



# The Anchor



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January Meeting: Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at St. Francis.

For meal reservations call Paul or Ruth Daley @ 775-7012 by  
January 17, 2010

## January Meal Team

**Jan. 19th – St. Francis Church**  
**Social 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.**

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| 1. * Paul & Ruth Daley | 775-7012 |
| 2. Dave & Amy Nissen   | 252-1096 |
| 3. Berry & Linda Hobbs | 529-9059 |
| 4. Ray & Carol Bessel  | 252-9743 |

*Please check out the Meal Teams Link on the website to see what month you have been assigned to a meal team. If you are unable or unwilling to fulfill this obligation, please contact Berry Hobbs as soon as possible!*

## First Degree

A first degree will be held on January 13<sup>th</sup> at St. John the Evangelist Church in the O'Day Room. Candidates check in at 6:30 p.m.; Degree at 7:00 p.m. All are encouraged to attend.

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A complete listing of officers is available on our website: [www.KofCAssembly548.org](http://www.KofCAssembly548.org).

## Anchors Aweigh by Berry Hobbs, FN

Within this edition of The Anchor, we are very fortunate to have two individuals who have generously prepared materials for our reflection.

PFC Cameron K. Zangs, son of PFN Mark Zangs is a member of the Army Reserves. He is currently assigned to the Rochester Army Reserve unit. After basic training, he returned to the Rochester area, and both he and his brother, Andy, are attending school at MN State University in Winona. His article speaks to who we are as members of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. I hope you enjoy his article; I think we all can agree that this young man wears the uniform well.

I've enclosed a reflection written by Fr. Donald Adamski, O.F.M. Conv. He is a Franciscan priest who is currently serving in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Before coming to New Mexico, he spent time here in the MN at Prior Lake Retreat Center. His superior asked him to serve as the pastor of St. Helena Catholic Church in Hobbs, NM. Later, he was assigned to the Holy Cross Retreat House in Las Cruces, NM where he served as its director and retreat master. The Lord then called him to assume a new job, to serve as the Chaplain of the Mesilla Valley Hospice.

If each of us were polled and asked, "Why did you become a member of the 4th degree," what would we answer? The most common response among future knights is, 'I became a knight because someone asked me to join.' Does this not apply to us? Were we not asked by someone to join this assembly and become a member of the 4th degree? Is it time for you and me to seek out someone and ask him to join with us here at the Bishop Fitzgerald Assembly?

It is my hope that each of you have had a blessed Christmas season and that our Holy Mother and Her Son - Jesus Christ, the Word Incarnate, blesses you with abundant graces and joy..

## Under God

by

PFC Cameron K. Zangs, USA

There are 31 words in the Pledge of Allegiance but none so controversial than the two words, “under God.” As a child, I never really paid that much attention to the Pledge; it was just something that we said at the beginning of each day at school. It wasn’t until I was an older teenager that the words themselves began to have meaning and significance in my life.

The words, “under God” have become under attack recently in California when efforts there to remove the words went to that state’s Supreme Court. My father, a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus, has often discussed the subject at the dinner table. He has stated that the Knights of Columbus were responsible for adding those words in the Pledge in the 1950’s and my research reveals that is true.



The Pledge of Allegiance was originally composed by Francis Bellamy in 1892 and has been changed four times. Bellamy’s original Pledge read as follows:

*“I pledge allegiance to my Flag and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all”*

After a proclamation by President Benjamin Harrison, the Pledge was first used in public schools on October 12, 1892 during Columbus Day observances.

The first to initiate the addition of “under God” to the Pledge was Louis A. Bowman (1872-1959). The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution gave him an Award of Merit as the originator of this idea. At a meeting on February 12, 1948, Lincoln’s Birthday, he led the Society in swearing the Pledge with two words added, “under God.” He stated that the words came from Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address.

In 1951, the Knights of Columbus, the world’s largest Catholic fraternal service organization, also began including the words, “under God”, in the Pledge of Allegiance at the openings of meetings of all 4<sup>th</sup> degree assemblies. Under God was officially incorporated into the Pledge of Allegiance on June 14, 1954 by a Joint Resolution of Congress with the full support of President Eisenhower.

The phrase was to remind us Americans that we must stay humble despite physical strength, and give us spiritually and moral principles which our way of life is founded. The words, “under God,” reflect the original desires of the founding fathers to recognize God’s providence in our lives. They remind all of us that our country’s greatness and position in the world can be attributed to our faith in God. They enforce the notion that a government for the people, by the people, cannot perish from the earth as long as we remain a country under God.



