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Fred's Findings



Greetings Brother <<First Name>>,

The 14th Annual Chuck Hollenbach "Never Give Up on Life" Memorial Golf Outing was held on Monday July 15th at Royal Fox Country Club. This was my 4th year as Chairman for the outing, I did not play in the three previous years so to be



available for any issues that might arise after the golf was over pertaining to the dinner. However, Fred Dresser talked me into golfing this year as we had three Priests golf as guests of our outing. I had a great afternoon teeing it up with our new STJN Pastor Fr. David Peck,

The Church of St. Mary Pastor Fr. Paul Lipinski and Aurora Central Catholic superintendent Fr. Bill Etheredge. It was a great experience for me. While I was golfing, Thea Stowell and Debbie Weber did a great job organizing the raffle and silent auction area. Ron Newman was close by on the 10th tee shooting the Swing Fix video if needed.



We had 123 golfers this year so we hit our goal of 120. It looks like we will be able to write a check to the FVPC for \$14,000! Last year, we wrote a check for \$13,000. The Golf Committee did a wonderful job recruiting golfers, sponsors and donations. Thank you Gentlemen! And our Council really stepped up for golf prizes as I spent

\$0.00 on golf prizes. I had approx 23 dozen golf ball donations from our BK's and BK Rob Littrell from Aldi arranged for a donation of approx 48 bottles of wine. To the day of the event



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Upcoming Events

August, 2013

08/12 Business Meeting-SJN

September, 2013

09/02 LA - No Meeting - Labor Day

09/09 Business Meeting-SJN

09/20-22 ID "Tootsie Roll" Drive

October, 2013

10/05 Fall Classic 5K run/2K walk

10/05-06 ID "Tootsie Roll" Drive

10/07 Ladies Auxiliary - SPDT Fr. Carse

10/12 Highway Cleanup - SPCR

10/14 Business Meeting-SJN

10/26 Life Chain, Rt 64

volunteers: Gary Topacio, Jon Mielke, Gary Renn, Ed Gorecki, Bill Whelan, Shaun Jurczewski, Rich Duensing, Larry Lenahan,



Dan Liebforth, Debbie Weber, Thea Stowell and Dave Stowell, thank you for volunteering your time! And our keynote raffle item was a week stay at a resort in Phoenix in Feb. 2014 donated by Dave and Thea Stowell. Thank you Dave and Thea for your generous donation. Now that the 2013 outing is in our rear view mirror, Ron Newman has agreed to be the Chairman for the 2014 outing. We get a few months off and I am sure Ron will initiate the 2014 planning before the end of the year. (For more images of the golf outing, [click here](#))



Other news of note involves Paddyfest at St. Patrick on Saturday August 24th and Sunday August 25th. Msgr. Linster has asked the Knights to run Paddyfest this year and probably in future years. Specifically, BK George Kleinschmidt is in charge of Paddyfest and has been entrusted by Msgr. Linster with the "Paddyfest Checkbook." Above and beyond set-up, beverage sales and tear-down, we will have a greater role in the Saturday evening Bar-B-Q and perhaps with other responsibilities as they may arise on Sunday. Retiring Church Program Chair Jeff Holmgren and new Church Program Chair Gary Topacio are supporting George while our Council will be providing manpower to support their efforts. Paddyfest historically has had tents for burgers, brats and hot dog sales. In 2014, the Knights will be in charge to handle these food sales. The parishioner that has been running these food sales is retiring from Paddyfest duty after 2013 is completed. Therefore, I need a Brother Knight to volunteer to absorb the local knowledge that the parishioner has to offer from running these Paddyfest food sales for the past 10+ years to be able to take on this job in 2014. Stay tuned for more Paddyfest news as it arises. Set-up, beverage sales and tear-down volunteer [sign-up are online](#).

