



Knights of Columbus

FOURTH DEGREE

Patriotic degree of the Order.

ASSEMBLY 2420 March 2011 Newsletter

- ✱ I haven't sent out a newsletter in a while so this one is a little long. Note that my email is again not working so I have to check it from elsewhere so there may be a delay on getting back to anyone.
- ✱ Note: I will be out of town from this Thursday, March 31st to Sunday, April 3rd and also for the weekend of April 15th to 17th.

News:

- ✱ Here's the latest quotes:

“I shall never believe that God plays dice with the world.”

- Albert Einstein

“Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God.”

- Leo Buscaglia

- ✱ I'm sure we have all been watching the earthquakes and tsunamis that have been causing such widespread death, destruction and suffering all over the world in the last few years. It sure seems that earthquakes and volcanos all over the world are becoming much more active. Their situations are truly horrible. The KofC is helping the victims of the Haiti earthquake and I assume that they will help the victims of the Japanese earthquake/tsunami/nuclear damage. Please pray that their situation improves.
- ✱ It's now Spring!

Past Events:

- ✱ The Honor Guard for SK Bob Hyland's visitation and funereal went very well. He died February 20. He was almost 68. Eleven SKs participated – Jim Frank, Danny Garcia, Dan Mellen, Dan Frische, Ron Belz, Tom Scott, Joe Morton, Bill Moeller, Dana Beaudry, Jason Esteve, and John Horch. Thanks to everyone that participated especially on such short notice. A Mass Card was obtained for a Memorial Mass. A “Resolution of Condolence” will be presented to a member of his family.
- ✱ There was a District Quarterly Corporate Communion Saturday, January 29th, at St. Jude Catholic Church in Scottsboro and hosted by the Fred J. German, Sr. Council 7679. This was more than just a Corporate Communion. First there was a Mass at 5:30pm followed by a Blessing of the Project Moses 10 Commandments Monument and then followed by a Celebration Dinner. SK Jason Esteve attended in full Regalia for the ceremony. There was a picture of him and other attendees in the One Voice. Thanks Jason.
- ✱ March 7th, Monday night in Birmingham, there was a “Strong Man/Strong Faith Conference”. A large number of Knights attended. It was very good and everyone there thought it was a great experience. Also, the Saturday before this conference was the latest Men's Spirituality led by Paul Semmons – it is definitely worthwhile. There will again be one after this Saturday's Holy Hour. Unfortunately I will be out of town.
- ✱ Thanks to Mel Ontiveros and Jason Esteve for the new Council/Assembly website.

Present Events:

