



FATHER JOHN AIKEN ASSEMBLY # 1840
Kingsport, Tennessee
Fourth Degree Knight of the Knights of Columbus
Serving Upper East Tennessee and Southwest Virginia



December 8, 2008
NEWSLETTER

Since the last newsletter in September we had our October meeting in Kingsport and our November meeting in Bristol. Father Tim O'Tool has agreed to become our Faithful Friar. He told me that he will do his best to be at our meetings, but could not come to December meeting due to a prior commitments; but, as we have no meeting in December that is not a problem. We lost Brother Sir Knight Bobby Thompson on October 15 due to a heart attack. Brother Thompson has served as our Faithful Scribe about four years ago, just after becoming a member of our Assembly. We also had a transfer. David Bisig who lives in Abingdon transferred to our Assembly from Texas. Welcome Dave. At our November meeting Harvey Mooney was approved for membership. Welcome Harvey. He is currently the Grand Knight of Glenmary Council 7853 in Norton VA. At our November meeting we approved \$250.00 for our seminarian, Dustin Collins, who is from Greenville; and, \$300 for Brother Bob Hoffman for his missionary work in Kenya, Africa. We received various E-mails and reports from the VA and our District Master regarding the VA; sending Christmas cards to troops; and waivers for membership in the Four Degree. The VA is doing a commendable job of staffing its facilities in Johnson City and clinics throughout our area. However, any Brother Knight who believes he is not receiving good treatment at the VA or its clinics should contact SK Paul Premo, PFN-VAVS representative from the Assembly (home phone: 423-282-5460; address: 1028 Greenfield Dr., Johnson City, TN 37604; e-mail: paulpremo@yahoo.com). Paul will attempt to identify the nature of the problem and who to contact at VA to get the problem resolved. Paul is also updating the by-laws and will report at the next meeting. If you have any suggestions contact Paul. You can always contact me for questions. My home phone number is 423-283-9747, my cell phone is 423-612-2268, my address is: 2 Crosstimbers Ct., Johnson City, TN 37601 and my e-mail address is kraut-1@charter.net (there is an underscore between "kraut" and "1"). I would like to hear from you on what you want your Assembly to do.

Exemplification of new Fourth Degree members for our Assembly for 2008 - 2009 will be coordinated with other Assemblies in East Tennessee and probably be performed by the Knoxville team. We will begin rebuilding our team and will be ready to have our own Exemplification in 2010. Anyone who is interested in becoming a member of our team should contact me. If you know of any Knight who ready to take his Fourth Degree please contact myself or Ed Ryan. Two Fourth Degree Exemplifications are scheduled in our general area in 2009: Knoxville on Saturday April 4th and Morristown on Saturday June 6th. The next Third Degree Exemplification in upper East Tennessee will be held on January 24, 2009 at the St. Patrick's Parish Center in Morristown.

The Assembly still needs your help. We need to update the list of Sir Knights that have full regalia. If you have full regalia please notify either our Faithful Admiral Tom Manning (423-926-8016) Faithful Comptroller Ed Ryan (423-232-0229) or our Color Corps Commander Dean Batchelder (423-543-1986). So far we have not had a good response to this request.

Since September the Assembly has provided three Honor Guards. We provided an Honor Guard for the viewing and funeral Mass of Brother Knight John Lyons, a member of Council 4264 at St. Mary's in Johnson City. Twelve Sir Knights in full regalia took part in his Honor Guard. We also provided an Honor Guard for Most Reverend DiLorenzo, Bishop of Richman, for his visit to St Ann's on Sunday, November 16th. Fourteen Sir Knights, ten in full regalia, took part in the Honor Guard; and other nights assisted with the Mass. We also provided an Honor Guard for Fr. Akata's installation as pastor of St Mary. Fr. Al Humbrecht Diocesan Administrator presided at the Mass and Installation. Ten Sir Knights in full regalia took part in the Honor Guard.

No meeting in December. Next meeting on Jan 22, 2009 at St Mary's in Johnson City.

