



Knights Corner



FATHER SCHUMAKER COUNCIL NO. 6772
BROOKLYN CENTER, MN

ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH,
February 2012

Grand Knight's Message:

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

At our last meeting on Jan. 5th I want to thank all members that showed up for that meeting. We had a good turnout for our guest speaker from WomenSource, Joanne Anders. If you miss seeing her she will have a table at our breakfast on Jan. 22nd you can talk to her then. We are in need of help for the breakfast, if you can help out please call Jim Stalberger and let him know.

Yours in Christ Craig Solarz GK

POSTERS CONTEST

Our council is sponsoring a Poster contest for 4th — 7th graders and an Essay contest for 8th graders at St Alphonsus parish school.

Posters will be about Drug & Alcohol Abuse and the Essay contest for the 8th graders. They will be judged on Jan 27th, 2012. The winners will be announced at the Free Throw Contest on 2-3-2012.

FATHER BRAD BALDWIN'S ARTICLE

Greetings and blessings to all my Brother Knights and your families, and a Happy New Year to you all. I take this opportunity to wish you and your families the very best in 2012, with all the hopes and dreams that this New Year has to offer us. For myself, I feel very grateful to be able to begin another year as your Faithful Friar. In a recent article entitled: "You Know You're in the Year 2012 When," they mention four humorous responses to this title. You know you're living in the year 2012 when: "You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years; you have a list of fifteen phone numbers to reach your family of three; you make phone calls from home, and accidentally dial nine to get an outside line; and, you pull up in your driveway, and use your cell phone to see if anyone is at home." In different ways, I suppose we are all slaves to modern technology.

However, the one thing that never changes is the opportunity we have to begin each year with new hopes, dreams, and expectations, making sure that God is always the most important part of our plans. I am sure that all of us have special hopes for this New Year. I would suggest that we begin, in this month of January, by asking ourselves two questions. First, what are we most thankful for, in our lives? And second, what is our most difficult struggle?"

In Paul Wilkes' article entitled, "The Seven Secrets of Successful Parishioners," he states that the most important element is that parishioners believe in the "Power of Prayer and the Eucharist." They don't see Eucharist as a reward for good behavior; for they know well their sins, particularly their impatience and lack of charity. But, they understand that God's love transcends all failings, and the Eucharist is a testament to the love that will always be there. In our thankfulness, our struggles, hopes, and dreams, it is the Eucharist that keeps us strong in our faith journey.

Therefore, we must pray for a deeper love of the Eucharist in our churches and our families. Most of all, let us pray for those who, for whatever reason, choose not to go to Mass and Communion. In my life as a Franciscan Priest, nothing fills me with greater sadness. For my Brother Knights and families, let us pray that God will bless our Order and the Church in 2012, and let us pray for a deeper sense of our mission: a mission of prayer, of Eucharist, and protecting human life. God bless you all! I look forward to seeing you soon, and please continue to pray for those who are sick and in distress, and grieving the loss of loved ones. Happy New Year!

Sincerely Yours in Christ, Fr. Bradley C. Baldwin, T.O.R

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From the Editor:

The newsletter deadline is the 15th of each month. If anyone has information to be published, Please feel free to mail it to me at 2001 Whitewater Trl. BP, MN 55444 or e-mail it to simon.f@usfamily.net . THANKS



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FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

Come and see the free throw contest for St. Alphonsus School on Friday Feb 3rd in the school gym at 1 pm. In addition we will be announcing the winners for the Poster and Essay Contest. If you want to help, please arrive 30 to 45 minutes earlier.

Remember in your Prayers



Jan Wojtysiak
Sylvia Kramer
Jerry Hallerman
Mary Miller
Gladys Claseman

And for others we may have missed and need our prayers.

CARDS SENT TO

GET WELL

Sylvia Kramer

SYMPATHY

May he/she rest in peace

Steve Anderson



If you know of someone who may benefit from a card, contact

Simon Fehn at 763-560-3971 or simon.f@usfamily.net

WOMENSOURCE PRESENTATION

The KC Council had a very informative presentation by Joanne Anders who of WomenSource org located in Osseo. We and a couple of Councils in our area we are partnering with are supporting WomenSource in obtaining an ultra sound machine. The machine cost is around \$35,000.

We have completed and are planning future fund raisers to fulfill our \$5,000 portion of it. The Supreme and the state KC has monies available to help us, usually it is half the cost. We are pursuing this support since it has been discovered that once a woman has seen the ultra sound image of the unborn baby they DO NOT have the abortion. This project is a proactive means we have to protect and save the life of an unborn baby. We appreciate your support in any of the future fundraisers. You can offer your help by supporting the fundraisers or direct donation as well. Your prayers are always welcomed. Contact one of the officers for more details.