## Meeting & Event Calendar January 2010

- 01 – Mary, Mother of God. Holy Day of Obligation
- 04 – Byron/Kasson Council 14460 Meeting @ 7 p.m.
- 11 – St. John Council 1013 Meeting @ 7 p.m.
- 12 – Pax Christi Council 14145 Meeting @ 7 p.m.
- 12 – St. Francis Council 14170 Meeting @ 7 p.m.
- 13 – 1<sup>st</sup> Degree – St. John’s – Candidates 6:30 p.m.
- 14 – Holy Spirit Council 11460 Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
- 17 – Holy Spirit Pancake Breakfast after a.m. Masses.
- 19 – B. Fitzgerald Assem. 548 @ St. Francis - 6:30 p.m.
- 23 – Pax Christi Council 14145 Spaghetti Dinner following 5:15 p.m. mass.
- 25 – Spring Valley Council 13609 Meeting @ 7 p.m.
- 26 – Resurrection Council 13027 Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- 28 – St. Pius X Council 14574 Council Meeting @ 7 p.m.



- 01 Fr. John L. Lasuba  
 01 John C. Buchl  
 05 Todd M. Spinner  
 08 Jim E. Decker  
 08 Fr. Steven Peterson  
 19 Donald Ahlstron  
 19 Richard A. Siglow  
 30 John P. Konkell



## The Word Incarnate

by

Fr. Don Adamski  
 OFM Conv.

Once again we celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amazingly those who are in charge of pronouncing the different celebrations of the secular year now call this time as the winter holidays. Actually it is quite the opposite. When the world was cold and dark like winter can be in certain areas of the country, God sent His warmth and light into our world – Jesus, the son of God.

It is in celebrating this birth every year that we renew our love for the Heavenly Father who reassures us that we are redeemable, loved, and forgiven. Is it not fascinating that the secular world gives to much attention to this simple birth which is so awesome?

In a world of so much communication going on with the use of cell phones and computers, we still manage to send Christmas cards and letters. To one and all, greetings in the name of the Incarnate Word – Jesus Christ!

### Art & Helen Mueller

Within the December 2009 edition of Generations of Today is an article that features our own Art and Helen Mueller. “The Muellers, active members of St. Francis Catholic Church, serve as volunteers at the Olmsted Medical Center in Rochester, Minnesota.”

Art and Helen married in 1954, and they have seven children, eighteen grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Art served the Rochester community working with the Rochester Police Department, and Helen stayed at home with the children. During tax season, she worked for H & R Block and the gift shop at St. Mary’s.

The majority of their time is spent as Eucharistic ministers, bringing communion to others. With a knack for conversation, these two servants bring joy to those in need of a smile and comfort. We are so proud of Art and Helen for all they do for the members of the Mystical Body of Christ who are in need of their time and ministry.

## Prayer Requests



- † For Lady Kate Messmer recovering from a stroke.
- † For SK Joe Reiland who recently had a leg amputated.
- † For SK Father Paul W. Surprenant recovering from a stroke.
- † Lady Teresa Prond, wife of SK Paul Prond, recovering from breast surgery.
- † For Lady Celeste Roper and family recovering from the death of SK Jerry Roper.
- † For Brother Albert Zangs, father of SK Mark Zangs.
- † For Dorothy Mulholland, wife of Brother Scott Mulholland, who is suffering from brain tumors.
- † Ms. Maria Isabel Lairer suffering from serious lung cancer.
- † For Msgr. Gerald Mahon who recently lost his sister.
- † For SK Robert Voss who seeks our prayers for a special intention.
- † Ed Maloney who suffers from a blood disorder.
- † SK John Konkell whose mother, Marcella, who recently passed away..
- † For vocations to the priesthood and religious life.
- † In gratitude for all of our priest and religious.



## Fourth Degree Exemplification

by

SK Tom Grinnell, DM

It is my hope that a great deal of effort has been put into recruitment of new members into the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus. We want to have a large class of candidates, as well as a large number of participants. Rooms are available at The Holiday Inn & Suites, Duluth MN. Preferred lodging will be held until March 26, 2010. The phone number for the Holiday Inn is 218-722-1202 or 1-800-477-7089. Room rate is \$89.00 a night for single/double Standard Room plus tax.

Be sure to let them know that you are with the Knights of Columbus. The McGolrick Assembly will be holding a Friday night social/steak dinner at St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish Hall. Its location is within walking distance from the Holiday Inn. Come early to socialize with old friends and make some new ones.

Note the "Joy of Giving" luncheon charity is for "The Children's Miracle Network". During this luncheon there is voluntary cash donation for this charity.

The banquet will be held on Saturday evening to welcome new candidates.

The bi-annual Minnesota District Meeting will be at 8:00 a.m., Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> in the Lake Superior Room of the Holiday Inn.