



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



DECEMBER, 2007—JANUARY, 2008
NEWSLETTER

I wish you all a belated Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. In response to a lot of members requesting a daytime meeting, this months' meeting will be a social meeting and yes your better half and the rest of your family are most welcome to come. It will take place on Sunday, January 27th at Logan's Roadhouse, 3112 Browns Mill Rd., Johnson City (Logan's is across from Wal-Mart, just off the State of Franklin Rd). We will begin at 3 PM and should be through by 5 PM. We will be ordering off the menu; prices for meals run between approximately \$10.00 and \$25.00 per person. Drinks are an additional charge and the tip is not included in your bill. Please let me know if you are coming by e-mail (tamanning@charter.net) or calling me at 423-926-8016. Since the last newsletter our Assembly has received the sad news that Sir Knight Henri Saint-Laurent has died. Henri died on December 16th, ten days past his 101 birthday of December 6th. In his younger years, Henri was very active in the both our Assembly and his home Council. The Assembly did provide an Honor Guard for Henri and arranged for Masses to be offered for the repose of his soul. On a happier note, our District Master, Sir Knight William Gunter PSD, did present the Bishop Stanley Ott Memorial Award for the most outstanding assembly in the Bienville Province to us at our November 29th monthly meeting at St Dominic's. Bill also received the award for the most outstanding District Master in the Bienville Province. I have also learned that one of our members, Sir Knight Anthony Willis has been named Outstanding District Deputy for the state of Virginia. We had to cancel the presentation of a Memorial Chalice to Christ the King Church in Abington VA in memorial for Sir Knight Gerry Hundman because of bad weather (snow). We will reschedule the presentation. Our Faithful Comptroller, Sir Knight Ed Ryan, has sent out the 2008 dues statement (our dues remain at \$20.00) and the fraternal survey forms. This year we are also asking for a voluntary \$3.00 donation to the Assembly. One dollar would go to Supreme as a contribution toward the "The Knights of Columbus Incarnation Dome" at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. The other \$2.00 would help support our Assembly charities. Please return your dues, fraternal survey form, and if you wish, your voluntary donation to Ed as quickly as possible. I have put in a summary of the Assembly income and major expenses below. Just one final item, a request, please keep the Assembly updated on your phone number, mailing and e-mail addresses. This will save the Assembly time and money. Thanks.

Vivat Jesus,

Tom Manning, FN

Bishop Stanley Ott Memorial Award:

Our District Master, Sir Knight William Gunter PSD, presented the Bishop Stanley Ott Memorial Award for the most outstanding assembly in the Bienville Province to us at our November 29th monthly meeting at St Dominic’s in Kingsport TN. In order to win this award the Assembly had to conduct a formal Installation of Officers; host a District meeting or conduct an Exemplification; have an active Color/Honor Guard; have all forms (Report of Officers Elected, Annual Audit, Fraternal Survey) submitted on time; conduct a ceremony honoring our deceased members; have a plan to keep in contact with members; apply for the Supreme Civic Award and To Be A Patriot Award; conduct a patriotic, Religious and or Community program.



Faithful Navigator, Tom Manning, accepts the Bishop Stanley Ott Memorial Award for the Most Outstanding Assembly in the Bienville Province from District Master William Gunter, PSD

Summary of Assembly Income and Major Expenses

I asked our Faithful Purser, Sir Knight Mike Hupko, to provide us some information on the Assembly financial status. Mike provided the following information. The information is only for calendar year 2007.

<u>Income</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Major Expenses</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Dues	\$ 3,270.00	Postage	\$ 605.63
Interest YTD	\$ 9.84	VA Bingo	\$ 200.00
RSVP Refund	\$ 100.00	VA Auxiliary	\$ 500.00
Total	\$ 3,379.84	Br. Bob Hoffman (charity)	\$ 300.00
		Seminarian	\$ 500.00
		District Master Fund	\$ 161.00
		Installation of Officers	\$ 25.00
		Four Degree Fund (Supreme)	\$ 26.24

Military Gift Certificates	\$ 219.80
Memorial Masses	\$ 125.00
VA Plaque	\$ 23.40
Seminarian Black Suit Fund	\$ 50.00
KC Convention Ads	\$ 130.00
<u>Memorial Chalice</u>	<u>\$ 308.25</u>
Total	\$3,174.32

As you can see we are just staying within our yearly income. We do not have any money making events to help fund the Assembly. We have very little money coming in to cover any charity work without cutting back on other programs. Money to cover the expense of sending someone to Kickoff Meeting, Midyear Meeting and State Convention for the past two years has not been available; however, someone went to the meetings and represented us. The last three newsletters have been bimonthly instead of monthly in order to save some money. It cost the Assembly approximately \$55.00 for each newsletter we send out. It is that cheap because we are paying only for the postage. Our copying is free and the paper is donated. I'm not suggesting that we increase the dues; but, we may need to think about coming up with some other ideas to increase our income.

