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August Meal Reservations

Please contact Bou Gazley by 6:00pm on Sunday July 16th

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Anchors Aweigh

Wow, it is already August! Where has the time gone? I hope all of you have taken the opportunity to spend the summer relaxing with family and Friends! Speaking of relaxing with family and friends, please plan on joining us August 18th for a meal and movie with others from the Assembly. We will choose the movie that night (see the options later in the Anchor). Please make sure to RSVP to me by Sunday, August 16th for the meal.

You will see on page two of the Anchor a tribute to Berry Hobbs written by Mark Zangs and Ken Ford. Please take a moment to read this interesting article about Berry and his dedication to the Knights of Columbus. If you ever

have anything that you want included in the Anchor, please send it to me by the deadline listed in the prior months Anchor. I will do my best to publish your article.

As we prepare for the new fraternal year, the Assembly officers have met to start planning. One of the first points of discussion was the schedule for our meeting nights. You will see that included later in the Anchor as well. We will still be having a mass during the months that we have our Faithful Friar available, but in the absence of our Friar, we will either have a Rosary or a presenter.

I would also like to thank

their service at a couple of events this summer. The Honkers game was a great success with seven Sir Knights presenting the colors before the game. Then, this past Saturday, we had fifteen Sir Knights in the Honor Guard for Monsignor Schmitz's 50th Anniversary of Ordination. It was a great celebration for a great priest.

Again, enjoy the last month of summer... It goes by too fast! I hope to see many of you on August 18th or at our first business meeting in September!

Vivat Jesus!

Bou Gazley

Berry Hobbs

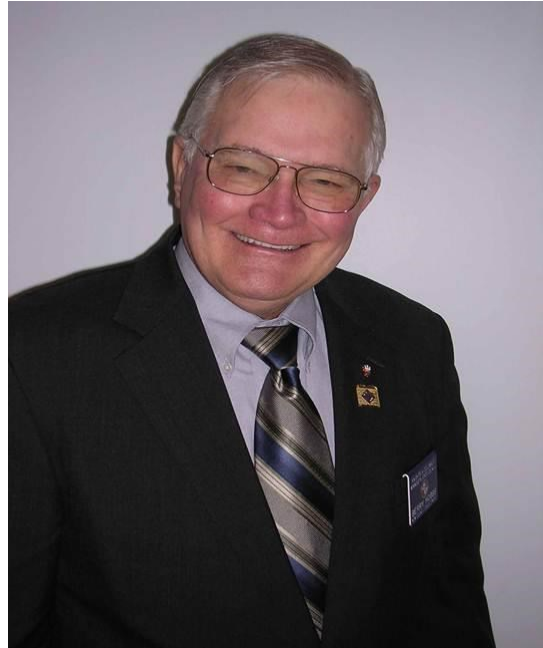
Written by Ken Ford and Mark Zangs

Brother Knights, By now, most of you have heard of the passing of our dear brother knight, Berry Hobbs Jr. He was born on April 28, 1943, in Hobbs, New Mexico; which was named after his grandfather.

Berry graduated from Lovington High School in 1961. He then attended Saint Edward's University and received his B.A. degree in 1965.

He served four years in the 6922nd Security Wing during the Vietnam Conflict. He was stationed in Greece and the Philippines. His assignment required a special security clearance. For eight hours a day he would listen to certain airways for enemy transmissions.

While serving in the Philippines, they were hit with a typhoon south of the base. Berry was part of a special rescue team and received a Certificate of Commendation in August 1968 from Draper Kauffman, Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy who was the Commander-in-Chief Pacific Representative in the Philippines. While in the Philippines, he studied Karate and achieved the order of I Dan on July 4, 1969.



Upon returning from the service as a sergeant, he returned to his home town of Hobbs, New Mexico. He worked on the family farm and as an oil rigger until he met Linda Sue Manning who became his wife in 1973. She was a school teacher and helped and encouraged Berry to teach. Berry attended Eastern New Mexico University and was awarded the Master of Education in July 1978. Berry taught school at Hobbs Municipal Schools. He taught various grades and ended up primarily teaching 9th and 10th grades. He also coached the girls basketball team and the boys football team for several years. Berry often used his playbook as a lesson plan metaphorically to offer advice on a variety of topics. After serving 19 years of teaching, the Hobbs Board of Education recognized Berry for his outstanding service. He was then transferred from the classroom to an administrative level within the district. He became the school bus transportation coordinator for five to six years.