For the Good of the Order:

Prayers are requested for the following: Sir Knights Gene De Baker, Harold Farmer, Chuck Weisenburger, Mark Cosgrove, Joe Oberle, Joseph Crosby, Ed Sacksterder, James Townsend, Jim Heiny, Leroy Policky, Hugh Buckles, Mike King, Ralph Dado, Bob Isaac, Rudy Corona, Dallas Vaughan, Bob Peoples, Patrick Young, Lou Pingo, Anthony Willis, Gene Rossetti, John Spodat, Richard Conner and Ed Moser. Also for Pat Hall, widow of Deacon (SK) Harry Hall; Donna Bandarra, wife of SK Manny Bandarra; Joan Heiny, wife of SK Jim Heiny; Arlene Corona, wife of SK Rudy Corona; Elsie Riley, widow of SK Jack Riley; Agnes Policky wife of SK Leroy Policky; Eileen Bennett, wife of SK Al Bennett; Jane Myron, widow of SK Jim Myron; Gloria Moser, wife of SK Ed Moser; Sue Pingo, wife of SK Lou Pingo; Tandy Ward, daughter of SK Mike King; Anne Crosby, wife of SK Joseph; Gregg, Paula (Polly) and Chris Premo, brother of-, sister-in-law of, and nephew of SK Paul Premo; James Batchelder, son of SK Dean Batchelder; Andrew & Mike Oligny, Kenneth Oligny and Christine Audette, sons of, brother of and niece of SK Roland Oligny; Veronica Ralston, sister-in-law of SK Al Bennett Sr; and Evelyn Brower sister of SK Sam Barker; and all of our Assembly members and their families. Additionally, please pray for all of our clergy throughout the world, especially those supporting our K of C Councils and Assemblies; our Past Faithful Friar, Father Gerard Finucane, and our Priest, Brothers and Deacons who are members of our Assembly (Fr. Thomas R Collins, Fr. William H. Gahagan, Fr. Roland R. Hautz, Fr. Timothy O'Toole, Fr. Steve G. Smith, Brother Robert J. Hoffman, Brother R. Justin Huber, Deacon Robert J. Lange, Deacon Michael E. Jacobs), our former Bishop, Most Reverend Joseph E. Kurtz and our current diocesan administrator Fr. Humbrecht; and the seminarian our Assembly helps support, Dustin Collins. Your prayers are also asked for our military, police, firefighters and other first responders and their families. Also please pray for deceased members and families, especially Deacon (SK) Harry Hall, Ted Cruz, and Bobby Tompson. Also, Kay Townsend, wife of SK James Townsend; Pat Peoples, wife of SK Bob Peoples; Delores Dessaint, widow of SK Lloyd Dessaint; Ronald Arnold, son of SK Mike Arnold; and Lynn Rosium, sister-in-law of SK Leroy Policky, and John Lyons.

Please forgive us if we made a mistake in the names of anyone on the above list. If any member would like to have someone added to our prayer list please call Tom Manning, at 423-926-8016, or send an e-mail to tamanning@charter.net or a note via US mail at 1209 Milligan Hwy, Johnson City TN 37601.

Honor Guard Schedule:

None schedule at this time.

THOUGHTS:

PATRIOTISM is Duty, Honor, Country. *Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people chosen as his very own. ~Psalm 33:12*

“Each day, throughout this land, you and so many neighbors pray to the Father in the Lord’s own words: “Thy Kingdom Come.” This prayer needs to shape the mind and heart of every Christian in this nation. It needs to bear fruit in the way you lead your lives and in the way you build up your families and your communities.” - Pope Benedict XVI (Apostolic Journey to the US – “Columbia, Knights of Columbus, June 2008, pg 9).

THE MISSION OF THE FATHER JOHN AIKEN ASSEMBLY IS TO LIVE THE SIRTUAL VALUES OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND TO PROMOTE AND LIVE PATRIOTIC VALUES AS AMERICAN CITIZENS. WE WILL, TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITIES, ASSIST OUR BROTHER SIR KNIGHTS TO LIVE THE VALUES OF KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

**Next Meeting
January 22, 2009
In Johnson City, TN
2211Lakeview Dr.**

**We wish all a Happy and Holy
Christmas and New Year**

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