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SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE: MONDAY, JANUARY 26TH!

THIS MONTH'S MEETING NIGHT IS TUESDAY, JANUARY 20TH!

Call Mark & Angie Zangs by 8:00 pm Sunday, January 18th to make reservations!

Monthly Meal Teams - by SK Mark Zangs, FN

This month's meeting will be held at *Saint Francis Catholic Church in Rochester*. The Social Hour begins at 6:00 pm with our business meeting beginning at 6:30 pm. Dinner follows after the meeting. During the meeting, the Ladies will socialize in the dining hall.

This month's Meal Team members are:

Mark & Angie Zangs (Captains)	289-6755
Ray & Carol Bressel	252-9743
Ryan & Pat Kemmerick	281-8743
John & Bev Kosse	299-2875
Dave & Amy Nissen	252-1096

You MUST call this month's Meal Team Captains, Mark & Angie Zangs by 8:00 pm on Sunday, January 18th to reserve your meals!

If you would like to attend the meeting but need transportation, please contact Mark Zangs.

Please check out the Meal Team Link on the website to see what month you may have been assigned to a Meal Team. If you are unable to fulfill this obligation, please contact Mark Zangs as soon as possible!

Join Us

& Bishop Fitzgerald Officer Contacts

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A complete listing of officers is available on our web site: www.KofCAsm548.org.

ADDRESS CHANGES

Please report your address changes to Mark Zangs as soon as possible and this includes your email addresses too!

Anchors Aweigh - by SK Mark Zangs, FN

Happy New Year! You've probably heard this greeting quite a lot lately. Despite the trials and tribulations of the previous year, each year begins with an optimistic hope for a happy new year.

We can begin 2009 by building off of our accomplishments from last year. The 2008 Spring Exemplification in Rochester netted us 54 new members. I have only seen a handful of these new members attend our meetings and functions. I would like to see a great deal more of you in 2009. Of the 140 members in our Assembly, our average meeting attendance is approximately 24. I would like to encourage all of our members who have not regularly attended our meetings to make a resolution to do so.

A number of our members suffered illnesses this past year. Sir Al Peterson has taken it upon himself to begin a ministry to visit our sick and infirmed members who are in nursing homes or are hospitalized. This service demonstrates the compassion that is at the very core of every Knight of Columbus. Al and those who have joined him in this effort are to be commended. If you would like participate in this rewarding activity, please contact Al or me and we will get you started.

Beginning with this issue, a new feature will appear in our newsletter entitled, "Legends". It is dedicated to the men and women in our area that have contributed greatly to the Knights of Columbus and to our faith community. Each article will be written by a different Sir Knight. Father Connelly has graciously written the inaugural article regarding our namesake, Bishop Edward A. Fitzgerald, who is affectionately known as the "Builder Bishop". His monthly article, "Faithful Friar's Notes" will return next month. Look for next month's "Legends" article featuring Harold Gentling authored by Sir Bill Brooks in the February issue as well.

Together, with our shared efforts, we can make 2009 a very happy year to reflect upon in 2010. May God bless all of you with His endless graces for a very Happy New Year and may he bless the Knights of Columbus and all of our efforts in 2009!



by Rev. Donald Connelly

Bishop Edward A. Fitzgerald The "Builder Bishop"

As you know, our Assembly is named after Bishop Edward A. Fitzgerald, the fifth Bishop of the Diocese of Winona. I knew him personally from 1950 until his death in March 30, 1972.

I was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Fitzgerald along with my eight classmates. He honored us by having the Ordination at the then new St. John's the Evangelist Church in Rochester. That honor was given due to the fact that five of us were graduates from Lourdes High School in 1950. He had presented high school diplomas to our 64 member graduating class on June 6, 1950 at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi. As a result, I had a personal relationship with this Bishop.

He had taken a liking to me and my first priest diocesan appointment was as Associate Pastor at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart Parish in Winona. He asked me to stay in that position for seven years, even though the usual term was for four years. Those were very happy years and I was able to assist Bishop Fitzgerald with ceremonies at Christmas and during Holy Week and Easter.

He was born on February 13, 1893 in Cresco, Iowa and attended college at Loras College in Dubuque. He then studied theology at Grand Seminary in Montreal, Canada. Upon completion of his studies, he served on the faculty of Loras College from 1916 until 1941. After leaving the college, he served as a pastor in parishes in Osage and Elkader, Iowa. On September 12, 1946, he was ordained as a Bishop and appointed as the first Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Dubuque.

At this point he was prepared to be an Ordinary and on January 4, 1950, he was installed as the Bishop of Winona. The priests and people were ready for a young and energetic Bishop, which he certainly turned out to be for the next 20 years.

The Diocese was much in need of new churches, rectories, convents and schools. His first major challenge was the building of the new Cathedral of



Sacred Heart and rectory in 1950. The next major project was the building of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary, completed in March of 1951. Bishop Fitzgerald was a very strong and "take charge" kind of leader. The "Fearless Builder Bishop", would be recognized across the diocese for his efforts to build, replace or repair many churches, rectories and other structures which were sorely needed.

