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January 2014 Newsletter

Knights of Columbus Degree Team

First off, Happy New Year! 2013 was a spectacular year for our council, and a wonderful first year in our new church and meeting room.

First impressions are the ones that last. Being a brother Knight, first impressions are set in the First Degree Ceremony. A little over fifteen years ago, I experienced my first impression. Eleven other gentlemen and I were held in the Anti-Chamber, each with inquisitive expressions on our faces. Our Warden, busily ensuring all of the paperwork and checks had been properly filled out and accounted for, told us to line up and follow the directions as given. The next hour would literally set the tone for the rest of my life. I had a wonderful and memorable First Degree.

In the Knights of Columbus organization, each Council should provide a First Degree Team that is responsible for setting this first impression, with the format, content, and direction of the ceremonials founded in the same process that Fr. McGivney provided long ago. The team is made up of volunteers from the Council, and must be certified by the District Deputy before being allowed to conduct a ceremony. Each is trained in their role in the ceremony, and most members provide backups for other members. The team occasionally meets to rehearse the ceremony and even try out different roles. The team is made up of three

primary roles (Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, and Chancellor), four supporting roles (Financial Secretary, Warden, Inside and Outside Guards), and a Music Man. The primary roles are the main speakers of the ceremony, with the supporting roles providing well timed comments or descriptions. A well-rehearsed team, confident in their parts, provides a lasting first impression to the newly inducted Brothers.

At this time, our First Degree Team is looking for additional members to help with the ceremonies. Currently, this team is comprised of a core set of members that have been together for nearly eight years. We only have exactly one person per role, which can be a challenge to fill if someone has a scheduling conflict. Ideally, we would have at least two members for each position, allowing for a reasonable balance of attending the ceremonies. Our Council utilizes a regularly scheduled First Degree every other month, (January, March, May, July, September, & November), timed

to be just prior to our normal business meeting on the second Thursday of each month. The true goal of this request is to build up a larger team to better ensure that we properly establish that first impression.

On March 2nd, 2014, our Council is sponsoring a Major Degree (1st, 2nd, and 3rd degrees in one day). This will include candidates from multiple councils, Our First Degree Team will be handling the First Degree of this event. As such, we will be setting rehearsals in the weeks and months to come. Please consider joining us for these rehearsals and find out firsthand how you may fit in the Degree Team. No role is too small, no activity to minuscule. Come and be part of a team that sets first impressions which lasts a lifetime.

Please contact me, Joe Dent, for any questions. I can be reached at joe@dentsoft.com, or 618-281-3668.

Vivat Jesus,
Joe

Calendar of Events

Every Tuesday Eucharistic Adoration at the Old Church

01/05 - Epiphany

01/09 - First Degree Ceremony - 7:00pm

01/09 - General Membership Meeting - 7:30pm

01/19 - KC Blood Drive - ICC Garden Area - 8:00am-1:00pm

01/21 - KC Card Lotto - Columbia Convalescent Home - 7:00pm

01/27 - 1st Anniversary Mass - 7:00pm

02/13 - General Membership Meeting - 7:30pm

02/15 - KC Spelling Bee (Tentative Date)

02/18 - KC Card Lotto - Columbia Convalescent Home - 7:00pm

03/02 - Major Degree Ceremony - ICC Garden Area - 12:30pm

Knights of Columbus Council #6165 Milestones

Knight of the Year Mark Funfsinn

Dear Brother Knights,

When we choose to become a more active member of our Council, we are rewarded in ways we never expect. For example, I discovered that our Council offers many opportunities to serve God and others while making new friends in our parish and community. And that alone makes it all worthwhile. So it is humbling to receive the recognition of "Knight of the Year" and I thank all of you for this honor! You made it easy and enjoyable to lead our Council as Grand Knight and I ask that you continue to support our new GK Bob Stadler. We are on a great team and we can do so much more together!

Thanks again for all you do! Vivat Jesus!
Mark Funfsinn



Dear Brother Knights,

Joe Dent, our current Treasurer and past Grand Knight, requested to update you and request assistance with our **First Degree** ceremonies for new Knights desiring to join our Council. With that, I will be brief this month, but wanted to update you on a few items.

Our 2013 year finished in typical outstanding manner. Our annual **Parish Christmas Party** was enjoyed by all in attendance. While the kids enjoyed a visit from Santa, we estimate we served approximately 300 chicken dinners on Saturday, 12/14/13. Thanks to all who worked to make this another memorable event.

At the party, Mark A. Funfsinn was named our 2013 "**Knight of the Year**", having contributed much time, talent & treasure to our Council, as well as serving in many other roles for our Church.

Our **Nativity raffle** was very successful, having sold all 400 tickets, the last of which just before the drawing at the party. The winner, Dennis Krupp, was drawn by Fr. Chris.

Please join us for our next **general membership meeting** in our Knights of Columbus room at ICC on Thursday, 1/9/14. Also, please mark your calendars and plan to attend our Council's hosting of **Major Degree Ceremonies** on Sunday, 3/2/14.

Vivat Jesus!
Bob Stadler
Grand Knight

Years of Continuous Service - Council

Eugene L Beiermann	77
James E Toenjjes	57
Rick J Flinn	40
Robert J Schueler	39
Michael J Budde	34
Jerome C Gilbreth	34
Daniel A Kish	29
Allen L Ziegler	29
Michael G Gibson	26
Richard C Sambo	23
Joseph R Gundlach	16
Paul J Butler	14
Kevin W Hutchinson	10
Alcibiades R Perez	3
Thomas R Braun	2



Congratulations
Dennis Krupp
2013 Raffle Winner