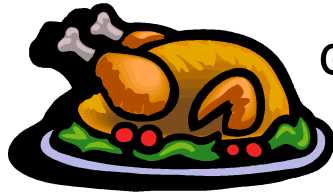


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NOVEMBER



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KNIGHT OF THE QUARTER:
Dave Adams

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 1:

ALL SAINTS DAY: St Mary Church will have Masses at 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM and 7:30 PM.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 2:

ALL SOULS DAY: Masses are at the same times as All Saints Day.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5:

THE BISHOP'S BURSE. This is the annual banquet for the Bishops of the Joliet Chapter of which we are all members. Note that the deadline for payment is Oct. 31!

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6:

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Come and help the council with this great fund raiser. The breakfast runs from 8:00 AM until noon in Burnett Hall. Contact Joe Kral at (708) 478 4543 to volunteer. Bring your family!

MONDAY NOVEMBER 7:

FOURTH DEGREE MEETS:
At Council 4400, 7:30 PM

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 8:

COUNCIL MEETING: In Burnett Hall at 7:00 PM. Note that the council meeting will start at 7:00 PM instead of 7:30!

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 10:

MEMORIAL MASS: The Mass remembers all those knights and relatives who died in the past year from the twelve councils of the Joliet Assembly. The Mass starts at 7:30 PM at St Jude Church in Joliet. (Article Page 3)

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 11: THE FEAST OF ST MARTIN OF TOURS:

This feast is probably the origin of "Trick or Treat". See the article inside this newsletter on Page 2.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 15: OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS MEET:

In the Deacon Fitzgerald Room at 7:30 PM.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 19:

POKER NIGHT: At Tim Cosgrove's house, 1026 Stonegate Road, New Lenox. Call (815) 485 5599 . Bring your favorite drinks and enjoy your brother knights!

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 24: THANKSGIVING DAY



SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS

Martin was born in the year 316 AD. His father was a tribune in the Imperial Horse Guard of the Roman Army who was transferred to what is now Pavia, Italy when the boy was small. When Martin was ten years old he went to the local Christian Church against his parents' wishes and became a catechumen of the newly legal religion. When he was fifteen years old he was required to join the cavalry since he was the son of a cavalry officer.

In 334 Martin was stationed in what is now Amiens, France where he experienced the vision that became the most told story about his life. He and his soldiers encountered a beggar dressed in rags at the city gate of Amiens. Martin impulsively cut his cloak in half and shared it with the beggar. That night he dreamed of Jesus wearing the half cloak he had given away. He heard Jesus say to the angels: "Here is Martin, the Roman soldier who is not baptized; he has clad me." The dream completed his conversion and Martin was baptized at the age of 18. He then told his superiors "I am a soldier of Christ. I cannot fight" and after being jailed for a short time for cowardice he was expelled from the Roman army.

After the army, Martin declared his vocation. He made his way to Tours, France where he became a disciple of Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers. The Church was battling heresy then with some Bishops supporting the Trinity as God in three persons and others supporting Arianism which taught that God had created Jesus Christ. As a believer in the Trinity, Martin was expelled from Tours with his Bishop and later from Milan. He became a monastic hermit.

In 361 Martin returned to Tours and established a monastery near the city. He then traveled and preached throughout western France. In 371 Martin was elected Bishop of Tours and began a campaign of destroying pagan temples of the Druids and Romans. In one instance local Druids did not complain when their ancient temple was destroyed but opposed him and his priests when they began to cut down their sacred fir tree! Martin of Tours died in 397 AD.

Veneration of Martin began at his death and grew to such a large extent that a great basilica was built to house his remains in 461. Devotion to St Martin spread throughout Europe. The remnant of his military cloak, conserved at the Abbey of Marmoutier near Tours, was carried by the Frankish kings everywhere they went and led them into battle. The cloak was a holy relic on which oaths were sworn. Priests entrusted with the care of the cloak were called *capellani*, which is the origin of the modern title *chaplain*.