For the Good of the Order:

Prayers are requested for the following: Deacon (SK) Harry Hall, Sir Knights Tom Mahar, Sam Barker, Gene De Baker, Harold Farmer, Chuck Weisenburger, Mark Cosgrove, Ted Cruz, George Toth, James Townsend, Jim Heiny, Leroy Policky, Hugh Buckles, Mike King, Bill Hull, Ralph Dado, Bob Isaac, Rudy Corona, Dallas Vaughan, Bob Peoples, Clarence Weichold, Lou Pingo, Anthony Willis. Also for Pat Peoples, wife of SK Bob Peoples; Earlene Weichold, wife of SK Clarence Weichold; Delores Dessaint, wife of SK Lloyd Dessaint; Joan Heiny, wife of SK Jim Heiny; Arlene Corona, wife of SK Rudy Corona; Elsie Riley, wife of SK Jack Riley; Agnes Policky wife of SK Leroy Policky; Kay Townsend wife of SK James Townsend; Eileen Bennett, wife of SK Al Bennett; Jane Myron, wife of SK Jim Myron; Ronald Arnold, son of SK Mike Arnold, Tandy Ward, daughter of SK Mike King; 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; Marc Brooks (Deployed to Iraq), son of SK Tom Brooks; 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, Mary Jane Fritz, Carolyn Cooke, Jim Paveglio, Marilyn Bittleman, Jack Geognegan, Ed Comiskey, Rita May Knox, Johnny Mann, Richard Conner, the Yarwood family, Maria Whislon; 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 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 Harry L. Hall, Deacon

Robert J. Lange, Deacon Michael E. Jacobs), 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 Henri Saint-Laurent, SK Harold Farmers' sister-in-law, and SK Bernie Hanley sister-in-law.

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 for January or February)

Our Assembly requests the assistance from Grand Knights, or our Sir Knights with the following councils: #4264 - St. Mary's in Johnson City TN; #6992 – St. Dominic's in Kingsport, TN; #6784 – Notre Dame in Greeneville, TN; #10743- St. Elizabeth's in Elizabethton, TN; #6695 – St. Anne's, Bristol, VA, # 7853 – St. Anthony, Norton, VA, #10979 Christ The King, Abingdon, VA, and members belonging to the following parishes Good Shepherd in Lebanon, VA, St. Patrick's in Dungannon, VA, St Bernard's in Gate City, VA, and St. Anthony's in Mountain City, TN to keep our Color/Honor Corp Commander, Dean Batchelder (423-543-1986), informed as soon as it is known that their church or council is planning an event requiring an Honor Guard or Color Guard. Events such as Visits by the Bishop, Confirmation, Memorial Masses, Special Olympics, and Relay/Walk for Life, Veteran's Day, Memorial Day Services, Special Feast Days, and dedications of buildings, memorials or special events can be honored.

THOUGHTS:

Jesus said, "What is humanly impossible is possible for God." ~ Luke 18:23. Robert E. Sherwood was a speechwriter for President Franklin Roosevelt. He also won the Pulitzer Prize in drama three times. On one occasion – mustering all the drama at his command – he said we must dedicate ourselves to two objectives: The achievement of world peace and the affirmation of the right of every person to live as the image of God. He added. "To those who say that these unlimited objectives are unthinkable, impossible, let us reply that it is the alternative to them which is unthinkable, impossible." He concluded by calling upon America to dedicate itself to the achievement of these unlimited objectives as boldly and as confidently as our forefathers, "who proved that...nothing undertaken by free men and free women is impossible." ~Mark Link, S.J. (Knights to Christ, Daily Devotions for Knights seeking Christ).

"Knowledge brings the responsibility of choice." - Unknown

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 27, 2008**

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AT

**Logan's Roadhouse
3112 Browns Mill Rd
Johnson City, TN 37601**

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