



The ANCHOR

Bishop Edward A. Fitzgerald Fourth Degree Assembly #548
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SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

THIS MONTH'S MEETING NIGHT IS SEPTEMBER 16

Call Joe and Mary Jo Mathias - (507) 755-6111 by 8:00 pm September 14 to make reservations!

Monthly Meal Teams

This month's meeting will be held at *Christ the King Catholic Church in Byron*. 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:

Joe & Mary Jo Mathias	775-6111
Ryan & Patricia Kemmerick	281-8743
Bob & Marsha Degnan	289-1225
Robert & Loretta Loechner	289-2413

You MUST call this month's Meal Team Captains, Joe and Mary Jo Mathias by 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 14 to reserve your meals.

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

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 and I will arrange a substitution for you.

& Bishop Fitzgerald Officers

Faithful Friar:	Rev. Donald Connelly
Faithful Asst. Friar:	Rev. William Kulas
Faithful Navigator:	Mark A. Zangs (507) 289-6755
Faithful Captain:	Berry Hobbs (507) 529-9059
Faithful Admiral:	Arthur Mueller
Faithful Pilot:	Jeffrey Bagniewski
Faithful Comptroller:	Jim Decker
Faithful Purser:	Jerome Lensing
Faithful Scribe:	William Brooks
Faithful Inner Sentinel:	Joe Rademacher
Faithful Outer Sentinel:	Thomas Furr
Trustee - 1 Year:	John Hunt
Trustee - 2 Year:	Mike Kleinschmidt
Trustee - 3 Year:	Robert Degnan

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I hope that you will enjoy our new monthly newsletter, "The Anchor". I want to thank those Sir Knights who have helped develop this from a middle of the night idea to the final product that you see here. Please join me in thanking Sir Knights Bill Brooks, Jim Decker, Berry Hobbs, Mike Kleinschmidt and Jerome Lensing for their valuable encouragement and support in this project.

The main motivations for creating this newsletter are to promote unity and fraternity within our Assembly, to foster awareness of the needs of our Holy Mother Church and community and to share news and information about the Knights of Columbus that cannot be covered during a regular meeting.

We also have a brand new website where you will find future issues of "The Anchor" along with links to our committee assignments, special events and local, state and national Knights of Columbus websites. Please go to: www.KofCAsm548.org regularly to keep informed with the latest news and events for your Bishop Fitzgerald Assembly. There will be new and exciting features added as we develop the newsletter and website fully.

So why did we call it "The Anchor" you may ask? Physically, an anchor fastens a ship to the sea floor so that it may remain stable and hold its position in rough seas. Metaphorically, an anchor can represent our faith, firmly planted in the foundation of God's endless love, stabilizing us on the rough seas of life. It is a direct tether to God that we use when we stop and take to the time to pray to Him and a conduit for His love and grace for us. May God grant you smooth sailing and calm seas.

It is my sincere hope that "The Anchor" and our new website will help you to fully experience the patriotic order of the Knights of Columbus. If you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns, please contact me.

2008-09 Committee Assignments

- by SK Mark A. Zangs, FN

I have appointed the following Sir Knights to serve on the committees below. To those assigned, please let me know if you are unable or unwilling to serve in these positions. If anyone who has not been assigned to a committee is willing to serve, contact me and I will do what I can to accommodate your wish.

I appreciate all of the work that these men do to serve our Assembly.

F "The Anchor" Editorial Staff: (5)

- d Mark A. Zangs, Chairman
 = William Brooks
 = Michael Kleinschmidt
 = Gregory Uhlmann
 = Stephen Wasz

F Admissions Committee: (7)

- d Art Mueller, Chairman
 = Robert Degnan
 = Thomas Furr
 = Alvin Gorski
 = Robert Robak
 = Rich Siglow
 = Robert Voss

F Board of Trustees: (4)

- d Mark A. Zangs, Chairman
 = Trustee - 1 Year: John Hunt Jr.
 = Trustee - 2 Year: Mike Kleinschmidt
 = Trustee - 3 Year: Robert Degnan

