



**POPE JOHN PAUL I ASSEMBLY 1829
FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS - O'FALLON, ILLINOIS
NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2013 NEWSLETTER**

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Assembly 1829
Meets First Wednesday
Each Month @ 8PM @
O'Fallon Knights of
Columbus Hall

Greetings from the desk of the Faithful Navigator:

This being my first newsletter I want to once again thank you all for your vote of confidence in selecting me as your Faithful Navigator for the coming year. It is a distinct honor and privilege to serve in this position, and hopefully I won't disappoint. Also, thanks to those Sir Knights who stepped up to fill our other officer positions. With your continued support we can make this year as successful as last year.

For those Sir Knights unable to attend, our installation ceremony was a great success. The Master of the Southern District, Bernie Mennemeyer, graciously agreed to come down from Springfield and conduct our installation ceremony. His presence added immeasurably to the significance of the ceremony. Hopefully we will be able to continue having state leadership participating in our installations. And where would we be at these ceremonies without eats afterward. Many thanks to our new Faithful Captain, Ken Kenney, for organizing the sandwiches and other snacks that we enjoyed during our social.

With only a couple of months under my belt as your FN I had the privilege of welcoming Bill Cloin into the 4th Degree as a new member at an Exemplification in Effingham. Bill is a member of Council 6996 at Holy Trinity Parish. Please extend your congratulations/welcome when you next see him. The ceremony and banquet were very well done by Effingham Assembly 0214. The only complaint was probably on the part of the ladies, as they were rained on coming back from their luncheon. While speaking of new members, during our October meeting I provided everyone a 4th Degree membership application. Please use them to get new members signed up to join our Assembly. We have projected Exemplifications on January 25, 2014 in Bloomington and on March 15, 2014 at the Shrine.

Assembly Christmas Party:

Our **Christmas** party is scheduled for December 7 at Holy Trinity Church.

We would like as many members as possible to attend 5PM Mass where we will sit as a group. We are also going to enlist as many Sir Knights as possible to participate as Lectors, Greeters, Ushers etc. So if approached by Rich Battas please be prepared to step up to whatever ministry he is asking your assistance on. This is another great opportunity to serve our Catholic community. After Mass, from 6PM to 7PM we will have a social hour with cocktails and Christmas music. Dinner will be at 7PM, and will consist of chicken, roast beef, mostaccioli, mashed potatoes, green beans, honey glazed carrots, salad, tea and coffee. After dinner we will have our gift exchange. For those who wish to participate, bring a wrapped gift valued at no more than \$15. Cost of the party will be \$15 per individual or \$25 per couple. Checks can be made out to K of C Assembly #1829. We will also be accepting payment for 2014 annual dues. Please make a separate check for the dues made out to the Assembly. In order to make final arrangements with the caterer please RSVP by 2 Dec to Rich Battas, 632-4963, battas@att.net, or Mike Gilmore, 406-8494, gilmorem@aol.com. As in the past the dress will be tuxedos.

Wagon of Spirits:

Our Wagon of Spirits raffle is off and running. Thanks to John Bechtoldt for organizing the raffle this year. Also, thanks go out to Mike Tiernan for getting the sales started by selling tickets at the KC hall on 11 Oct. We would like to have someone at the KC Hall every Friday from about 5PM to 7:30/8:00PM, but one person can't do it all. Please contact John Bechtoldt and let him know when you can assist in these sales. We also need your "spirits" donations to fill the wagon. Bring them to our meeting or drop them off in the Grand Knights office at the hall, clearly marked for "4th Degree". As we didn't have a fall money maker this year it's more important than ever that we all do our best to get as many tickets sold as possible. The cost format is the same, e.g., \$1 per ticket or 6 for \$5. However, the drawing date has changed. Rather than drawing the winner at our Christmas party we are going to do it on the 21 Dec. This will give us a few more weeks to make sales and possibly take advantage of events happening at the KC hall during December, like the crowd that will hopefully be at the hall to watch the Illinois/Missouri basketball game. I am enclosing tickets with this newsletter, but if you need more contact John Bechtoldt, 624-6227.

Color Guard:

My thanks to the Sir Knights who participated in the Special Olympics bowling tournament on 20 Oct and the St Clair Church ceremony as members of the Color Guard. As always, as the opportunity arises I encourage all Sir Knights to support this most public service. What better way to show our patriotism.

Veterans Day:

Veterans Day is fast approaching. There will be many events in our area celebrating this holiday. Although our assembly is not scheduled to support any specific event, please take the time to attend at least one of your choosing. Remember, we are the Patriotic Degree.

Emailings:

Periodically I send out emails on various items of interest that might be late notice or something that needs to be thought about before being brought up at our meeting. I have email addresses for about 40 Sir Knights. If you have NOT received an email from me I either don't have an address or the one I have is incorrect...I did receive 3 or 4 rejects on previous mailings. If you want to receive my periodic communications please provide me a current email address. Send it to me at Ipswich1989@charter.net and I will add you to the mailings.

Vivat Jesus

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