Joanne gave a brief presentation of their organization . They offer a wide range of support. They have clients from their teens to their 40's.

Here is a photo of Joanne with our Grand Knight Craig Solarz and Deputy Grand Knight Don Bowman



FINANCIAL SECRETARY ARTICLE

NICOLLET ASSEMBLY 4TH DEGREE DINNER MEETING

Brother Knights,

Second notice of council dues has, or will be sent out shortly to those who have not paid their 2012 dues. Your dues must be paid to maintain your 'Good Standing' status in the Knights of Columbus. If you are unable to pay these dues because of a financial hardship please contact me at 763-566-5701 or call GK Craig Solarz to discuss options. A Brother Knight will not be suspended from membership due to financial hardship. This is one of the main reasons our Order was founded by Fr. Michael J. McGivney.

I would like to announce that Roger Borowicz has volunteered to assist me as Financial Secretary, however I would appreciate if someone who is willing to replace me would volunteer for my position as I am quite busy on the State Staff. Please give this some prayerful thought!

Ray Wojtysiak FS

This is just another reminder for the members of our council who are 4th degree members of Nicollet Assembly. We are having our general membership dinner meeting in our back yard since it will be at St Joseph the Worker, 7180 Hemlock Ln, Maple Grove on Monday Feb 6. Social Hour at 6 PM with dinner at 7 PM. A meeting follows the dinner but if the only time you have is to be there for the meal from 7 PM to 8 PM you are more than welcome to attend just that portion. I know you will enjoy it. The reservations have to be made by Jan 30th to Dick Dols, phone number 763-786-6294 or e-mail dols_richard@hotmail.com. Cost is \$15.00 per person.

It is the same information in your Nicollet newsletter you recently received.



Fourth Degree Article

News From Nicollet Assembly and the Fourth Degree

The December 22 issue of the Minneapolis Star newspaper featured an article on the Fort Snelling Memorial Rifle Squad, composed of retired service personnel who provide Honor Guards for US military members of all Branches, who served their country. After some 60,000 burials over the last 30 years, these individuals provide a final salute to comrades who proudly served. I attended the ceremony of a family member recently, and the Guard Commander stated, before the ceremony began, that any service member in attendance, active or retired, regardless of attire, was invited to salute the flag. Those of us who served, were very personally touched.

Fourth Degree provides an identical experience, for those who choose membership in the Fourth Degree. While the Honor Guard is held strictly within the wishes of the family, and the presiding priest, we offer our services to all members, regardless of their level of participation in Fourth Degree activities. At a time in today's society, with personal attire less formal, we provide a striking contrast in our tuxedos, chapeaus, capes, and swords, as we provide our final salute to our departed Sir Knight. It's never too late to consider Fourth Degree membership; age is no barrier. Is it your time? Give it some thought, as we begin a new year.

Speak to one of us.....today!

STEP UP TO FOURTH DEGREE; Ken Hudoba Faithful Admiral Nicollet Assembly



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**Membership Meeting, 7 PM
First Thursday of the Month
St. Alphonsus School Cafeteria**

Planning Meeting, 7 PM
Third Thursday of the Month
St. Alphonsus CCD Building
St. Clement's Room 4111-71st Ave. N.

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SPECIAL DAYS

- Feb 2 Ground Hog Day
- Feb 3 St Blasé Day
- Feb 12 Lincoln's Birthday
- Feb 14 Valentine's Day
- Feb 20 President's Day
- Feb 22 Ash Wednesday
- Feb 22 Washington's Birthday
- Mar 2 World Day of Prayer
- Mar 13 Day light saving time starts
- Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day
- Mar 19 St. Joseph Feast Day
- Mar 20 First Day of Spring

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KC Ladies Auxilians Article

The Ladies Auxilians are inviting everyone to join them for the 6 PM mass at St Alphonsus Church on Thursday, March 1. This Mass will be offered for our intentions.

Immediately after Mass, there will be a pot luck meal in the CSsR Hall where you are welcome to join us.

If you have questions, you may call Gert at 763-561-2552

Keep Smiling - - - warmer days are ahead!

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Dates to Remember

Jan 22 Breakfast 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Will be French toast

Feb 2 Membership Meeting 7 PM School Cafeteria

Feb 3 Free Throw Contest 1 PM School Gym. Come to help and cheer the participants in the free throw and learn the winners of the poster contest

Feb 16 Officer's Meeting 7 PM Faith Formation Bldg, St Clement's room

Mar 1 Membership Meeting 7 PM School Cafeteria

Mar 1 Ladies Auxilians Mass & Pot luck meal. ^
6 PM See details in Ladies Auxilians Article above.

Mar 15 Officer's Meeting 7 PM Faith Formation Bldg, St Clement's room