Pending approval from Supreme, Brother Knight Bill Goetz will be our new Financial Secretary. Bill has been in training for the last

November, 2013

11/04 Ladies Auxiliary - SPDT Fr. Carse

11/11 Business Meeting-SJN

December, 2013

12/02 Ladies Auxiliary - SPDT Fr. Carse

12/09 Christmas Social-SJN

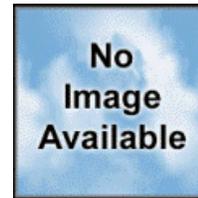
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Knight of the Month



June- I was not at the July Meeting, so I am not sure... I will publish in the July Meeting

July Knight of the Month will be announced at the August Meeting

Know Your Faith

By Sir Knight Ken Konetzki

Marcionism

Several years ago I participated from time to time with a bible study group made up of several individuals from a Lutheran congregation in Carol Stream. I recall on one particular occasion that the pastor there made a reference to "Old Testament thinking." His point seemed to be that the OT was replaced by the New Testament and that we should ignore OT perspectives when considering whatever issue it was that we were discussing.

Perhaps you too have noticed what seems to be a difference in the views of God presented by the Old and New Testaments. Whereas the NT tells us "God is love." (1 Jn 4:8), the OT records Him as instructing the Israelites to completely destroy the Nations they would dispossess of the Promised Land (Deut 7), including "men and women, young and old, as well as oxen, sheep, and donkeys" (Josh 7:21).

Such dichotomy vexed early Christians too, even the son of a bishop. Marcion, whose father was the bishop of Sinope, Pontus (Turkey), went to Rome in the mid 100's and founded a sect that came to be known as the Marcionites. In fact, there is a fairly lengthy entry about this heresy in the Catholic Encyclopedia (<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/09645c.htm>) that indicates that Marcion, himself, was a bishop.

several weeks learning the position from past FS Greg Krispin. Please take the time to thank Bill for answering the call and making the commitment to help our Council.

Lastly, I was recently reminded that the Book of James says "Faith Without Works is Dead." Think of all the Works of Mercy that we do through our Council programs such as our Food Drive this past Spring, the 5K supported Hope for Haitians and at our Council meetings we pray for the living and the deceased, just to name a few. Therefore, use this Bible verse as a recruiting tool when speaking with a potential new Knight, we do the Works that will help in the journey we are all on, our Faith Journey. Then let God do the rest.

God Bless,
Fred Karl -GK

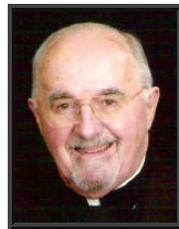
Chaplain's Report

Life's Meaning

Message for 8/14/13
18th Sunday in OT (C)

The first reading from the book of Ecclesiastes (Eccl 1:2; 2:21:23) kind of makes you wonder about whether life is worth living or not. It sounds kind of dismal: "**Vanity of vanities, says Qoheleth, vanity of vanities! All things are vanity! Here is one who has labored with wisdom and knowledge and skill, and yet to another who has not labored over it, he must leave property. This also is vanity and a great misfortune. For what profit comes to man from all the toil and anxiety of heart with which he has labored under the sun? All his days sorrow and grief are his occupation; even at night his mind is not at rest. This also is vanity.**" So what is life all about anyway? If you think about it, the above reading is focusing on self and doesn't appear to include others, especially God. God's commandment, to love one another as he has loved us, brings a new meaning to what life is all about. We can't go it alone! We need each other! Being retired, I find myself with a lot of time on my hands, with nothing to do but think about myself, sometimes being filled with self-pity - vanity of vanities. Having health care problems over the last couple of years has awakened me to the feeling of being grateful toward so many people: family, friends, doctors, nurses, aides, receptionists, prayer partners, daily mass friends, breakfast companions, E-Mail friends, those who care enough to send a get well card, and most of all for Christ's presence in my loneliness. Thank you Lord, for you and for all those thoughtful and caring people. That's what life is all about. We sometimes forget to reflect on this wonderful gift that God gives us: a community of love and companionship.