In 1870 the French government moved to Tours for safety during the Franco-Prussian war. The tomb of St Martin had recently been discovered and his basilica had been rebuilt. On October 18 the flag of Sacre Coeur led the French army in a victorious battle at Patay. The banner had been embroidered on the reverse side with "Saint Martin Protect France" by Carmelite nuns of Tours. The French believed that St Martin had interceded for them and devotion to his memory spread again throughout Europe.

Our custom of giving gifts at Christmas started as a medieval custom of giving them on November 11, St Martin's Day. The children of Northern Europe still receive candy on this day when they go from house to house singing songs about St Martin and carrying paper lanterns. Fasting for forty days beginning on St Martin's Day is a medieval tradition that has now become "Advent".

Vivat Jesus



"St Martin and the Beggar" (El Greco)

WE WELCOME OUR NEW BROTHERS



Father Benjamin Lubega



Eric Grant



Brian McMahon

At the October meeting of our council we welcomed three new men into the First Degree of the order. Father Lubega is a Priest from Uganda who was introduced to us by Father Dennis Kasule. Eric Grant and Brian McMahon are citizens of Mokena. We welcome these gentlemen to the largest evangelical men's organization of laymen in the world—the 1.8 million member Knights of Columbus! Vivat Jesus

MEMORIAL MASS

On November 10 the twelve councils of the Joliet Assembly will get together to honor and pray for those who have left us to return to God in the past year. The Mass will take place at 7:30 PM at St Jude Church on McDonough Street in Joliet. The church is located about three city blocks west of Larkin Avenue. McDonough is the first traffic light north of Interstate 80.

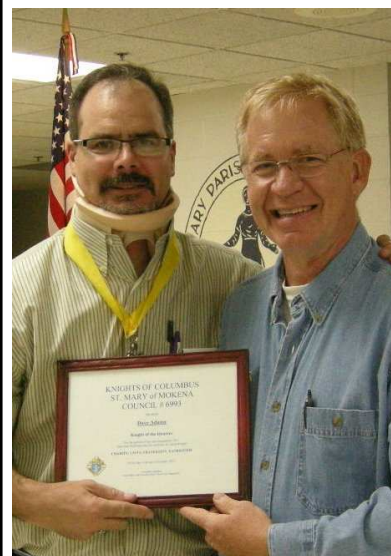
St Jude Council 10637 will host the event. Father John McGeean, Pastor of St Joseph Church in Manhattan and Faithful Friar of the Joliet Assembly will celebrate the Mass. A reception will follow in the St Jude Parish Hall.

Names of those to be remembered are provided by the Grand Knights of the councils attending. All deceased knights, their deceased family members and close friends should be included in our remembrance and prayers. All interested knights, their relatives and friends are welcome and should attend.

The Joliet Assembly will provide a Fourth Degree honor guard for this Mass.

KNIGHT OF THE QUARTER

Our newest Knight of the Quarter is Dave Adams. Dave joined the council in 2008 and promptly assumed an active role. He completed his Third and Fourth Degrees in record time, has always been an untiring worker at council events and has initiated new activities for us. His newest project is the "Adopt a Platoon" program that is described on page 5 of this newsletter.



Chairman Mark Welch presents the Knight of the Quarter Certificate

is described on page 5 of this newsletter.

Dave currently serves the council as advocate. The neck brace he presently wears has not slowed him down and indicates to all that Dave Adams will be a force in the future of our council.

Congratulations Dave and thank you!

MORE COUNCIL AWARDS!



District Deputy Greg Quinn presented Grand Knight Don Bauc with two awards at the October meeting. At left, Don receives the RSVP Award, given for council participation in the program to donate \$500 to a worthy seminarian. At right is the presentation of the Columbian Award which represents participation by the council in numerous community and church activities. These awards were earned for activities under the leadership of Past Grand Knight Jim Peppmuller who deserves our thanks for his great leadership.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR PLANNING AHEAD!