- ✱ It is a new year and dues are due - \$15. Checks preferred – give to FC Joe Morton - he is tracking membership. Optionally you can mail it to: Assembly 2420, PO Box 252, Madison, AL 35748. Please, separate checks for Council & Assembly. NOTE: Active military & clergy are exempt.
- ✱ The FC, SK Joe Morton ensured that our IRS Form 990 was filed and up to date.
- ✱ Committees:
 - ◆ Flag – (Danny Garcia) still on hold for architect to work the design – it is not a priority so it will be a while before we hear anything.
 - ◆ Bunco – (Tom Hart) Occurs on the 2nd Sunday of the month after evening Mass at 7pm – bring \$5/person and a covered dish. Everyone is welcome – you don't need to have a partner and it is very easy to learn. Much of the proceeds are given back as prizes and the remainder goes toward charity. Hope to see you at the next one (April 10th).
 - ◆ Garbage Pickup on Shelton Road – (Danny Garcia) 4th Saturday of Month at 9 am. We meet at the Texaco at Shelton and Madison Blvd. As always it depends on the weather. It has been a while since we have done this but we will not do it this month due all the rain scheduled and I will be out of town. Note that the signs at each end have disappeared. SK Garcia stated that he would check with the city whether or not they are still doing the program and if so, if we are on the list to do that section still.
 - ◆ Blood Drive – (Dan Frische) (3rd Saturday of even numbered months):
 - ◆ The last blood drive, on February 19th resulted in 39 people/35 units. There was actually several more people but several could not wait in the long line and had to leave early. There were only three beds going. SK Joe Morton sent a letter detailing issues to the Red Cross.
 - ◆ Next one will be Saturday, April 16th, from 9:30am to 2:30pm in the Red Cross bloodmobile. In past years, we have had it in the Red Cross Bloodmobile in April due to a conflict with the 1st Communion ceremonies. Not sure if there is a conflict this year but whether there is or not, we are prepared.
 - ◆ I will be out of town for the Blood Drive and will need some help in running the Blood Drive. It should not be hard because it will be held in the Bloodmobile.
 - ◆ Note that the Red Cross will no longer call so when John Horch sends some of you call lists, please take it seriously.
 - ◆ The Red Cross blood drive plaque that was located in the Church office has now been updated. It had not been updated since 98. To catch up we needed another plaque and SK John Horch got one from the Red Cross. Now we have to figure out where we can hang them so that Church members can see them.
- ✱ CCC Jim Frank stated he will ask the Campis family if his Regalia is available.
 - ◆ I would like any comments on the Honor Guard procedure I wrote up – please send them to me.
- ✱ Some time ago, I received 12 new Color Guard pins which are a combination of the 4th Degree emblem and an American Flag. They were previously separate. I passed some of them out at an Honor Guard event and put the remainder in the KofC Podium. At the last Assembly meeting, SK Jason Esteve stated that the pins were only for Color Guard functions and not for Honor Guard functions. We had been using them for both because of the statement in the memo that came with the pins which stated that all in the “Color Corps (Honor/Color Guard)” must have the same pin or all will have none for the sake of uniformity. We will be ordering some more so that everyone who has full or partial Regalia and participates in Honor/Color Guard functions has one. The order #PG-745-US is used on the Form #1 and are \$3.50 each plus shipping and are ordered from the Knights of Columbus Supply Department.

Continuing Events:

- ✱ We have retired a lot of flags - the box is already filling up again! I am considering selling flag kits and/or replacement flags. Will ask Father if ok if we decide to do this. I have researched several local places including Alabama Flag and Banner, the internet, and around town (Lowe's, Target, etc.) for what is available. Another council does this continuously with a bulletin add. We may want to also. Will present the info at the next Assy meeting.

- ✱ A “Resolution of Condolence” certificate will be presented to SK Bob Hyland’s family. “In Memoriam” forms will also be provided to the bereaved families of the Assembly (including Matthew Crane (wife Carolyn), Gene Wegner (wife Maureen), Mark Richards (wife Sue), and Samuel Campis (wife Mary)) to inform the families that Memorial Masses have been said for them and that a Chalice, communion cup, or other religious item has been presented to the Church in their name. We are still in wait mode for Father et al to inform us of what the new Chapel will need. Some of these items may cost a lot, so we are conserving our funds to defray the costs. The Chalice that had been used for vocations may be used as a part of this program.
- ✱ Note: I had been researching some patriotic types of organizations (e.g. Veterans orgs) that we could contribute to but in addition to the religious items mentioned above, I’ve been told that the Assembly may owe some PFNs a white cape which will also cost the Assembly. Therefore, we will hold off on donating much until we find out more.
- ✱ 1st Friday, 1st Saturday and holy hour – The next is Friday, April 1st and Saturday, April 2nd. Mass is at 8:30am followed by a Holy Hour. I encourage everyone to participate in this every month.
 - ◆ NOTE: There will be another installment of the Men’s Religious Seminar presented by Paul Semmons after the next 1st Saturday and holy hour. If so, I recommend everyone going. Since they are open to all men, bring a friend also.
- ✱ 40 Days for Life has started again (it’s twice a year). Every Saturday and every Wednesday (the days that abortions are performed) a Rosary is led by a Priest at the abortion clinic at the northwest corner of Lowe and Madison (612 Madison St). Note that since 40DFL has started, the clinic has started shifting the abortion days around so we are definitely affecting them. Last Saturday, we had 57 people and three priests (Father Mackey, Father Rey (Arsenal) and Father Joseph) for the Rosary but it was closed and I was told that they did abortions the day before. Also read SK Juan Benjamin’s and SK Jim Kaelin’s Pro-Life newsletters. There is a serious group who is at them both every week led by Miss Joyce and Major Fecteau – be sure to introduce yourself to them. Because of limited parking, carpooling is recommended.
- ✱ Please remember to bring some “We Care” stuff for the soldiers.
- ✱ The Council will be having the Soup and Salad dinners starting back up next week. They were delayed two weeks due to the construction. Unfortunately I will be out of town for this weeks.