Having said all this, I realize how important it is to make Responsorial Psalm 90 a personal reminder of how important God is in our lives: "**If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. You turn man back to dust, saying, "Return, O children of men." For a thousand years in your sight are as yesterday, now that it is past, or as a watch of the night. You make an end of them in their sleep; the next morning they are like the changing**



Marcion believed that the Old and New testaments described two distinct God beings. While the NT referred the Father of Jesus, and the good and supreme God, the OT referred to an inferior being, an evil demigod, who was the Jewish god and had no place in Christianity. He advocated therefore for a complete rejection of the OT and to purge Christianity of any connection to Judaism. His scriptures consisted of "only a mutilated version of Luke's Gospel and Paul's epistles, from which everything positive about Judaism and the Old Testament had been removed." (Jimmy Akin, The Fathers Know Best).

Marcionites had established an ecclesial hierarchy as structured as that of the early Catholic Church and thus remained a formidable foe to orthodoxy for a long time. It seems that the Apostle's Creed and the establishment of the Canon of Scripture came about, at least in part, to combat Marcionism.

Apply Your Faith

You might see in the Marcionites the origin of modern day Antisemitism; and if you do, see also that Antisemitism has no place in the Catholic Church. We profess Jesus as the fulfillment of the law, not the replacement of it. Consequently, there must be consistency at some level between Old and New Testaments, and linkage between Judaism and Catholicism. The former is the seed of the latter like an acorn to an oak tree. The acorn doesn't look like the oak tree but there can be no doubt that the tree is within the acorn. You might say that the tree is the fulfillment of the acorn.

The heresy of Marcionism, like pretty much all heresies ultimately, also points to the divisions in Christianity today that stem from the idea of sola scriptura. Jesus did not leave us words on a page in a dead codex of books; he left us a living Church, guided by the Holy Spirit; and it is she that not only tells us first of all what to recognize as scripture, but also the principles for interpreting it. For that guidance, consult CCC 111-114.

Pro-Life Report

By Sir Knight Jon Mielke

A woman has the right to do what she wants with her body

How many times have you heard or read that? However there is one overwhelming problem with this statement when it comes to an abortion. The Child that is to be aborted IS NOT HER BODY!

If an embryo created by Asian sperm and an Asian egg is implanted into a Black woman, what the child look like? Asian! The Child will not inherit any characteristics from the surrogate mother. All 46 of the chromosomes come equally from the biological father and the

grass, Which at dawn springs up anew, but by evening wilts and fades. Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart. Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on your servants! Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days. And may the gracious care of the LORD our God be ours; prosper the work of our hands for us! Prosper the work of our hands!"

In Paul's letter to the Colossians (Col 3:1-11) he lifts up life's meaning to a spiritual level, focusing on the things above and not on those below: "Brothers and sisters: If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory. Put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and the greed that is idolatry. Stop lying to one another, since you have taken off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed, for knowledge, in the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all and in all." He calls us to put aside those things on earth that keep us from a full communion with God.

Jesus sums it all up in the gospel from Luke (Lk 12:13-21) when he warns the crowd: "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." and again, later in a parable: "'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God." So, my friends, let not vanity be your life! Let Christ be your life!

Love and Prayers,
Fr. Joe

Ladies Auxiliary Report



Hello All!

The next "Dine at Gabby's" day is this weekend. All day Sunday, August 11th and/or the previous evening on Saturday, *August 10th after the evening Masses*, anyone who dines at Gabby's (on Rt. 64 in St. Charles) can put their paid receipt in the "KC Ladies Auxiliary" container near the register. The receipts will be totaled and the Ladies Auxiliary will receive 10%!

Gabby's is very generous in continuing the "Dine at Gabby's" on the 2nd

Saturday and Sunday of each month. If you will be dining at Gabby's on those days, please drop your receipt in the marked basket! We appreciate your support! Thank you, Gabby's, for your generosity and support of the Ladies Auxiliary!



biological mother with exactly zero coming from the woman who is carrying the child.

We all know that this child is different from the woman carrying the child. In fact, in 2000 the U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill ([HR4888](#)) titled "Innocent Child Protection Act of 2000" which was passed by a vote of 417 to 0. The main text of the bill is:

It shall be unlawful for any authority, military or civil, of the United States, a State, or any district, possession, commonwealth or other territory under the authority of the United States to carry out a sentence of death on a woman while she carries a child in utero. In this section, the term 'child in utero' means a member of the species homo sapiens, at any stage of development, who is carried in the womb.

