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# MOKENA KNIGHTHOOD

BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE

**CALLING ALL KNIGHTS!**  
**COME TO THE MAJOR DEGREE AT**  
**ST ANTHONY'S IN FRANKFORT ON**  
**JANUARY 30. FIRST, SECOND AND**  
**THIRD DEGREE SHOULD COME!**

SEE THE BACK PAGE! LET JOE SLUIS KNOW YOU WILL COME!

## FEBRUARY

**MONDAY FEBRUARY 2:**  
**JOLIET ASSEMBLY MEETS..**

At Council 4400, 7:30 PM

**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 10:**  
**COUNCIL MEETING** In Burnett  
Hall at 7:30 PM. Bring a friend who  
might be a Knight!

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 12:**  
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**SPELLING BEE** Youth Director

Tim Cosgrove will again hold the annual spelling contest between St Mary School and other local schools. Come and support the kids and the Council! 7 PM in the Art Room of St Mary School. This is the LOCAL BEE, to be followed by District, Regional and State contests.

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14:**  
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**FREE THROW CONTEST** In the  
St Mary School Gymnasium from 10  
AM until about noon. This is the LO-  
CAL contest that will be followed by  
regional and state competitions.  
Come and help judge the event. We  
need JUDGES! (It's not hard). Come  
and support Tim Cosgrove in this  
great event for Mokena youth.

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 15:**  
**FAMILY MASS** Join the Council  
with your family to worship together at  
the 9 AM Mass of St Mary.

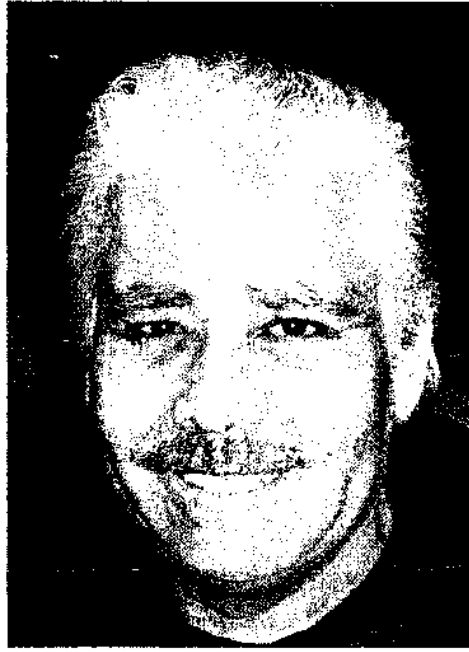
**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 24: OF-**  
**FICERS MEETING** In the Bishop  
Fitzgerald Room at 7:30 PM.

# FOUR WONDERFUL NEW KNIGHTS!

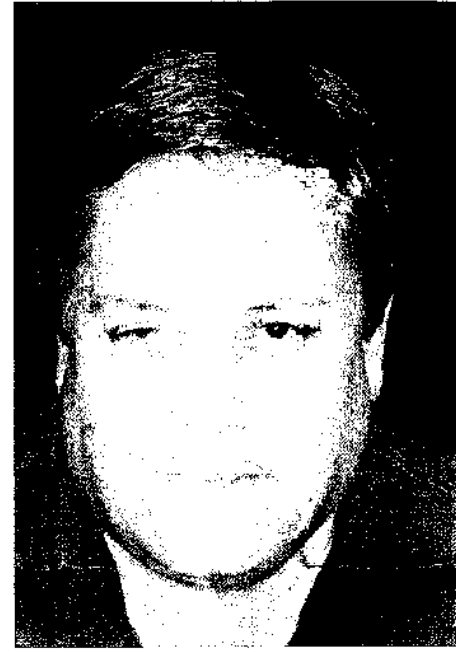


**FATHER**

**DENNIS KASULE**



**JUAN MENDEZ**



**KEVIN BURNS**



**BOB JOHNSON**

## WHO ARE THESE GUYS?

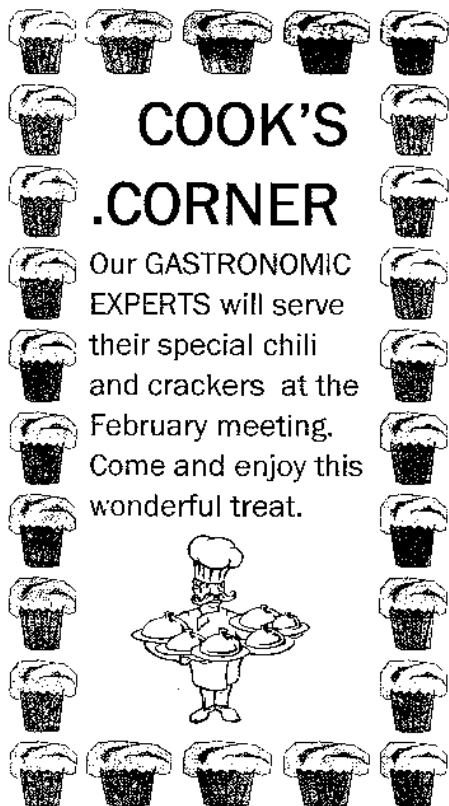
FATHER KASULE is a diocesan Priest of the Archdiocese of Kampala, Uganda. He is visiting the United States for some courses at the Mundelein Seminary and was sponsored by Nabil Halaby. Father Kasule will be returning to Uganda this August as a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus! He plans to attend the MAJOR DEGREE at St Anthony's on January 30 and will be exemplified into the Fourth Degree on February 21. (There is no waiting time for priests) Our Grand Knight, Pete Baker, has agreed that the Council will continue to support Father Kasule when he returns to Africa.

