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ON COURSE..SIR KNIGHT RONALD SWOLLEY



My Fellow Sir Knights:

Happy New Year! I sincerely hope the New Year finds you all in good health and filled with the Lord's blessings and rejoicing in the Lord's goodness. Think back to the words of John, "Beloved, we have this confidence in Him that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in regard to whatever we ask, we know that what we have asked him for is ours." What powerful words of hope and joy! As Knights, we should be especially aware of these words. Our organization is focused on doing good and seeking to accomplish God's will on earth. Keep up the prayers. Keep up the hope. Keep up the joy. Our community, our nation and our world needs our example and our support.!

I want to especially thank all the Sir Knights that were present for the visitation and funeral for Fr. Eugene Finnell, late pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church in Morton. The turnout was exceptional and we received very positive comments from Fr. Mark (Blessed Sacrament's current pastor) and from the funeral home directors on the reverence and professionalism we displayed. That's truly a tribute to all of our brother Sir Knights. Thank you and God bless you.

What a month coming up. The Super Bowl will soon be history. Valentine's Day will be sneaking up on us on the 14th and we need to be ready to thank those special ladies that provide us with the support and love we need to fulfill our mission.

And, can you believe it? Ash Wednesday will be here on the 25th of February, thus beginning our Lenten season, which is one of the busiest times of the year for our Degree.

Time goes fast when we're having fun, doesn't it?

Vivat Jesus,
SK Ron Swolley,
Faith Navigator

NOTICE!!

February Business Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of Spalding Assembly 0206, 4th Degree Knights of Columbus will be Wednesday, February 11, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Radnor Road in Peoria.

If anyone wants to bring a snack to share, please feel free to do so!!

'Don't Worry About Tomorrow!
After all, today is the tomorrow you worried about
yesterday.'

MARCHING ORDERS



FEBRUARY HONOR GUARDS

Saturday, February 14 - Marriage Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, Peoria - 4:00 p.m.
Dress at 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 15 - White Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, Peoria - 10:30 a.m.
Dress at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, February 15 - Boy Scout Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, Peoria - 3:30 p.m.
Dress at 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 19 - Confirmation at St. John the Baptist, Bradford - 7:00 p.m.
Dress at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 21 - ADA Kick-Off Mass, St. Mary's Cathedral, Peoria - 10:30 a.m.
Dress at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, February 22 - Pontifical Volunteer Mass, St. Mary's Cathedral, Peoria - 10:30 a.m.
Dress at 10:00 a.m.
Brunch follows at Kickapoo Creek Winery, Edwards, Illinois

SK Bakhos Alwan, Faithful Captain



2009 DUES ARE NOW DUE AND PAYABLE!!

2008 DUES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15.00 ARE NOW SERIOUSLY PAST DUE AND ARE IMMEDIATELY PAYABLE. THOSE OF YOU IN ARREARS ARE FACING IMMINENT REMOVAL FROM THE ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP ROLLS. THIS IS THE FINAL NOTICE.

SEND DUES TO:

SK TOM EATON

211 EAST CRESTWOOD STREET, MORTON, IL 61550

February Dinner

Knights of Columbus Hall
616 West David Street
Morton, Illinois

Cocktails at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Menu:

Lettuce Salad

Two Choices of Pasta: Lasagna and Spaghetti Casserole

Relishes

Garlic Bread

Dessert

Buffet Style - - \$14.00 Per person

Dress - - Casual

Make Reservations by February 11th
Call Tom Eaton at (309) 266-9865

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES:

All newsletter articles from the officers or other Sir Knights need to be received by the newsletter editor no later than the 25th of the month for publication in the next month's newsletter.

HAVE YOUR EVER LOST YOUR NEWSLETTER (OR DID NOT RECEIVE ONE):

The 4th Degree Newsletter is on the web. Go to the Spalding Council web-site - - - (www.kofcspalding.com), and click on the 4th Degree pages. The monthly newsletter is usually on the web-site before you get yours by mail, thanks to the web-master, Paul Sullivan.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES?

If you have e-mail, and would like to receive the newsletter in this manner, please send me an e-mail and let me know your address. My e-mail address is: janeandtom@verizon.net

If you decide you want to receive the newsletter by e-mail, please be advised that when it is sent it will show that it is coming from Jane Martin.

