



FOURTH DEGREE SWORD & SCABBARD

FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR

Seek Jesus First

Dennis Fries

Sir Knights and Ladies of the Fourth Degree

A Privilege to Serve

On the HONOR GUARD

Faithful Captain John Schraufnagel

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1-309- 275- 7115

Or

Faithful Navigator Dennis Fries

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1-309-825-2589

Upcoming events



OFFICERS

Faithful Friar-----Fr. Deo

Faithful Navigator-----Dennis Fries

Faithful Admiral-----Dan Pletsch

Faithful Capt. -----John Schraufnagel

Faithful Pilot ----- Paul Larkin

Faithful Comptroller—Roger Petri

Faithful Scribe----- Tade Layden

Faithful Purser-----Pat Chalmers

Faithful Inner Sentinel--Rich Staley

Faithful Outer Sentinel-Terry Cochran

1 year Trustee----- Dave Kraft

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Our next Meeting will be April 11th at Chicago Style Pizzeria.
Directions inside this newsletter
Social starting at 6 P.M, dinner orders to be taken during that time.

ARE WE WILLING TO DO THE WORK OF FATHER J. MCGIVNEY
BECOME ACTIVE BY BEING PART OF THE HONOR GUARD

Honor Guard

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Honor Guards; if any John will notify, please get your contact info to him at 309-275-7115 or schrauf40@yahoo.com
There will be one near the end of April or the first of May for Spec Olympics. And another for the Opening Ceremonies early June

DUES FOR 2013 ARE DUE NOW, PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT AND WRITE A CHECK for your dues and mail to Roger Petri, Faithful Comptroller, at 915 Jefferson St., Minonk, IL 61760-1041 or Pat

Chalmers our Purser at 2 Goose Creek Dr, Apt. 1118, Bloomington, IL 61701-8346 PLEASE SAVE us the cost to mail you a bill. Look at your last membership card if it is for 2012 you will owe only \$20 for this years dues. If it is older than 2012 add \$20 dollars for each year or contact Roger Petri for the amount you owe. **Thank you** If your wife is an Auxiliary member you may send her dues in with yours, they are \$5 per year. We do not have as many paid up members as we hoped to have by this time. PLEASE everyone try to pay your dues now.

Business meeting was held. The Purser gave his report and a motion to accept it and a second, approved. We talked about where to have future 4th degree meeting for the rest of the year. We usually have the July meeting at the club because of the swearing in of the new officers. And the August meeting has traditionally been a Steak Dinner at the club. But the two could be combined maybe, having a Steak dinner and then the swearing in. We still need to decide on other meeting sites. Rich Staley provided a list as follows; Chicago Style Pizzeria, has a separate meeting room. Bandana's Bar B-Que, large room in the back , Culver's a room off to the side, where if we are 20 or more they would give us the whole room, Appleby's , no charge to sit together in an area, would not reserve, so we would start to be assigned seating as we arrived. And Chili's, again no charge to sit together in an area by ourselves.

NEW BUSINESS;

WE have heard that the Special Olympic Spring Games will be the 28th of April. More to come from John Schraufnagel on this. I would like to add that we have always done the Opening Ceremonies for The Summer Special Olympics in June. I would really like to encourage any and all of you that can make it to attend. Not just for the Honor Guard but your spouse, children, their family and invite your friends. The ceremony is inspiring. A few years ago when we did the Flags of the States as part of the opening, the place got so quite that you could hear and then it got really quite, it was something to see. 4th degree is represented by men from all over the state and the American Legion provides the Military side of this Honor Guard.

WE HAVE HEARD that Fr Deo has returned to his home land at his request, but I have no real FIRST HAND information on this. Should have by the next meeting. I have tracked him to helping a priest battling cancer, in Coal Valley.

Other Councils Activities; this will be a new area each month, please report yours;

Father John D Ring Council 574; Please tell your friends and relatives about our Party Room, we do rent it out. Members get a considerable price break. We have had some nice events in that room, including a lot of wedding receptions, Anniversary Parties, Birthday Parties and the Party that the Hispanics do for their teen age daughters coming out. WE have hosted Trivia Nights, fund raisers and Family Christmas. There will be a St Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on The 17th. Relay for Life Raffle of a Fire Pit, see a council member \$5 a chance.

Epiphany Council; Tony reported that Epiphany will also be doing a ST Patrick's Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner.

Nominations; I have pointed out that it was getting to be time to appoint a nominating committee and so we talked about this. I asked for volunteers, a mistake I guess, as I got no one to volunteer. This is the way the last few years have gone and shows how we need to get new members to join the 4th degree. We have struggled for years to get men willing to take on the small amount of work of an office. We can't even get volunteers to take on the nominating process. What can this take in your time, a few minutes for two or three men to decide which man will call whom to ask them to be an officer. A preliminary meeting for this and then a few phone calls and a discussion to make your final list. Finally Mike Tomlianovich said he would take care of it.

The slate is as attached. The procedure we have used in the past is that we need a motion to accept the slate as presented and a second, then discussion and if no amendments a vote is called for. The slate is published for a minimum of two weeks before the election which takes place at the first meeting in May. Officers take office for one year except the trustees who are elected for the term of three years.

Then at the meeting when the election takes place we call for any nominations from the floor. As I think this is done at both the nominations presentation and at the election, but I AM NOT SURE, I will be asking members present about that. Otherwise I will do a call for any further nominations at both meetings, April and May.

I hope that you have read your Columbian Homes magazine, there is good information on the new Pope in several articles.

Thank you, Faithfully Dennis M Fries, FN

Hi, Dennis. Please accept the names on this list as nominees for next term officers for the 4th degree assembly 213:

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Thank you.



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