



The Anchor



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THIS MONTH'S MEETING NIGHT IS: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th
For reservations, call Joe or Mary Jo Mathias, 775-6111 by Sunday, September 13th.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE: MONDAY, September 28th!

September Meal Team

This month, we will meet at Christ the King in Byron. Please use the church's parking lot.

This month's Meal Team members are:

Joe & Mary Jo Mathias	775-6111
Ryan & Patricia Kemmerick	281-8743
John & Maguritte Robinson	281-3785
Paul Klockman	268-4312

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!

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A complete listing of officers is available on our website: www.KofCAssembly548.org.

ADDRESS CHANGE

Please report your address change to Berry Hobbs as soon as possible and this includes your email address too!

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by Berry Hobbs, FN

In college, I was introduced to and later became a member of the Knights of Columbus. Four years later, I graduated, joined the U. S. Air force, and became a member of the Vietnam War. I was suspended from the Knights of Columbus. There was not a K of C presence in Greece or the Philippines.

Years later, I re-entered the K of C in Hobbs, NM. After completing our careers in education, my wife and I moved to MN. I transferred my membership and became quite active in the MN Council of the Knights of Columbus.

During my duties as grand knight and district deputy, I had the honor of befriending SK Ambrose King. Together, we went to several council meetings, and along the way, he taught me what it means to be a true knight.

He said, "Being a knight is a way of life. The Order is not to be thought of as a club or a hobby; it is a way of life. We have the basic principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism to guide us. Applying them to our lives requires our full attention."

Ambrose taught me to be of service to others. We discussed how Jesus rose from the table, took water, and washed the feet of his disciples. As Knights of Columbus, is this not what we are asked to do? To give aid, assistance, and service our brothers and sisters.

As the Faithful Navigator of this magnificent group of men, I will do my very best to be of service to one and all. I will misspell a word or two, drop a name, or even forget something. I will certainly need your patience and understanding.

4th Degree Exemplification

The Holy Redeemer Assembly of Marshall will host the exemplification to be held on Saturday, October 17, 2009. On October 16th, there will be a Friday night social in the Ballroom area of the Best Western Marshall Inn.

Saturday morning, all candidates, Sir Knights, and spouses will register. At 12 noon, the exemplification begins. Meanwhile, the ladies luncheon is an event which has as its theme, "The Joy of Giving." Volunteer contributions are encouraged, and the donations will support the Minnesota Family Assistance Program. After the exemplification, Mass will be celebrated, and early in the evening all will gather to welcome the candidates and their ladies at the Saturday evening banquet.

By asking some brother knight to join our ranks, you offer him the opportunity to earn the fullness knighthood in our Order. Contact either Berry Hobbs at 529-9059 (b.hobbs@charter.net) or Rob Larson at 280-4481 (pucket8888@yahoo.com). Both will assist you in getting your recruit to Marshall and into the 4th Degree. All of us know someone who we can ask; let me encourage each of you to ask someone to join our ranks. Together we can make it happen.

For the Good of the Order

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

Please pray for an increase of religious vocations especially here in the Diocese of Winona.

Please pray for **Kate Messmer (wife of SK Leonard Messmer)** who is still suffering from the effects of a severe stroke suffered last October.

Dr. Hector Michelena, a friend of Mark Zangs is asking for prayers for his mother-in-law, **Maria Isabel Lairret**. She has metastatic lung cancer and has been given months to live.

Please pray for **SK Joseph Roper**, member of our Assembly, who was killed in a vehicle accident. Also, please pray for his injured wife, Celeste, and healing for family members.

Please pray for healing for **Anita Mattson and her family**. Her mother recently passed away. She is the wife of SK Jack Mattson

Please pray for **Brother Knight Fr. Caesar** (Pax Christi) and his family. He was notified that his brother, **Phillip**, passed away.

For **Dorothy Mulholland** (wife of Grand Knight Scott Mulholland) who is suffering from several brain tumors.

For the souls of our deceased brother Knights and their families. May God bless the Knights of Columbus and all of our efforts.

