



FOURTH DEGREE SWORD & SCABBARD

FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR

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Dennis Fries

Sir Knights and Ladies of the Fourth Degree

A Privilege to Serve

On the HONOR GUARD

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Faithful Navigator Dennis Fries

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Upcoming events



OFFICERS

Faithful Friar-----Fr. Deo

Faithful Navigator-----Dennis Fries

Faithful Admiral-----Dan Pletsch

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Faithful Comptroller—Roger Petri

Faithful Scribe----- Tade Layden

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Faithful Inner Sentinel--Rich Staley

Faithful Outer Sentinel-Terry Cochran

1 year Trustee----- Dave Kraft

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Our next Meeting will be MAY 9th at Giovanni's in El Paso  
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***

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**Honor Guards;** please get your contact info to John at 309-275-7115 or [schrauf40@yahoo.com](mailto:schrauf40@yahoo.com) tonight at St Pat's of Merna, for confirmation, dress at 6:30 at the church. There will be one April 28<sup>th</sup> for Spec Olympics, And Opening Ceremonies June 14<sup>th</sup>.

**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 members paid up as we hoped to have by this time. PLEASE everyone try to pay your dues now. I think we have 126 members of which 83 pay dues, although 5 are Honorary and only have to pay \$10 but can pay more. The other 43 are Honorary Life and are not required to pay any dues, although some feel that they want to pay the dues. For which we are grateful. Roger is sending out another dues notice, please pay promptly. THANK YOU

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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. At the March meeting 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. These are of course, if they had enough seating for us all in the same area. We settled on Swingers, which was a new suggestion from friends who just had a wedding rehearsal dinner there, no room charge. BUT THERE IS SORT OF A ROOM CHARGE. We would have to spend a minimum of \$450 or pay the difference. If we have the same number of people as at the last meeting (16 eaters) that would mean \$28.13 per person, which seems expensive to me. I asked a bunch of members for restaurant suggestions and got several for the same place, Giovanni's in El Paso, we have had had a good time there several years in a row . Take I 39 North to the El PASO Exit, which is Highway 24 turn right and go into town , thru the stop sign on 24, going East about 6 or 8 blocks approximately. Past the former ELMs Restaurant to the corner which has the VFW or American Legion on the NE corner turn left, cross the tracks and turn right at stop sign go about a half block or so, I think it is in that first block, on your left. Building entrance has a ramp. Great food we think, reasonable prices. I will make a reservation. Hope to see you all there,

Nomination Slate was presented and accepted, nominations from the floor will be accepted up until we actually vote. Slate is here again.

New members are welcome and needed. I had suggested that we should all strive to ask a relative a neighbor, a friend or an acquaintance to consider joining the K of C's or a Third degree member to join the 4<sup>th</sup> degree. Have you asked anyone?

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

I started a new idea last month, that any of you from your home council, should bring information to share about any activity they have going on, that they would want our support on. We went round the room and got a few comments. If your council has something they would like to get information out to people, then send the information to me by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month and we will put it in this newsletter .

**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.

**NEW BUSINESS;**

Relay for Life is active, please support your councils activities and if you want to donate Jan and Dennis, Linda and Vic are at it again. We, with some help from our team and members of Council 574 raised over \$10,000 last year, but we don't expect to do more than a few thousand this year as the team and Linda and Vic and Jan and I are worn out and have slowed down.

Tootsie Roll week-end will be Sept 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will need help to raise over another \$10,000. Relay for Life Raffle of a Fire Pit, see a council member, \$5 a chance. Regretfully I do not have the minutes so I do not know what the other councils offered us in information.

**Update** on Father Deo, the Assembly voted to give him \$250 dollars to help with his moving to his new assignment; his new address is; Fr Deogratias Kiwanuka, St Maria Goretti Parish, 210 E 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave, PO Box 159, Coal Valley, IL 61240, his email is [kiwad@hotmail.com](mailto:kiwad@hotmail.com). He would love to hear from you. He is responsible for two parish churches and they are 8 miles apart.

Thank you, Faithfully Dennis M Fries, FN

The slate of officers for the 4th degree assembly 213: Repeated

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Thank You and God Bless.  
Dennis



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