A LOT OF EVENTS COMPETE FOR OUR ATTENTION
THIS TIME OF YEAR. HERE ARE SOME!

NOVEMBER 15—DEADLINE FOR TURNING IN VOCATIONS RAFFLE TICKETS

NOVEMBER 10—THE MEMORIAL MASS

NOVEMBER 25—LAST DAY TO BUY TICKETS FOR THE CHARITY BALL

DECEMBER 3—THE CHARITY BALL

DECEMBER 5—FOURTH DEGREE OPEN HOUSE

DECEMBER 10—NUN'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY (NUN'S BINGO)

DECEMBER 10—COUNCIL CHRISTMAS PARTY (SANTA IS PLANNING TO COME)

FOURTH DEGREE OPEN HOUSE

The Joliet Assembly will hold its annual open house on Monday December 5. All knights, regardless of degree are invited to attend the open house, learn about the fourth degree, meet the men of the Joliet Assembly and enjoy a free meal! The open house will be at the council hall of Council 4400 on Cass Street in Joliet starting at 7:00 PM. The driveway to the hall is the first driveway west of the railroad viaduct that you cross under when entering Joliet from the east on US 30. (Just past the road going into Pilcher Park)

Men will be there from other councils as well as from Mokena. It is always a fun time. The Assembly will be recruiting you to join the Fourth Degree of the order. In order to be eligible, you must be a first degree knight for six months as of February 11, 2012 and must have completed the third degree sometime before that date.

The assembly will raffle a sword using applications to join as the raffle tickets.

Members of the assembly will have to pay \$5.00 for the meal.



ADOPT A PLATOON

COUNCIL 6993 HAS ADOPTED TEN SOLDIERS SERVING IN AFGHANISTAN. WE WILL SEND PACKAGES OF FRIENDSHIP TO THEM AS OFTEN AS WE CAN.

TO SUPPORT THE TEN TROOPS, YOUR DONATIONS ARE NEEDED AS WELL AS LETTER WRITING SKILLS. ITEMS WE CAN SEND TO THE TROOPS ARE:

FOOD ITEMS: HEALTHY POCKET SNACKS (NUTS, SEEDS, GRANOLA BARS, DRIED FRUIT, JERKY, SHORT SLIM JIMS, TRAIL MIX), DRINK MIX SINGLES, POP TOP CANNED FOODS, READY TO EAT MEALS, TUNA OR CHICKEN PACKS, POP TARTS, COOKIES, CRACKERS, ETC.

HYGIENE ITEMS: TOOTHPASTE AND BRUSHES, BODY WASH, DEODORANT, BABY/BATH WIPES, FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS (THERE ARE SOME WOMEN), FOOT POWDER, LOTION, COMBS, NAIL CLIPPERS, LIP BALM, AIR FRESHENER, ETC.

COLD WEATHER NEEDS: UNDERSHIRTS, BLACK, ARMY GREEN OR BROWN WOOL BOOT SOCKS, BLACK MITTENS OR GLOVES, BLANKETS, HAND WARMERS, FOOT WARMERS, ETC.

HUMANITARIAN AID: (THE SOLDIERS TRY TO HELP LOCAL KIDS) BOOKS, TOYS, CRAYONS, COLORING BOOKS, SOCCER BALLS, ETC.

MORALE ITEMS: LETTERS AND MAIL, PHOTOS FROM HOME, PENS, STATIONERY AND ENVELOPES, CURRENT MAGAZINES, PUZZLE BOOKS, BLANK GREETING CARDS TO SEND HOME, BOARD GAMES, FRISBEES, OUTDOOR SPORTS BALLS, ETC.

GENERAL RULES ARE THAT PRESSURIZED CONTAINERS ARE NOT ALLOWED, ITEMS SHOULD BE LIGHT WEIGHT IF POSSIBLE, AND HOLIDAY ITEMS SHOULD BE DONATED IN TIME FOR THE SLOW MAIL SERVICE TO GET THE MATERIAL TO THE TROOPS.



