



The Knightly News

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Council Business Meeting
2nd Tuesday of the month

From The Grand Knight....

Dear Brother Knights and Family Members,

I hope this message finds you all well!

The Lenten season is on us and we and we patiently wait for the coming of our Lord. I ask, what have you given up in your life as an act of penitence? Whether it be soda, alcohol, or candy — remember, the reason that we all do this!

The Fish Dinners are off to a great start. There has been a wonderful turnout so far. I ask each one of you: Have you been out to the club lately? We look forward to seeing you there!

Thursday night drawing is still doing well. Remember the drawing is from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. This takes place every Thursday.

I hope everyone has a great month!



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- SCHOLARSHIP NEWS...

Three \$1000 scholarships to Quincy University, two \$500 scholarships to Q.N.D. and two \$500 scholarships will be given by Council #583 for each of our Quincy parochial elementary schools.



Entry forms are available from our Secretary Bill Anderson starting April 1st.

Scholarship applications must be returned to the "Red Can" at the Club House no later than May 17th.

Scholarships are offered to the children and grandchildren of current 3rd Degree members. (If you are not 3rd degree please contact the Secretary for the simple process of advancement.)

Each Third Degree member of the KC's may submit an entry form for each of their children or grandchildren — *but* a family may only win one scholarship.

Questions - Contact Bill Anderson at 217-257-2108 or billanders44@gmail.com

- QUINCY COUNCIL BAR HOURS

Club House: From 4:00 p.m. till close on: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, (Closed Thursday), and Friday. Saturday from 3:00 till close and Sunday 1-6 p.m.



- THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Who are we? Our Council mission is together empowering Catholic men to live their Faith at home, in their parish, and at work and in their community — To help men, their families and their parishes grow closer to Christ. Through our programs and resources, we provide opportunities to live and spread the Catholic faith.

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal benefit society, which means we can also provide financial security to members and their families, while turning premiums into charitable impact. The Order has a wide variety of financial instruments to support you and your family. Knights of Columbus insurance agents can assist you. Contact our agent: Jeffrey Niemeyer in Breese, Illinois, (618) 526-7991.

Also, please check out the Order's national website at kofc.org or our local Council at quincykofc.org.



- LENTEN FISH FRY

Our popular fish fry's continue during Lent on Fridays from 4:30—7:00 p.m., dine-in or drive through, all you can eat! Adults, \$13, children 12 and under \$7.00, children under 5 dine free.



The menu includes delicious catfish or pollock fillet, baked beans, potato salad, mac-n-cheese and bread.

Invite your neighbors and friends. Sponsored by the Fourth Degree, Council 583 members, spouses and friends. Benefits the charitable work of our council.

- BE A RECRUITER!

Have you ever invited a family member, neighbor or friend to join the KC's?

Why not?

Ours is a fine Catholic world-wide charitable fellowship of men.

It is easy to join — and we waive the dues of new members for their first year! Contact our Secretary Bill Anderson for more information at billanders44@gmail.com or by phone at 217-257-2108.



- SUNDAY BREAKFAST BUFFET



Our last delicious breakfast buffet will be served on Sunday morning April 6th, from 8:30 a.m. till Noon. Stop in after Mass for a good meal!

- EUCHRE

Euchre card games play will be held at the Clubhouse on April 9th. Sign up at 6:00 p.m. Play will start at 6:30 p.m.

*Trust God. Feel the security of
divine Providence.
Trust Him.
He knows. He will provide...
wait on Him.*

- Mother Teresa



Dear Knights & Family Members,

Hope, in the spiritual sense of the word, is our attraction to or being drawn toward the Lord. From our perspective, it is an internal sense that we can attain a relationship with Him.

There are two sins one can commit against the Virtue of Hope. One sin is presumption, and the other is despair.

The first, presumption, is the most common today. In essence it holds that "God is a good guy. I have nothing to worry about. I can do whatever and He will make everything right."

The second sin against hope is despair. It holds that "My failings are so great that I have no chance. God will not save me."

In each of these the voice of Satan is heard and his goal is to destroy us. When we are tempted by Satan, he suggests that "It is not all that bad. Why not do it? God will forgive you."

After we have sinned, Satan whispers that "What you have done is terrible; there is no chance. God can never forgive that. Just give up!"

Each of these is a sin because it refuses to continue working that challenge which is life.

The Rabbi Abraham Heschel speaks to life's moral battle when he observes:

Life is lived on a spiritual battlefield.

Man must constantly struggle with the evil drive, for man is like unto a rope, one end of which is pulled by God and the other end by Satan. Woe to me for my *yotzer* [Creator], woe to me for my *yetzer* (the evil drive), says a Talmudic epigram. If a man yield to his lower impulses, he is accountable to his Creator; if he obeys his Creator, then he is plagued by sinful thoughts.

Should we, then, despair...? We should, if perfection were our goal. However, we are not obliged to be perfect once and for all, but only to rise again and again beyond the level of the self. Perfection is divine, and to make it a goal of man is to call on man to be divine. All we can do is to try to write our hearts clean in contrition.

Contrition begins with a feeling of shame at



our being incapable of disentanglement from the self. To be contrite at our failures is holier than to be complacent in perfection.¹

As St. John Paul advised: I plead with you—never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid.

- Fr. Don Blickhan

1. © 1997, David Hartman, "Between God And Man," p. 188



- MONTHLY MASS INTENTIONS

Broadcast Date	Intention
Sun. April 6,	Deacon William Neuser
Sun. April 13	Deceased members Council #583
Sun. April 20	Fr. Tom Shaughnessy, ofm
Sun. April 27	Paul (Shorty) Stupasky
Sun. May 4	Knights & Families, Council #583

- NOTICE OF ELECTION

K.C. Council #583 will hold its annual election of officers at our June 10th meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. (to serve for the term of July 1-June 30, 2026).



The Columbus Home Association (the legal entity which holds our property) will also gather on its meeting June 16, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. to select three directors (to serve from July 1st thru June 30, 2028).

If you are interested in running for one of these offices, please contact Bill Anderson at 217-257-2108. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at our May 2025 meetings as well as election nights in June.

- THE LORD HAS A GIFT FOR YOU

A community wide Penance service in preparation for Easter will be held on Palm Sunday, April 13th, 3:00 p.m. at St. Anthony Church. Priests from across the community will be present to assist. The Lord wants to give you the gift of His forgiveness.

Life's most persistent and urgent question is, *What are you doing for others?*

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

