



# The SEXTANT

Knights of Columbus  
Msgr. Henry Speck Fourth Degree Assembly #2300  
Owatonna, MN 55060



January 2009

## From the Faithful Navigator – Paul Schneider

What a snowy month of December we experienced. This made way for a very nice white Christmas. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a very happy and safe New Year.

We said good-bye to one of our members this past month. Sir Knight John Mracek passed away on November 28<sup>th</sup> in Arizona. His funeral was December 5<sup>th</sup> at Saint Joseph's Church. We will all miss you Jack.

Last month I was asked if I could assemble a group of volunteers from our Assembly to help out with some police training held at the Law Enforcement Center on December 4<sup>th</sup>. As a sign of true patriotism the following Sir Knights volunteered five hours of time towards the professional growth of Officers and Deputies from our Police and Sheriff's Departments. Walt Spindler, Conrad Bahe, Tom Nolan, Paul Schneider, Bruce Born, Ray Willmott (alternate) were involved. Our time commitment was very much appreciated.

Our annual Christmas Party was held at OJ's "Party Room" December 7<sup>th</sup>. The KC Chorus and OHS Carolers provided entertainment. I would like to thank Otto Havelka for providing the party facilities, my wife Jackie for shopping and decorating, and Laverne Klecker for arranging the dinner menu and securing entertainment. There were also over a dozen volunteers that helped get the tables/chairs to and from St. Mary's School. Thanks to all of you.

We have a menu set for our upcoming Lenten Fish Fry. Conrad Bahe is researching the cost of fish and will present his findings at our next meeting January 10<sup>th</sup>.

It is not too early to be thinking about the Spring Exemplification April 17 and 18 in Brooklyn Park. Applications will be made available to all members so that every one can get someone signed up. Special recognition for the Sir Knight that signs up the most members in 2009 will be presented at the Christmas party next winter. Applications will be available at our meetings so everyone should grab one.

## Assembly Committees

Honor Guard:	Peter Schneider	451-6275
Fund Raising:	Dave Fandel	451-6510
Vital Statistics:	Walt Spindler	451-7613
Program:	Paul Schneider	413-0451
Dinner & Host:	Chuck Walerius	413-0479
Entertainment:	Laverne Klecker	451-4102
Aid & Assistance:	Greg Nelson	455-3976

## Committee Reports

### HONOR GUARD

**Corporate Communion November 30<sup>th</sup>** at Sacred Heart Parish. Glen Meger, Paul Schneider, Peter Schneider, Walt Spindler, Eric Wandersee, and Chuck Walerius were in full regalia. Otto Havelka, Mark Nelson, and Ludwig Wencel participated in the KC Chorus. Thanks to all.

**John Mracek's visitation December 4<sup>th</sup>.** Fourteen Honor Guard posted at Jack's visitation. Thank you to Frank Conley, Joe Elbert, Paul Schneider, Tim Rice, Eric Wandersee, Walt Spindler, Ray Willmott, Pete Schneider, Frank Schiller, Bruce Born, Conrad Bahe, Glen Meger, Mark Nelson, Bill Regan.

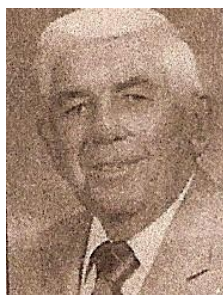
### FUND RAISING

**On December 11<sup>th</sup>** we met to discuss the Lenten Fish Fry menu and cost per plate adjustment. Menu was set with Bruce Born, Conrad Bahe, Duane Ludewig, Paul Schneider, Dennis Kelm, Walter Spinler, Ray Willmott, Joe & Tom Elbert in attendance

### MEMBERSHIP

**Spring Exemplification is April 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>** at the Northland Inn in Brooklyn Park. Please talk with Sir Knights from our Council 945 Third degree and sign up a new member to our Assembly. Applications will be available at our January meeting.

## In Memory of Sir Knight John Mracek February 7, 1932 – November 28, 2008



John (Jack) joined the Knights of Columbus Council 945 on August 1, 1954. On April 12, 1997 Jack joined our Msgr. Henry Speck Assembly. Jack passed away peacefully November 28, 2008 while in Arizona for the winter. Jack's visitation was held on December 4<sup>th</sup> at Brick-Meger Funeral Home. Jack's funeral was at Saint Joseph's Church December 5<sup>th</sup>. Our Assembly had 14 Honor Guard members post throughout visitation hours and 30 to 40 more Sir Knights at the rosary led by Pete Schneider. Jack touched so many lives and we will all miss him deeply.

## 2009 Lenten Fish Fry

The menu has been set for the 2009 Lenten Fish Fry which will start February 27, 2009. The menu will consist of two dinner choices. One choice is an all you can eat fried fish dinner. The other choice will be a baked fish plate that is not all you can eat. The fish will be served with a mashed potato/gravy, vegetable, dinner roll, and dinner salad. Both choices will be at a lower cost per plate.

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## Meeting Reminder - January 22, 2008

**Social Hour 6:30 p.m. \*\*\* Dinner 7:00 p.m.**

Call Glen by **Jan. 21** to make reservations.

### January Meeting

Thursday, January 22, 2008  
6:30 p.m. Social  
7:00 p.m. Dinner  
7:30 p.m. Speaker  
8:00 p.m. Meeting

Dinner menu will be Fried Fish, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable, and dinner salad.

Please call Glen Meger for reservations at 451-2362

I have requested Officer Brandon Fandel and his Police Canine 'Bullet' to be our speaker.

### Dinner Hosts

Please consider hosting a dinner.  
Contact Chuck Walerius at 413-0479 if you can host a future dinner meeting.

### Food for thought ...

Faith is believing in things when common sense tells you not to.  
---George Seaton

### January Anniversaries



Ray & Jeanne Willmott .... January 8  
Dave & Renae Jen0 ..... January 16  
Dave & Jan Fandel ..... January 16  
Don & Sandee Rosha ..... January 22

### Upcoming Events

#### Lenten Fish Fry Officers and Fund Raising meeting

Please mark your calendars for this very important meeting.

**Date:** Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 3:00pm

**Location:** KC Hall

**Agenda:** Finalize cost per plate. Set beneficiaries. Set work shifts and worker guidelines for our upcoming Lenten Fish Fry.

### Aid and Assistance

Please remember in your prayers all of our sick and injured members and family members. Also remember the Fourth Degree deceased members and their families.

\*\*John Mracek passed away peacefully November 28, 2008.

\*\* Phyllis Wheeler, wife of Earl Wheeler, is recovering from a heart attack.

Send information on any persons in distress to Greg Nelson at [gnelfam@hickorytech.net](mailto:gnelfam@hickorytech.net).

### January Birthdays



Janet Nolan ..... January 3  
Greg Salmons0n . January 4  
Susan Burke ..... January 12  
Joe Wagoner ..... January 22  
Glen Meger ..... January 25  
Paul Schneider .... January 25  
Al Nelson ..... January 26  
Jim Kenney ..... January 29  
Rita Berning ..... January 31

If your birthday or anniversary is missing from our list, please call Walt Spindler at 451-7613, email [wjspindler@charter.net](mailto:wjspindler@charter.net)