F Charities Committee: (4)

- d Ambrose King, Chairman
 = Raymond Bressel
 = Ed Robinet
 = William Oertli

F Flag Committee: (5)

- d Jim Cox, Chairman
 = Robert Degnan
 = Tom Furr
 = Art Mueller
 = Richard Witzke

F Honor Guards: (3)

- d Michael Kleinschmidt, Chairman
 = Al Peterson
 = Joe Mathias

F Membership Committee: (5)

- d Ed Robinet, Chairman
 = Jim Decker
 = Robert Lechner
 = Jerome Lensing
 = Mark A. Zangs

F Nominating Committee: (3)

- d Michael Kleinschmidt, Chairman
 = James Cox
 = Leonard Messmer

F Publicity Committee: (4)

- d Dave Hubka, Chairman
 = Mike Tri
 = Gregory Uhlmann
 = Stephen Wasz

F Retention Committee: (4)

- d Mark A. Zangs, Chairman
 = William Brooks
 = Jim Decker
 = John Hunt

F Welfare Committee: (3)

- d James Arendt, Chairman
 = Dec. Gerald Freetly
 = Dec. Richard Mangan
 = Dec. Richard Quinn

**I September Birthdays!**

Mark Stadtherr	1
Michael Blanchard	3
Joseph Reiland	3
Paul Klockeman	6
Richard Plunkett	6
Charles Mosier	7
George May	15
Timothy Fague	16
Paul Prond	16
Thomas Doyle	19
Douglas Cedarholm	20
Michael Kleinschmidt	22
Robert Wenger	26
Dec. Richard Mangan	29

Willmar Exemplification – Oct. 25, 2008

- by Tom Grinnell, Minnesota District Master

Now is the time to make your reservations for the Willmar Exemplification. The three hotels involved will only hold the discounted rates until Thursday, September 25. Rooms have been reserved at the following hotels and reservations can be made by referencing the Knights of Columbus and calling the reservation numbers listed.

1. Holiday Inn (King Beds), rate \$79.99 + tax
- Tel: 320/235-6060
2. Comfort Inn (King or 2 Queen Beds)
Rate \$79.99 + tax - Tel: 320/231-2601
3. Days Inn (Queen or 2 Double Beds)
Rate \$55.99 + tax - Tel: 320/231-1275

Exemplification fees: Candidate registration = \$70
Knight registration = \$5
Cost of banquet = \$27

The other events are in process and the costs are expected to be about the same as Crookston.

Fall Bowling Classic –

- by Jeff Bagniewski, District Deputy

As I mentioned at the District Executive Meeting, we will be working a shift for the Fall Bowling Classic. Our shift is Sunday November 9 and we need to arrive at 11 am for lunch and training. The shift will be done at 5:30 pm.

The bowling alley is in Inver Grove Heights. I will have more directions later. Between our district and one other, we need to supply 50 workers.

If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please contact me by September 30th.

Address Change?



Please remember to contact Mark Zangs if you change your address!

2008 Rochesterfest Parade

- by SK Mark A. Zangs, FN

The 2008 Rochesterfest Parade was held on June 27th. Sir Knight Joe Rademacher and I enjoyed riding on the float this year with the Grand Knights of our Rochester-area Councils. We shared the float with Lourdes High School which displayed an artist rendition of the new school.

Thank you to all of the area Knights that served at the parade.



Council Membership Fun Fact

Currently there are 17 Councils represented in our membership.

Council	Name/Location	Number of Members
639	Winona	1
1013	St. John's – Rochester	34
1575	Fairmont	1
1781	Plainview	2
1865	St. Mary's/Lake City	6
2751	Bellechester	1
4021	St. Paul Nazareth	1
4323	Blooming Prairie	1
6896	Fillmore County	4
11460	Holy Spirit – Rochester	30
12144	St. Elizabeth Seton – Sun City, AZ	1
13027	Resurrection – Rochester	16
13609	St. Ignatius – Spring Valley	7
14145	Pax Christi – Rochester	7
14170	St. Francis – Rochester	19
14460	St. John the Worker – Byron/Kasson	8
14574	St. Pius – Rochester	2

TOTAL 141



The master's brief

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"IN GOD WE TRUST"

THE WILLMAR EXEMPLIFICATION IS October 25th. Candidates and their wives in addition to Sir Knights and their Ladies are welcome to attend the Friday night Fall Picnic Buffet hosted by the Msgr. Anatole Oster Assembly and the live band featuring the "Ancient Age". The Fall Picnic Buffet is similar to the Summer Picnic Buffet at the State Convention. The food and entertainment was great!

