



Fourth Degree—Footnotes

It is with sadness that we learn that brother Knight **Cass Bukauskas** died Sunday, July 25, at St. Joseph's hospital. He of course was my immediate predecessor as Faithful Navigator of the Assembly and his death brings a loss to both the Assembly and the Council. **(Please see separate article, p 1)**

The Centennial Assembly 1892 is sponsoring seminarian **Daniel Ketcher**, who will be entering St. Meinrad Seminary in Indiana this fall. Daniel is currently in Austria finishing a double major degree in International Relations and German from the University of Arkansas. He is the Grand Knight of the Cardinal John Newman Council 7877 at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Fayetteville. **T. J. Ward** of Morrilton, who was last sponsored by our Assembly, will be ordained by **Bishop Sartain** at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 30 at the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Little Rock.

A Fourth Degree Exemplification is scheduled for Saturday, September 29 in Russellville at St. John's Church. It will begin at 12:30 p.m. A social and banquet will be at 6:30 p.m. Proper dress will be tuxedo.

The installation of our new officers, including those from the Village Assembly, was conducted by **State Master Phil Hahn** at Sacred Heart Church in the Village on June 29. The formal=dress evening began with a fine banquet at 5 p.m. catered by *Home Plate* of the Village. Wives were in attendance. Following the dinner, the installation took place.

The July 19 meeting will be a dinner social at Olive Garden at 6:30 p.m. Spouses and guests are welcome./**Newton White, Faithful Navigator**

Margaret Dierks Dies

Margaret Dierks, mother of council member and former Grand Knight **Joe Dierks**, ended her long, well-spent life at St. Joseph's Hospital on June 25. Margaret was 95. In addition to her five children and their spouses, 15 grandchildren, and 27 great-grandchildren, she leaves behind numerous friends who loved her for her devotion to the Church, her kind acts, and her keen sense of humor.

Margaret was a member of St. John the Baptist Church, to which she gave long, devoted service. For many years she cared for the altar linens not only for St. John's but also for the chapels of St. Michael's and St. Joseph's Hospital. She was renowned for the intricate beadwork of trees and flowers, which she often made for friends and for charity, such as St. John School's annual bazaar. Each Christmas she displayed in her home a Nativity that included an array of her meticulously beaded trees. Upon seeing it for the first time, one could only marvel at the intricacy and wonder how many hours had gone into her creative work.

Those of us who knew her well will greatly miss her. More than once, she commented, "I don't know why God has allowed me to live so long." As we saw her health decline, we sensed that she would soon be with God. For her friends as for her devoted family, it was nevertheless hard to say good-bye.

With interior renovations in progress at St. John's, her Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mary's Church at 10 a.m. on July 28, with **Msgr. J. Gaston Hebert** officiating. Concelebrating were **Fr. Erik Pohlmeier**, **Fr. James West**, and **Fr. William Thomas**.

Council 6419 extends condolences to Joe and to all his family.



From Our Chaplain

Here at the beginning of July our entire country celebrates a freedom that identifies who we are as Americans. People will gather with family and friends to enjoy the day of our independence and recall the privilege of freedom. The Knights of Columbus Order takes pride in being an organization of men that brings together patriotism and faith. As men of faith, we celebrate but also bear in mind the gratitude we owe to God for his every blessing. We also bear in mind the obligation to continue working to protect that freedom and assist those who can't fully enjoy it because of their need.

I want to highlight today a man who very well brings together the ideals of faith and service to country. His name is Fr. Vincent Capodanno. Fr. Vince was a Maryknoll priest born in New York who began service as a Navy chaplain in 1966. After one tour of duty he extended his service and began caring for the spiritual well-being of 5th Marines. He quickly demonstrated a willingness to make whatever sacrifice necessary to be there for them, and in 1967 he made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam. In the middle of a fierce fire-fight, Fr. Vince was tending the wounded when he was injured in the face. As he continued, shrapnel nearly severed his hand and yet he continued to anoint the dying. The next round ended his life on the battlefield.

After his death he received many honors including the Medal of Honor and fast boat bearing his name. There is also a book about his life called *The Grunt Padre*. But his greatest honor on earth may yet be coming. While Fr. Vince died in a heroic manner, that act was only the final one of a heroic life. Long before that battle he had established his faith and his love for the Church, as well as the readiness to sacrifice for God's people. In 2006 he was officially declared a Servant of God by the Church, the first step on the road to canonization.