He and his wife Linda left Hobbs and moved to be closer to Steven; Berry's adopted son and Linda's son, in 1995. They moved to Rochester, Minnesota, where Berry worked with IBM and reactivated his membership in the Knights of Columbus. Berry began his involvement and served in every council chair. He completed his service as Grand Knight and as Faithful Navigator. He firmly believed in knowing and memorizing his role on the first degree team. He later would serve on the second degree team in the Rochester area. He knew his role word for word. He would eventually serve on the third degree team in various positions and always knew his part word for word. He spent countless hours reviewing each position he served in each degree. Later he was asked to be part of the fourth degree team. He was one of a handful of knights in the history of the Minnesota State Council to be actively involved in all four degree teams. Berry always knew his part by heart.

He served four years as District Deputy and State Youth Director during two of these years. Berry's father passed away in 2005 just before our mid-summer meeting. Joe Konrardy was State Program Director and introduced a new youth program that Supreme was beginning, "The Soccer Challenge". With Berry out of state, no one knew really what to do. District Deputy Ken Ford, from the north metro area, stepped forward and got things rolling. By the time Berry returned, Council 9139 agreed to host the District and State Championship. Berry was delighted and the Minnesota State Council became the FIRST state in the Knights of Columbus worldwide to complete this event. Berry continued to serve on the state staff after serving his four years as District Deputy. He served as the director of new council development for several years. He also served as State Membership Director for one year. While Berry was in Minnesota, he started 12 new councils and was nominated and inducted into the Minnesota Fourth Degree Hall of Fame.

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Calendar of Events

August 18	Asm. 548 Summer Gathering 6:00 pm	St. Francis Church
August 28	Anchor Article Submission Deadline (our meeting is early in September)	
September 2	Officers Meeting	7:00 pm TBD
September 7	LABOR DAY	
September 15	Assembly 548 Meeting	See below Holy Family in Kasson

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After Berry's divorce in 2012, he felt he needed a fresh start. Over Labor Day weekend in 2012, he moved to Arizona. He moved in with Sir Brother Knight Ken Ford and his fiancée Julie. Berry was in Arizona about one year before he was diagnosed with multiple myeloma and stage 4 advanced kidney failure. He lost the use of his legs in 2014. He was unable to attend mass so it was arranged for the Eucharist to be brought to him twice a week. Julie and Ken were officially married May 22, 2015. Despite his illnesses, Berry and Ken's brother Dave were best men. Berry willed himself to see Julie and Ken get married! Soon after the event, Berry's health deteriorated significantly. Early Saturday morning on June 23rd, Berry passed away while Julie was holding his hand and Ken was saying the Divine Mercy Chaplet. He had received his Last Rites earlier in the day.

On a personal note, Berry was like a brother to me. As I type through my tears, I hear his voice and his laugh, and I know that Berry is resting peacefully in heaven. Berry wanted no memorials or tributes. He lived in the example of St. Francis in humility and service to others. He inspired me to be a better man and to continue to increase my faith through prayer of the Holy Rosary. He asked only for one thing, that we pray for his soul. I also ask that you honor him by praying for him to Saint Gertrude with this very short prayer:

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son Jesus in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

Berry was a dear friend and an exemplary Knight*. During the first week in August, Berry's ashes will be laid to rest next to his father's grave in the family plot in Hobbs, New Mexico. Please pray for Berry Hobbs Jr.

Meeting Schedule

The Assembly Officer's met in July and discussed the schedule for our monthly meetings. Here is the format that our monthly meetings will follow most months:

- 6:00 Mass, Rosary, or Presenter (depending upon availability of priest)
- 6:30 Social time/Meal
- 7:30 Assembly Meeting





Please Remember in Your Prayers



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| † Berry Hobbs | † Marjorie Straus |
| † Frank Chiarini | † Fr. Jonathan Fasnacht |
| † Ambrose King | † Victims of Abortion |
| † Kevin Furr | † All Personal Intentions |
| † Greg Sanders | |

Happy Birthday

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| Alvin Gorski | August 1 |
| Fr. James Russell | August 1 |
| Jeff Bagniewski | August 3 |
| Ambrose King | August 3 |
| Michael Sheehan | August 3 |
| Robert Capelle | August 7 |
| Derrick Soma | August 7 |
| Robert Loechler | August 8 |
| Benjamin O'Donnell | August 10 |
| Greg Sanders | August 13 |
| Timothy Walsh | August 15 |
| Louis Mueller | August 17 |
| Kevin Furr | August 18 |
| Paul Mertes | August 18 |
| Derwin Hammond | August 19 |
| James Mayr | August 19 |
| James Cox | August 22 |
| David Silker | August 27 |
| Raymond Bressel | August 28 |
| Leslie Anderson | August 29 |

August Business Meeting



Join us August 18 at St. Francis Church in Rochester for a social event. Meal at 6:00pm, followed by socialization and a Catholic movie. The movie will either be on Fr. McGivney, Pope Francis, or Pope John Paul II. A decision will be made that night!