I am requesting the exemplification candidates to be registered by 11:45 a.m. on Saturday. Candidate registration will start at 11:00 a.m. in front of Gallery VII in the Willmar Convention Center. Candidates should be dressed in a black tuxedo, white formal shirt with down collar, black formal bow tie, black cummerbund, black shoes and socks. No white gloves are required. They will receive their social baldric and lapel pins at the exemplification. The wives of the candidates will receive a patriotic ribbon which they are asked to wear to identify them as a Lady of a new Sir Knight. The candidate fee remains at \$70 which includes *one* banquet meal ticket. Candidates should be encouraged to bring their wife. One of the biggest disappointments of past exemplifications that I hear from new Sir Knights is that they weren't encouraged to bring their wife. They thought it was a "men's thing". The Knights of Columbus is a family organization.

Faithful Navigators and Comptrollers I need your assistance on registration. The deadline for candidate registration is October 5th (Completed Form 4 with \$70 remittance if the candidate is to be listed in the program. This allows time for me to get copy to the printer and the printer time to prepare the program booklet and get it back to me. I will accept Form 4 applications up to the time of the exemplification provided they are completed including the council and assembly certifications, the membership number and the date the applicant received the First Degree. Remember a candidate must be a Third Degree member and have received his First Degree on or before April 24, 2008. A written waiver must be obtained from the Vice Supreme Master on applicants that have not been in the order for a minimum of a year. The deadline for mailing registrations with the remittance for meals is October 15th. I would encourage the Sir Knights to send their registration and remittance directly to me by the cut off date. I have to compile and guarantee the numbers to the caterer by October 22nd. Faithful Comptrollers *please* do not hold reservations beyond

October 15th. You are not doing me or the Sir Knights of the assembly a favor by doing so. Close your office October 15th and have the late bloomers send their reservations directly to me. In doing so you shift the responsibility to me in the event meal accommodations can not be made. We had to turn people away at the last exemplification because they assumed they could get meal tickets at the last minute or at the registration desk. They may not be available. This is embarrassing when a sponsor can't get a banquet ticket to sit with his candidate or a candidate can't get a banquet ticket for his wife. Sir Knights can down load exemplification meal registration and information forms from the Minnesota State Knights of Columbus web site. www.mnknights.org Click on the 4th Degree emblem, then on "Forms" in the red border which will take you to the form desired. We are fortunate and thankful to the MN State Council for providing this service for us. Please give me a holler by telephone or email if you have questions regarding the Willmar Exemplification.

MEMBERSHIP is the lifeline of a council or assembly. The Minnesota District of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus had a membership of 3,748 on July 1, 2007. Our numbers July 1, 2008 are 3,831; a District increase of 83. We exemplified 206 new members in October and April. Yes, we did have some suspensions but the numbers were small. We are losing Sir Knights to our Heavenly Father and we are not replacing His calling. The following assemblies are not keeping up with the death rate and need immediate recruitment efforts: #525; #526; #528; #530; #531; #532; #542; #544; #545; #546; #549; #552; #1318; #1637; #1684; #1728; #2604; Now is the time to visit the councils and solicit members for the Fourth Degree. Does your assembly have representatives at councils within your assembly jurisdiction? Sending a council a letter is not going to cut the mustard. You have to make an appointment with the Grand Knight to make a presentation at his council meeting. You should give the GK ample time to announce your visit to the council so interested members can adjust their schedules to attend the council meeting. If you want to be successful in your membership growth you have to work at it. Ideally you bring in a member at the Willmar Exemplification who will in turn bring in members at the Minneapolis, Exemplification who will in turn bring in members at the Duluth Exemplification who will in turn bring in members at the St. Paul Exemplification etc. Your new members are your best resource for recruitment and they will keep the assembly active and growing if you welcome them. Good Luck!!
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The master's brief

