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## From the Faithful Navigator

Greetings Sir Knights

***A Blessed and Joyous Christmas Season to each of you and your families.***

I would like to thank the 30 Knights that regularly attend each monthly Assembly meeting. Please continue to attend.

### **Christmas Party**

The annual party was held on Saturday, December 6, 2008 at Sacred Heart, Gardner with 47 members and guests in attendance. Good fellowship was enjoyed by all.

### **2009 Dues**

Dues statements have been mailed to each member. If you did not receive one please contact Leroy Schmidtberger @ [melroy54@comcast.net](mailto:melroy54@comcast.net). You will notice this year's dues are still \$10.00 plus a \$3.00 assessment (this fee goes to Supreme) for the dome above the south nave in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The total amount due to your Assembly will be \$13.00. Thank you for your support

### **"The Voyager News Letter"**

At the present I am the Editor of The Voyager because no one has volunteered to take on the job. While I may not be the best at this job, I will do my best as time permits. I know that someone has the talent and some time to help out in this area. Please call me or send me an e-mail.

The mailing of The Voyager is currently being handled by a commercial vendor which is very expensive, and something the Assembly cannot afford to do very long.

### **The Honor Guard**

I ask that all St Philippine Duchesne Sir Knights pray and think about becoming a member of the Honor Guard. As the best Honor in the State of Kansas, we are asked to participate at many, many functions and activities. This does put a strain on the current Honor Guard members, and additional new members would reduce the strain.

### **The St. Philippine Duchesne Shrine**

The Assembly is looking for a Knight who would like to take on the responsibility of coordinating the Shrine maintenance. If

you would be interested in doing this please contact Ron Stump @ 897-4838 or e-mail [rstamp@kc.rr.com](mailto:rstamp@kc.rr.com)

### **Revised By-Laws**

The revised Assembly By-Laws booklet is now in and available at the Assembly Meeting Chamber. Plan on attend the January 12, 2009 meeting and picking up your copy. If you cannot attend that meeting make plans for a future meeting. Remember the monthly meeting is held the second Monday of each month.

Please remember that your Assemblies success is only as great as each Sir Knight makes it. There are many other activities that the Assembly is doing, so please attend a meeting. I ask each member to pray for our fellows Knights who are battling illness, hardship, or financial difficulty.

Your Faithful Navigator  
Ron Stump

**Current membership is 322**

### **Greetings!**

As we begin a new year, both liturgically and on our calendar, we recognize that it is a time for renewal. The Church celebrates its renewal in the Birth of Christ our Lord. He renews our lives and by his death we are renewed in our relationship with God. In our world we begin with new year with resolutions to better our lives. We renew our commitment to seek to live in a way that identifies us as Christians. Also, on January 20<sup>th</sup>, Barack Obama will begin his presidency as the 44<sup>th</sup> President of the United States. This is a time to renew our dedication to God and Country, to a moral and ethical government and to the dignity of life. We are called to pray for our new leaders that they may be guided by the teachings of God and that their decisions respect humanity, morals and all life. In this new year we renew ourselves in the words of the Prophet Isaiah: Create a clean heart in me, O God, renew a steadfast Spirit within me.

God bless.

Fr. Christopher J. Rossman,

Please note that there is now an Honor Guard Page on the Assembly Website. The Website is located at [www.kofc2260.org](http://www.kofc2260.org).

At our first two ceremonies of the 2008/2009 Fraternal Year, 63 % of the Sir Knights in Regalia were from two parishes even though we have six parishes within Assembly 2260. In the past, we see a much better distribution of parishes when we hold the ceremonies at certain churches. **It is not acceptable to have Honor Guard members only showing up at ceremonies at their own churches.** I will be looking very closely at this distribution as we go through the year and will consider making changes to the Assembly 2260 Color Corp Roster based upon what I observe. For the record, I presently show sixty three names on the Roster. Please remember that we are an Assembly 2260 Honor Guard and the expectation is that Honor Guard Members will participate in ceremonies no matter where the ceremony is being held. **There will never be an expectation that Honor Guard Members attend all ceremonies.**

Plans are still being made to have Training and Practice Classes in January, 2009 for the Honor Guard in preparation for the upcoming Confirmation Season. The classes will be held at St Paul Church in Olathe, Kansas on Saturday mornings, January 10, 17, 24, 2009, from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. I would like to see all Honor Guard Members try to attend at least one of the classes. Please bring your Sword, Scabbard, Service Baldric and Chapeau with you to the practice.

The Confirmation Schedule for 2009 is as follows:

Date	Church	Celebrant	Notes
04/15/09	Sacred Heart (Gardner)	Barnabas	Wed 7:00 PM
04/15/09	Ascension	Naumann	Wed 7:00 PM
04/16/09	Ascension	Naumann	Thu 7:00 PM
04/22/09	Holy Trinity	Barnabas	Wed 7:00 PM No Swords
04/29/09	Prince Of Peace	Naumann	Wed 7:00 PM
04/30/09	Prince Of Peace	Naumann	Thu 7:00 PM
05/06/09	Sacred Heart (Shawnee)	Keleher	Wed 7:00 PM
05/07/09	St Paul	Barnabas	Thu 7:00 PM

**Calendar of Events for January 2009**  
**General Meeting January 12, 2009**  
**Officers Meeting January 27, 2009**

**The St. Philippine Duchesne Assembly web site -**  
<http://kofc2260.org/default.aspx>  
**4th Degree Exemplifications...**  
February 21, 2009 – Dodge City, Ks.  
June 21, 2009, Pittsburg, Ks

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