During the 1960's, there were 170 active priests in the diocese. Even the small parishes had a resident pastor. Many of the bigger parishes in Rochester, Winona, and Austin had at least 2 Associate Pastors. As a result, Bishop Fitzgerald always challenged us to find assignments for the newly ordained priests each June. In those years, six or eight priests were ordained each year. Since that time, due to the numbers who have left the active ministry and the shortage of vocations, there are presently 80 priests in full time ministry.

During his tenure, the first changes brought about by Vatican II were implemented in the diocese, including saying Mass in English

Bishop Fitzgerald served as our Bishop from 1950 until January of 1970, when he retired. He remained in retirement until his death on March 30, 1970. His death was a bit unusual in that he died in the sanctuary of the Cathedral during the Holy Thursday Mass of Holy Chrism with many of the of the local priests in attendance. In February, 1970, Bishop Loras J. Watters then became the 6th Bishop of our diocese.

**PRIESTS, BROTHERS, NUNS.
THEY NEED US.
WE NEED THEM.**

Vocations Are Everybody's Business

Renewal of Obligations Scheduled

Our Officer's Renewal of Obligations has been scheduled for Saturday, January 24, 2009 at Saint Pius X Church in Rochester. The Bishop Kelly Assembly will join us. We will meet at 2:30 PM to get into our regalia so that we can provide an Honor Guard for the 4:00 PM Mass that afternoon. The ceremony will follow the Mass.

After Mass, we will all go out to dinner at Victoria's Restaurant in downtown Rochester. Free parking is available in the Center Street Parking Ramp. We will be ordering our meals from a party menu and the prices range from \$10.95 – \$15.95.

All Sir Knights and Ladies are invited to attend, ESPECIALLY THE OFFICERS! J

Please call Mark Zangs at 289-6755 by Wednesday, January 21st and let him know if you can attend so that we an idea of how many spaces to reserve at the restaurant.

Calendar of Events – January, 2009

- 01 – New Year's Day.
- 01 – Mary, Mother of God.
- 04 – The Epiphany of the Lord.
- 10 – The US ARMY 34th INFANTRY DIVISION will deploy to Iraq soon. A Mass for the soldiers and their families will be at St. Joseph's Church in Rosemount. *An Honor Guard will participate with the Mass!*
- 11 – The Baptism of the Lord.
- 15 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday.
- 18 – Second Sunday of Ordinary Time.
- 19 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Observed.
- 20 – Assembly Meeting & Dinner. Social Hour begins at 6:00 pm, the meeting at 6:30 pm and dinner will follow. Spouses are invited.
- 24 – *Officer's Renewal of Obligations* at St. Pius X. The Mass is at 4:00 pm, the ceremony follows and then we will go out for dinner at Victoria's Restaurant. All members are invited.
- 25 – The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

ATTENTION HOME SUBSCRIBERS!

To save postage costs, the Monthly Minutes and the Master's Brief are available to you by request only! If you would like to receive these two additional publications in the mail with your newsletter each month, *please call Mark Zangs at 289-6755 to request that.*

Comments for the Good of the Order

All of the new and specific items for the Good of the Order are now listed in the Prayer List on the website.

Please keep all of the Parish Priests in the Winona Diocese in your prayers because they are over worked.

Please pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Please pray for Marge King, who remains hospitalized and is in serious condition.

Please pray for Kate Messmer who is now in a nursing home following a stroke. She has made some remarkable progress but has a long road ahead of her towards recovery.

Please pray for Paul Daley who suffered a pulmonary embolism while on vacation in Oregon.

Please pray for my friend Bonita Walin, who is very ill from cancer.

Please pray for our Armed Forces Servicemen and Women who keep our country safe.

Do you know of a widow of our deceased members? Please let me know who they are and their addresses so that I can send our newsletter to them and invite them to our functions.

I January Birthdays

NAME	DATE	COUNCIL
Rev. John Lasuba	01	St. John's – Rochester
Todd Spinner	05	St. Mary's. – Lake City
Gary Welsh	07	St. John's – Rochester
Jim Decker	08	Holy Spirit – Rochester
Rev. Steven Peterson	08	St. Ignatius – Sp. Valley
Gordon Stockinger	13	Holy Spirit – Rochester
Donald Ahlstrom	19	St. Pius X – Rochester
Richard Siglow	19	St. John's – Rochester
John Konkel	30	Pax Christi – Rochester

ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE!

The 2009 K of C Assembly 548 annual dues are due. Please mail your check for \$20 payable to:

K of C Assembly 548 and mail it to:

Jim Decker
8418 11th Ave. NW,
Rochester, MN 55901

Write: 2009 548 Dues on the memo line. – Thank you.