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DIST. MASTER'S KC CALENDAR:

- Sept 4th – VAVS Committee Meeting –
Minneapolis Veteran's Hospital
- Sept 6th – Installation of Assembly Officers –
Austin, Albert Lea & Wells
- Sept 7th – Installation of Officers –
Rochester & Winona
- Sept. 11th – Installation of Officers – Duluth
- Sept. 14th – Installation of Officers –
Brainerd, Little Falls, St. Cloud
- Sept. 15th – Installation Mass for Bishop Designate
Fr. LeVoir @ New Ulm
- Sept. 21st – Family event
- Sept 23rd – Installation of Officers – Moorhead
- Sept. 27th – Installation of Officers – Crookston
- Sept. 28th – Installation of Officers – Alexandria
- Oct 3 – 5 – Provincial Meeting – Oshkosh, WI
- Oct 7th – Installation of Officers - Marshall
- Oct. 10 – 12: Exemplification – Columbus, WI
- Oct 16th – Installation of Officers – St. Peter,
Mankato & New Ulm & Waseca
- Oct 24 – 25: Exemplification – Willmar
- Nov 2nd – Family event
- Nov 6 – 9th – Annual Jesuit Retreat – Lake Elmo

KC DAY AT THE DOME was Sunday August 17th. The game was preceded by the celebration of the Eucharist at a 10 a.m. Mass. PFN Jim Burkhart did another excellent job in coordinating this tenth anniversary event. The tent was overflowing, the music was awesome, the liturgy beautiful and as always Former State Chaplain Father Joe Richards gave an inspiring homely. The Color Guard including our Worthy Vice Supreme Master Greg van der Hagen and under the leadership of Commander Roger Van Risseghem presented the Colors at the game in a very dignified and patriotic manner. I have a few pictures of the Color Guard presenting the colors and the group with "TC" the Twins mascot that I will share with you if I can figure out how to get them loaded on the computer. It was a day in which we were proud to be a member of the Knights of Columbus.

IN A LETTER I RECEIVED FROM SUPREME MASTER JOSEPH P. SCHULTZ dated August 12, 2008 he writes: "It is my pleasure to reappoint you Master of the Minnesota District for a term effective

September 1, 2008 and concluding August 31, 2010". Sir Knights it has been a true honor meeting and

serving you the past two years and God willing you will be stuck with me for another two years. I am looking forward to your continued support. Yes, District Marshal Mike Brant has agreed to work with me for another two years. I don't what I would do without his support.

LADY JAN AND I have enjoyed meeting and visiting with you while participating in many of your officer installations and we look forward to those still on the schedule. Jan and I extend our prayers and best wishes to you and your families for a very safe and enjoyable Labor Day weekend.

Please share this information with your assembly membership. This "brief" may be copied or forwarded as deemed appropriate. May God Bless you in your service to build His Kingdom and May God continue to Bless America!

Tom Grinnell – District Master
Minnesota District

U Comments for the Good of the Order

Please include the following in your prayers:

- = For poor souls
- = An increase in the priesthood and religious life
- = Victims and families of abortion
- = Bonita Walin, suffering from breast cancer
- = For Kathy Krumpke and family of St. Cloud who is experiencing financial hardship
- = Our ill or infirmed Brother Knights:
SK Alphonse Siglow, father of SK Richard Siglow who is very ill with MS, Norbert Fitzpatrick who has been hospitalized after a fall, Bernie Meddleton and Anna Mora, the wife of Laidislaw Mora who are suffering from Alzheimer's and are in a nursing home
- = Victims of war and violence
- = The safety and welfare of our military men & women
- = For the souls of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in the service of our country.
- = May God bless the United States of America and all of her allies.
- = For the Knights of Columbus
- = For our Holy Church