JUAN MENDEZ lives in Mokena and has an upholstery business in the Mokena Industrial Park on US 45. Juan was sponsored by Mario Carreon who knows him and his work well.

KEVIN BURNS lives in Frankfort and works as a real estate appraiser. He expressed interest in the Knights about eight months ago and was drawn to the council as he learned more about us. He was sponsored by Joe Sluis

ROBERT JOHNSON lives in Frankfort and works with INVENTION RESOURCE INTERNATIONAL. He joined the Council with his friend Kevin Burns and was also sponsored by Joe Sluis





## COOK'S

## .CORNER

Our GASTRONOMIC EXPERTS will serve their special chili and crackers at the February meeting. Come and enjoy this wonderful treat.



## KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY!

Brother Dennis Slowik is active in the prison ministry. This wonderful ministry is presently helping with retreats for inmates at Stateville. This charitable work needs all kinds of help that can be done by families as well as individuals. The retreats will be February 13 to 16 for women and April 23 to 26 for men. There is a need for handicrafts, cookies and art projects as well as prison visitation. It can be a family project! Contact Denny Slowik at (708) 703 2048

## THE NUNS GO PUBLIC!

Greg Quinn has sent pictures that were taken at December's Christmas party for the retired sisters at St Francis of the Woods to Knights of Columbus Supreme for the web site. The pictures will be available during February for all to see on the site: [WWW.KOFC.ORG](http://WWW.KOFC.ORG). Look for "Knights in Action" and you will find a report of St Mary Council in Mokena that will be posted for a month. This looks like a great way for us to see what others are doing as well.

## INSURANCE NOTES

If you haven't visited the Knights of Columbus Web site in a while, I encourage you to do so the next time you're online. There are many exciting features on [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org), but there are two that I wish to make you especially aware of.

The first is our member testimonial area, titled "Stages of Life." In this multi-media area, six "real-life" stories are told – stories of people at different stages of their lives. Chances are one of them will sound a lot like you. These people talk about how their Knights of Columbus agent took the time to demonstrate for them the need for life insurance in their lives. I'll be happy to do that for you and your family as well.

The second is our Life Insurance Calculator. This handy, easy-to-use online tool was developed to allow you, in about 15-20 minutes, to **estimate** the amount of life insurance coverage you need. The information you'll be asked to provide will be basic (the type most folks would tend to have at their fingertips), and secure (it's intended to be used solely for the purposes of the online calculator – the Order won't capture it or share it with anyone, including me!).

I stress that the number you'll receive is an estimate, based on the basic information you provide. It's not intended to take the place of the free, professional needs analysis that I'll be happy to provide for you and your family. Give me a call – I'd like to meet with you.

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# THE MAJOR DEGREE

IN ORDER TO BE KNIGHTED IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS A MEMBER MUST COMPLETE THREE DEGREES OF INITIATION. ALL KNIGHTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS INITIATION. IT DOES NOT MATTER HOW LONG YOU HAVE BEEN A FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT.



THE MAJOR DEGREE INITIATION CONSISTS OF TWO CEREMONIES CONDUCTED ONE AFTER THE OTHER. THE SECOND DEGREE PREPARES A KNIGHT FOR THE THIRD DEGREE WHICH IS AWARDED BY THE STATE DEPUTY OF ILLINOIS. THE THIRD DEGREE COMPLETES YOUR JOURNEY TO FULL KNIGHTHOOD.

ALL MEMBERS OF THE ST MARY COUNCIL ARE URGED TO ATTEND THIS ANNUAL EVENT AT ST ANTHONY CHURCH, SAUK TRAIL, FRANKFORT. (ABOUT 1/3 MILE WEST OF HARLEM AVE.) THE SECOND DEGREE WILL START AT 7 pm ON FRIDAY JANUARY 30. THE THIRD DEGREE WILL FOLLOW. A MEAL WILL BE SERVED TO THE MANY ATTENDEES AFTER THE THIRD DEGREE. WE NEED A HEAD COUNT—CALL JOE SLUIS AT (815) 469 9204 TO REPORT YOUR ATTENDANCE.