011. The event will take place at the Wyndham Hotel, 3000 Warrenville Road, Lisle, IL. (Hotel phone number 630 505 1000). This is a very large event with participation by numerous assemblies. Approximately 200 new fourth degree Sir Knights will be exemplified.



Each assembly has a hospitality suite. The Joliet Assembly hospitality suite will be in rooms 601 through 603 of the hotel. The suite will have snack food, beer, wine and liquor at no charge for our members and guests—all knights and their guests are cordially invited to join the Joliet Assembly in their suite. The suite will operate on Saturday February 26 from 11:00 AM until 4:15PM—closing during the Mass— open from 5:30 PM until 6:45 PM—closing during the banquet—and then open after the banquet until ??

Candidates for the fourth degree must be checked in by 11:30 AM. Registration starts at 10:30 AM. The candidates will then be isolated from their wives and guests until approximately 3:00 PM when their exemplifications end. Candidates will receive lunch.

Candidate wives may attend the ladies luncheon with other fourth degree ladies that will take place from 11:30 until about 12:15. The luncheon is a fun event for all ladies, cost is \$22.00. After the luncheon a room in the hospitality suite will be available for the ladies to change into their banquet dresses.

The Mass starts at 4:30 PM. The evening banquet starts at 7:00 PM and costs \$40.00 per person. Dress for guests is “normal business attire”. Advance reservations are required for the luncheon and for the dinner —tickets should be picked up at the registration table in the lobby of the hotel.

The Master of the Fourth Degree has made arrangements for a special room rate for those staying overnight. The rate is \$92.00 plus tax. If you plan to get a room, mention that you are part of the Fourth Degree Exemplification. A room on the sixth floor is recommended.

The form on the back of this page is to be used for your reservations. Note that the deadline for sending them in is **FEBRUARY 7, 2011!** Send the form, with your check to: (Make checks payable to KofC Joliet Assembly #204)

Knights of Columbus  
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1026 Stonegate Road  
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(Phone) 815 485 5599



This form is to used by 3rd & 4th degree members wishing to attend the Exemplification

## RESERVATION FORM - 2011 EXEMPLIFICATION DUE BY FEBRUARY 7

(Please Print)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Council Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

*The Assembly needs the following INFORMATION to proceed with your application.*

### **Candidate & Guest Registration:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Candidates Initiation Fee of \$70.00 (**\$45.00 Priest or Religious Brother**)  
Includes the following: Initiation into the Fourth Degree, a social baldric,  
Fourth Degree lapel pin and one ticket to the Fourth Degree Banquet.

**Candidates choose your dinner entrée below.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Fourth Degree Banquet tickets \$40.00. (Spouse, family, and additional reservations

\_\_\_\_\_ Sirloin Steak with Chicken or \_\_\_\_\_ Broiled Salmon

\_\_\_\_\_ Ladies Luncheon tickets \$22.00

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL amount enclosed

### **Hotel Reservation:**

Will you need hotel reservation?

The phone number for the hotel is 630-505-1000 or 866-615-4206

In addition, request a sixth floor room

**ROOM RESERVATION CUT OFF DATE IS JANUARY 21, 2011**

**Mention you are with the Knights of Columbus for this rate.**

Rooms are \$92.00 plus tax per night

**MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: KofC JOLIET ASSEMBLY #204**

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