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BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO OUR COUNCIL MEETINGS. QUESTIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO CHAIRMAN DAVE ADAMS AT (708) 479 7533 OR BY EMAIL AT DAVIDADAMS214@COMCAST.NET



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JOLIET ASSEMBLY OPEN HOUSE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2011

Invite your council Brother Knights to join the 4th Degree

PLAN ON JOINING US FOR A NIGHT OF FUN, FOOD & REFRESHMENTS

WHEN: MONDAY DECEMBER 5th AT 7:30PM

WHERE: Holy Trinity Council #4400, 1813 E. Cass (U.S. 30)

THE GOODIES: A Great Meal Serving Time at 6 pm

THE EXTRAS: A Full Cash Bar, Door Prizes, 50/50, Cards, Raffles

THE COST: Free to ALL 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Degree Brother Knights
\$5.00 for ALL 4th DEGREE SIR KNIGHTS

4th DEGREE ELIGIBILITY: Must be First Degree for 6 months, 3rd Degree one day
If you joined before August 10, 2011 you are eligible

ALL 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degree Knights who have completed a 4th Degree
Application for the 2-10-12 Exemplification will be eligible for the drawing
of a 4th Degree sword.

FORM 4'S MUST BE IN HAND BY THE OPEN HOUSE FOR DRAWING.

INFO: Joe Sluis 815-469-9204 or Peter Baker 815-806-1499

Invite Your Council Brother Knights To Attend

2012 4th DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

February 10, 2012 LISLE, ILLINOIS

RESERVATION FORM - 2012 EXEMPLIFICATION

DUE BY JANUARY 25, 2012

(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,

a Fourth Degree lapel pin, and a ticket to the Fourth Degree Banquet.

Candidate choose your dinner entrée below.

_____ Fourth Degree Banquet tickets \$45.00. (Spouse, family, and additional reservations)

_____ Beef _____ Fish

_____ 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

and request a 6th floor room

ROOM RESERVATION CUT OFF DATE IS JANUARY 14, 2012

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

Mail Form and Check:

Knights of Columbus c/o Tim Cosgrove, FC. 1026 Stonegate Road New Lenox IL 60451 815-485-5599

*At this time September 2011 this was 2011 price

THE CHARITY BALL

WHAT IS IT? The annual dinner dance for all Joliet Assembly councils. All knights, their ladies and adult friends are welcome. Sponsored by the Joliet Assembly.

WHERE AND WHEN? The Ball follows Mass by Bishop Conlon at St Jude Church in New Lenox. After the Mass all will go to the beautiful new American Legion Hall on South Cedar Road in New Lenox. The Mass is at 5 PM on Saturday December 3. The Ball starts at 6:30. Dinner is followed by dancing until about 10:30.

WHAT HAPPENS? The Joliet Assembly raises funds each year for Birthright, The Deaf Apostolate, and Catholic Charities. Presentations are made after dinner to these charities. Bishop Conlon will be the honored guest.

WHAT KIND OF EVENT? The event is semi formal with men in jacket and tie or tuxedo and ladies in dance dress. The meal will be served to you on china plates with metal silverware. Tables are set for eight. Cash bar.



THE MENU?

Salad and rolls

Roast Tenderloin or Chicken Marsalis

Potato

Green Beans Almandine

Coffee and cake



MUSIC? A great disco will provide dance music.

SIGN US UP FOR THE BALL! (Send in this coupon—this event is by reservation only—no sales at door)

Name: _____ Council _____

Please indicate (number) _____ Roast Tenderloin _____ Chicken Marsalis

Send a Check for \$ 45.00 per person to: Mr. Peter Baker, 11278 Cedarwood Ct., Frankfort, IL 60423.

Phone (815) 806 1499

(Make out checks to the Knights of Columbus)

(Reservations must be received no later than November 25)