Already there have been reports of miraculous intervention as the Grunt Padre hears the prayers of those who call out to him. God willing, the service of Fr. Vince will be recognized by the universal Church and we will be celebrating not only his service on earth but his role among the saints of heaven.

As we celebrate the Fourth of July as Knights, we are grateful and yet also challenged. Like Fr. Vince, we are called to be men of faith and to appreciate the freedom that we have by service to God's children./**In Christ, Fr. Erik**



Flag Day Patriotism

On hand to raise flags at Calvary Cemetery on June 14, Flag Day, were **John Macchietto, Ray Kukuk, Buddy Gloor, Earl Robbins, Julian Post, Ed McManus, Rick Sands, Iturba Percefull, and Tom Gilleran**. With donuts from Tom Gilleran and coffee from Buddy Gloor, the men enjoyed camaraderie as well as their patriotic act.

Grounds Work Appreciated

Thanks to two men who, independent of each other, recently contributed to grounds improvement around the K. C. Hall. New grounds keeper, **Kenny Scott** of Malvern brought in his machinery to mow grass and cut weeds around the Hall and Reiter Building in advance of our July 14 furniture sale. Earlier **Leonard Didier** loaded his truck with fine-looking composted material from the Garland County Composting Site off Shady Grove Lane and placed it around shrubs in the long bed in front of the K. C. Hall. The bed already looks much better.

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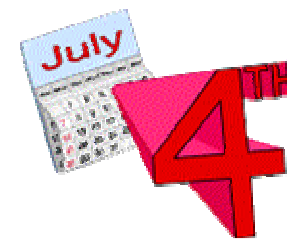
July Birthdays

- 6 John Ledbetter
- 7 Leonard Didier
- 10 Robert Rowe
- 10 Eric Sanders
- 11 Richard Boyes
- 11 Joe Giompoletti
- 12 Don Pullen
- 14 Tom Gilleran
- 14 Joe Harrison
- 19 Ed McManus
- 20 Fr. Erik Pohlmeier
- 22 Stan DeGruccio
- 25 Ralph Berdikoski
- 28 Gust Turek
- 28 Norbert Schmelz

Pray for our Sick
Please pray for the following council members, wives/relatives, and council friends who struggle with health problems: **Gil Gibbons, Rita Farrell, Buddy Gloor, Louis Turala, Joe Salemi, Katherine Smart, Mary Anne Honeycutt, Stretch Ecklund, Sue Marshall, Ann Lee, Mary Ellen Kagel, Al Reis, Emily Kostka, and Emil Wencel**

July Calendar

- 5 Officers Meeting, K. C. Hall, 7 p.m.
- 12 Council Meeting, K. C. Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 19 Fourth Degree Dinner Meeting, Olive Garden, 6:30 p.m.
- 26 Officer Installation and Potluck Dinner, K. C. Hall. Social, 5 p.m., Dinner, 6 p.m. Installation to follow



Have a Happy, Safe Independence Day!

Modern Parable

A Japanese automobile company and an American company decided to have a canoe race on the Missouri River. Both teams practiced long and hard to reach their peak performance before the race. On the big day, the Japanese won by a mile.

The Americans, very discouraged and depressed, decided to investigate the reason for the crushing defeat. A management team made up of senior management was formed to investigate and recommend appropriate action. Their conclusion was the Japanese had 8 people rowing and 1 person steering, while the American team had 8 people steering and 1 person rowing.

Feeling a deeper study was in order, American management hired a consulting company and paid them a large amount of money for a second opinion. They advised, of course, that too many people were steering the boat, while not enough people were rowing.

Not sure how to utilize that information but wanting to prevent another loss to the Japanese, the rowing team's management structure was totally reorganized to 4 steering supervisors, 3 area steering superintendents and 1 assistant superintendent steering manager. They also implemented a new performance system that would give the 1 person rowing the boat greater incentive to work harder. It was called the "Rowing Team Quality First Program," with meetings, dinners, and free pens and a certificate of completion for the rower. There was discussion of getting new paddles, canoes and other equipment, extra vacation days for practices and bonuses.

The next year he Japanese won by **two** miles. Humiliated, the American management laid off the rower (a reduction in work force) for poor performance, halted development of a new canoe, sold the paddles, and canceled all capital investments for new equipment. The money saved was distributed to the Senior Executives as bonuses and the next year's racing team was out-sourced to India.

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