Good and Holy Thoughts

Fr. Don Connelly, FF

We reflect on these words from the Bible: "Therefore, you shall love your God with all your heart, and with all of your soul, and with all your strength." Deuteronomy 6:5.

How much and how intensely do we love God? Sometimes I feel that we do not give our all in serving the Almighty God or Our Savior Jesus. Husbands often nod approvingly when their spouses want to review vacations plans yet again often doing this without focus or really listening. We fail to properly focus our attention to some assignment at work; perhaps we might believe that what we have done is "good enough."

Our minds travel here and there giving thought to the secular elements of our lives instead of truly listening and reflecting during the Sunday homily. In these moments, we have done nothing disruptive or wrong; rather, we are not totally there or "with it." Half-heartedness doesn't work with God. He calls us to show our love with every thought, word, or action, not just when we want or need things.

We need to be properly prayerful, recognizing that there is a place for the prayers of petition, the "give me more" prayers; however, we must also employ the time to pray in thanksgiving and also in adoration.

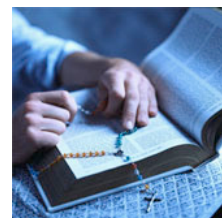
God is so good to us in so many ways. God wants our fully engaged presence; He wants it all of the time, not just some of the time. God gives us every day in every way; hence He desires nothing less than our whole heart.

As we begin this new fraternal year, let each of us resolve to be willing to give of our best efforts, give support to those programs we adopt for the upcoming 9 months. Let us also resolve to support our Assembly by our attendance at each meeting and by sharing when we have something to contribute.

My prayer might be: "Lord, I humbly ask you to show my love for you at all times...in my personal prayer time, at daily and Sunday Masses, and through my good deeds at home, at work, and through my efforts as a committed Knight of Columbus."

Working with Past Faithful Navigator Mark Zangs was very enjoyable. He has an enthusiastic leadership style, and he brought new and exciting ideas to the floor of the assembly. Now we welcome Berry Hobbs as our current Faithful Navigator. Berry brings his own unique brand of leadership and shares his experience as the Former State Membership Director. Along with the officers, directors, and chairmen, I pray that as we do the work of our honored Order, we also take time to have fun and enjoy the fellowship of our brother knights and their ladies. Together, we move forward through the uncharted waters of the future.

Prayers and a blessing to each of you and your families.





Bishop Edward A. Fitzgerald

by Father Don Connelly, FF

The Building Bishop: 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 to honor the five of us who graduated from Lourdes High School in 1950.

My first priest diocesan appointment was as Associate Pastor at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart Parish in Winona. I stayed in that position for seven instead of the usual four years. Those were happy years and I was able to assist Bishop Fitzgerald with many ceremonies and celebrations.

Edward was born on February 13, 1893 in Cresco, Iowa and attended Loras College in Dubuque. He 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. He then 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.

Edward prepared to be an Ordinary and on January 4, 1950, he was installed as the Bishop of Winona. He was a young and energetic Bishop that was warmly welcomed by the priests and people of the Diocese.

The Diocese was much in need of new churches and other facilities. His first major challenge was the building of the new Cathedral of Sacred Heart and rectory in 1950, followed by the building of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary, completed in March of 1951. The "Fearless Builder Bishop", would be recognized across the diocese for his efforts to build, replace or repair many churches and other structures.

During the 1960's, there were 170 active priests in the diocese. Bishop Fitzgerald challenged us to find assignments for the newly ordained priests each June. In those years, six or eight priests were ordained each year, presently there are 80 priests in full time ministry.

During his tenure, the 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, 1972. 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 local priests in attendance. In February, 1970, Bishop Loras J. Waters then became the 6th Bishop of our diocese.

From the Master
SK Tom Grinnell, DM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE "Born and Unborn": The past couple of months I have had the honor to install assembly officers and in the ceremony we profess honor to our country and recite the pledge of allegiance to the American flag. On occasion at the end of the pledge we hear the words "with liberty and justice for all, born and unborn." The Supreme Master has requested the vocal phrase "born and unborn" be omitted when recited. There are still court cases pending to remove the words "under God" from the pledge. We do not want to give our opponents any fuel by not using the pledge as written. Please inform your assembly and council membership of this request.