I am not a mindreader. If you change your e-mail address, please let me know. It is best you do this by sending me an e-mail with the new/correct address. Thanks.



Come Join Us!

*Bishop Jenky cordially invites you to attend the
Pontifical Volunteer
Mass & Brunch
Sunday, February 22, 2009*

*Mass at
the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception
at 10:30 a.m.*

*Brunch immediately following Mass at
Kickapoo Creek Winery, Edwards, Illinois*

Driving Directions to the Winery:

<http://www.kickapocreekwinery.com/AboutUs/DrivingDirections/tabid/85/Default.aspx>

*Please R.S.V.P. to Laurie Ulbrich at lulbrich@cdop.org
or call 309-671-1550 by Friday, February 6, 2009*



CHURCH IN THE WEEDS

Just two little boys
Walking down a dusty lane....
They came upon this old white house...
With broken window panes.

The paint was faded, the shine was gone...
The grass had grown so high...
Still they made their little feet
go wee what was inside.

They opened up the squeaky door
And then it came to light...
This must have been an old church house...
Once upon a time.

Dirty, dusty wooden pews...
A pulpit that still stood...
A Bible laid upon it...
Though the pages weren't too good.

An offering plate and song books too...
Were lying on the floor.
They must have left this old church fast...
The day they closed these doors.

And over in the corner...
A piano was still there.
It must have played a pretty tune...
But I guess nobody cared.

So little Bill looked up at Tommy..
And Tommy looked at Bill...
Why don't we clean this old church up,
And get these old pews filled?"

They took a rag and wiped the dust...
To try and make things shine..
And then they took the offering plate...
And put in it their last dime.

They took a broom and swept the floor...
And picked up broken glass...
They got it all so nice and neat..
And then they mowed the grass.

They lifted up the old church sign...
And stood it by a tree...
Right down by that old dirt road
Where everyone could see.

They ran back home, to find Daddy gone
But their Momma was inside...
Just to find her hurt again...
Where Daddy had made her cry.

'Don't cry Momma, wipe those tears,'
Little Bill and Tommy smiled...
Cause! We have a big surprise for you...
Just down the road a mile.'

Hand in hand they tugged at her.
Until they made her run...
'What is it Bill, Oh Tommy,
Just what have you two kids done?'

And then they came upon the house...
Once hidden by the weeds...
And there it stood a country church...
Just like it used to me.

'But what is it, Mother? What's with your tears?
We thought this would bring you joy.'
'Yes, but hush kids now and listen close...
My two sweet precious boys.'

They both got quiet and stood real still...
For the words they heard so true...
Was Daddy praying in the church...
With his head bowed on the pew.

'Forgive me Lord! Forgive me Lord!
Though I'm not worthy of Your love...
Shine down on this sinner man,
Sweet Salvation from above.'

'For I've been out in the world, You know...
Living my life all wrong...
Until I came upon this church;
The place where I belong.'

'I never noticed it before...
All those times I passed it up..
I guess I wasn't looking, Lord...
Or maybe I was drunk.'

'Bless oh Lord, yes, bless oh Lord...
The one who made me see..
This little church that used to hid...
Behind all those tall weeds.'

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And then he raised his head and stood...
With his hands high in the air...
To find two dirty, tear-faced boys...
With Momma standing there.

They ran up to him, hugged him tight...
As their tears fell on the floor.
'Don't worry kids, I'm not the Dad,
The one you've known before.'

Things are different for us now..
So keep on those pretty smiles...
And let's go gather people in ...
To walk down these church aisles.'

Then Bill looked up at Tommy...
And Tommy looked at Bill...
'Come on brother, let's get to work...
To get these old pews filled.'

'For we need no special blessing...
For cleaning up this church...
'cause, God gave us back our Daddy...
And that's more than gold is worth.'

Sunday morning, pews are filled
And smiles on every face...
Especially two little country boys...
The ones who found this place.

Though it was hid back in the weeds...
And so far out of sight...
Nothing's ever hard to find
If you're walking toward God's light.

1 John 1:7 we walk in the light as He is in the light,
we have fellowship with one another, and the blood
of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us for all sin.'

Expect the unexpected...
Have a Happy Day!