Upcoming Events:

- ✱ Trying to form a North Alabama 4th Degree Team and are looking for volunteers. For more info, call Pat Jackson of Assy 0004 at 256-489-5777.
- ✱ March 19th – The Ides of March – what is an Ide????
- ✱ March 25th – Day of the Unborn Child.
- ✱ March 29th – Founder’s Day – 129th Anniversary of the Order receiving its Charter from the State of Connecticut.
- ✱ April 8th - Relay for Life Cancer Survivors Dinner, April 8th, 5:30pm – 8:30pm at Mayfair Church of Christ (Gym/Fellowship Hall), 1095 Carl T. Jones Drive, Huntsville, AL 35802. Survivors and one guest are invited. Please RSVP by April 1 at 1-800-227-2345. I also encourage everyone to participate in the Relay for Life.
- ✱ April 13th – Thomas Jefferson’s B’day
- ✱ April 17th – Palm Sunday
- ✱ April 21st – Holy Thursday
- ✱ April 22nd – Good Friday and also Earth Day
- ✱ April 24th – Easter Sunday
- ✱ April 25th – World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- ✱ May 8th – Mothers Day Sunday
- ✱ May 13th – Armed Forces Day
- ✱ May 30 – Memorial Day
- ✱ 4th Degree – Have gotten early word that a 4th Degree Exemplification is being planned for June 18th in Montgomery. I don’t know more than that but will find out.

- ◆ Will need: Form 4. Must be 1st degree at least 6 months. Include member #, 1st degree date, 2nd & 3rd degree dates, signatures of Financial Secretary of Council (Ron Belz) and FN (Dan Frische) and FC (Joe Morton) of Assembly. It usually costs about \$70 and the participants receive a 4th Degree Social Baldric, a 4th Degree lapel pin, and a banquet ticket. Additional tickets at are usually about \$25. The cut-off is usually about 3 weeks before.
- ◆ I will be approaching the new 3rd Degrees, Jonathon Diener, Jerome Villareal, Nathan Dyer, Jim Wood, William Alvarez, and Gerry Norris, as well as John Phillips and any other 3rd Degrees in the Council about joining the 4th Degree so we can be ready for the next one.
- ◆ On November 27th, the New Roman Missal will come out. This is the 1st Sunday of Advent. See the Columbia for an article about it. This was done to be a much more accurate translation of the original Latin version of the Mass.

Other Stuff

- ✱ Membership – presently 49 members
- ✱ If anyone has any ideas for the Assembly to do in the future, please let me know.
- ✱ Still need nominations for Patriotic Service Awards.

Vivat Jesus

Dan Frische, Assembly 2420, FN

2010 – 2011 Fraternal Year Officers (term is July 1st to June 31st)

Faithful Navigator -Dan Frische

Faithful Captain - Jim Frank

Faithful Comptroller - Joe Morton

Faithful Pilot – Tom Scott

Faithful Purser – Bill Moeller

Faithful Scribe - Miguel Rodriguez

Faithful Admiral - John Horch

Inner Sentinel – Juan Benjamin

Outer Sentinel – Jason Esteve

1st yr Trustee – Charles Wesolowski

2nd yr Trustee – Pat Haas (moved up from 1st)

3rd yr Trustee - Tom Hart (moved up from 2nd)

Faithful Friar - Deacon Skip Grafinati (appointed by FN)

Color Corps Commander – Jim Frank (appointed by FN)