THE CHAIN OF COMMAND: The Supreme Master's Office is receiving many inquiries that should be handled on local levels. Questions from Sir Knights or their families should be directed to the Faithful Navigator. If it cannot be answered at this level the FN should address the issue to the District Master, the DM to the Vice Supreme Master etc. Faithful Navigators please advise your membership of the process. Thank you.



September Birthdates

Mark Stadherr	1
Joseph Reiland	3
Michael Blanchard	3
Richard Plunkett	6
Paul Klockeman	6
Charles Mosier	7
George May	15
Timothy Fague	16
Paul Prond	16
Paul Daley	18
Thomas Doyle	19
Douglas Cederholm	20
Michael Kleinschmidt	22
Robert Wenger	26
Richard Mangen	29



INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Originally the installation of officers was set for September 15, 2009. This date conflicted with our regularly scheduled business meeting. The Faithful Navigator of the Winona Assembly and I discussed this matter with District Master Tom Grinnell. He has agreed to do the installation on October 11, 2009.

The installation will be held in Wabasha at St. Felix Catholic Church. The installation will follow the 9:30 a.m. mass. Afterwards all will dine at the famous Slippery’s Restaurant & Tavern, made famous by the movie, “Grumpy Old Men.”

As you wait for your food and enjoy each other’s fellowship, you will be able to watch the boats pass and enjoy the eagles perched on trees across the river. I will contact one and all with final details about the event when they are made available; however, please mark your calendar and set October 11, 2009 for a great day in Wabasha.

I’m Fine

by

Richard Cardinal Cushing (1895 - 1970)

There’s nothing whatever the matter with me.
I’m just as healthy as I can be.
I have arthritis in both my knees
When I talk, I talk with a wheeze.

My pulse is weak and my blood is thin,
But, I’m awfully well for the shape I am in.
I think my liver is out of whack
And a terrible pain is in my back.

My hearing is poor, my sight is dim,
Most everything seems to be out of trim.
But, I’m awfully well for the shape I’m in.

I have arch supports for both my feet,
Or I wouldn’t be able to go on the street.
Sleeplessness I have night after night,
And in the morning I’m just a sight.

My memory is failing, my head’s in a spin,
I’m peacefully living on aspirin.
But I am awfully well for the shape I’m in.

The moral is, as this tale we unfold,
That for you and me who are growing old,
It’s better to say “I’m Fine” with a grin,
Than to let them know the shape we’re in.

Meeting & Event Calendar
September 2009

- 05 – 1st Saturday Rosary @ 8:30 a.m. – Pax Christi
- 06 – Tridium Traditional Latin Mass @ 4 p.m.
St. Bridget’s in Simpson
- 07 – 1781 Council Meeting @ 7 p.m. – Plainview
- 07 – 14460 Council Meeting @ 7 p.m. in Byron
Christ the King in Byron
- 08 – 14145 Council Meeting @ 7 p.m. – Pax Christi
- 08 – 14170 Council Meeting @ 7 p.m. – St. Francis
in the Social Room
- 10 – 11460 Council Meeting @ Holy Spirit School
Library
- 12 – White Mass Honor Guard @ 4:30 p.m. –
St. John the Evangelist.
- 14 – 1013 Council Meeting @ 7 p.m. – St. John
- 15 – 548 Assembly Meeting @ 6:30 – Byron -
Christ the King Church
- 22 – 14145 Council Officer’s Meeting @ 7 p.m.
Room 8, Pax Christi
- 23 – 14574 Council Meeting @ 7 p.m. – St. Pius
- 25 – Women’s Retreat Weekend at Ironwood
Ranch sponsored by Council 14145. Refer
To brochure on KC Assembly 548 website.
- 26 – 14145 Council monthly spaghetti dinner
after 5:15 p.m. mass. Free will offering.
- 28 – 13609 Council Meeting @ 7 p.m. – in the
basement of St. Ignatius, Spring Valley
- 29 – 13027 Council Meeting @ 7 p.m. – Church of
Resurrection
- 29 – 14574 Council Meeting @ 7 p.m. – St. Pius X