417 for...None against... Not one member of the House voted against this terminology. Not one Democrat, Not one Republican, Not one Independent. Not even one pro-abortion representative. If the child were just another appendage of the woman, like an arm or a leg, why would 417 people state that it is wrong to kill the mother and not one person think it is okay?

What can you do? Mark your calendars! On October 26th, from 2:30-3:30 we will be lining Main st. (Rt. 64) in a public prayer for all those impacted by abortion. Please consider joining us. As Edmund Burke said, "All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing"

From the Field Agent



Growth is our duty

I am a dedicated Knight, as are all of you who read this column. As the insurance agent for your council, my role as a Knight is somewhat different than yours. My goal is to meet with each of my assigned members at least once a year to make sure their insurance needs are covered. In addition to this, I have a number of smaller goals that help me accomplish my

We look forward to assisting St. Patrick's Parish by serving the dinner on Saturday night of Paddyfest. The dinner takes a bit of a new format this year as pulled pork sandwiches will be served rather than having a pig roast. Watch St. Pat's weekly bulletin for more information.

Due to the Labor Day holiday, we will not meet in the month of September. Our next meeting will be October 7, 7:30 p.m. in the Father Carse Center of the Downtown Church. Brother Knights, please invite your wives and other female family members 18 and older to join us!

In an ongoing effort for parish community involvement and spirituality, a few event reminders from the Ladies Auxiliary:

Recitation of the Rosary on the First Saturday of the month
3:30 p.m. (Before 4:00 Mass) at St. Patrick - Crane Rd. and after 5:15 Mass at St. John Neumann

Our Blessed Mother asks us to pray the Rosary - Please join us in this beautiful First Saturday Devotion!

Mystic Monk Coffee and Tea Sales

To place an order, please contact us at 630-513-0580.

Doris Braddock

President, Ladies Auxiliary

Family Bike Ride



The last Council Family Bike Ride was held on May 4, 2013 with 16 riders in attendance. The weather turned out to be great for the morning ride. Because of requests, a fall bike ride is being scheduled for October 12th or 19th depending on other Council activities. We will have a definite date in the September Unitas.

The ride will be extended from about 12 to 15 miles. If you have not gone a Family Bike Ride for the morning half of a Saturday, it is a good way to have some clean and healthy family fun, don't pass it up. If there are any questions please contact Burt Brown at burtonbrown@sbcglobal.net. Hope to see you there.



Orientation

main one. Among these is the need to recruit new members.

I want to help this council achieve the coveted Star Council Award. I want all the eligible Catholic males in the area to become Knights so they and their families can be part of this great Order. To that end, I am here to help this council with its recruiting efforts.

Remember, most men who could join but haven't yet are merely waiting to be asked. They likely do not know about the many good deeds done by the Order and its members on an annual basis. It is our job to ask them and tell them that with minimal commitment, they too could be Knights.

I make my living and support my family by talking about the Order and the benefits of membership. I would be more than happy to speak with any potential candidates, especially those who may be right under your nose. Is your father, brother, cousin or neighbor a member? How about the man sitting in the next pew at Mass? Strike up a conversation and see where it goes.

To fulfill Father McGivney's vision is our goal. Growing the Order and educating all members about the benefits of being an insured member is the way to do it.

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Our newest members, two college students Alex Karl and Peter Bellino, listen intently about the benefits of being a Knight at he New Knight Orientation held on July 25th.

Join us for the Rosary



We would like to remind you that we will be saying the Rosary shortly after 6:15 p.m. prior to the council meeting on Monday, August 12. Please join us at that time in room 302.

The intention of the Rosary will be for the Knights and their families. and our country.

Paddyfest



Paddyfest will be the weekend of August 24-25, 2013. The KofC will be needed to set up tents at the Crane Road Church on Saturday August 24 (8:00 am-11:00 am) and then tear down on Sunday August 25 (5:00 pm-7:00 pm). A lot of manpower is needed to make this go.

From the Membership Director

Watch Your e-mail for the date of the August First Degree.

Please forward the name of any candidate to Paul Braddock as we aim for 300 members.

2013 IDF



Registration to volunteer to collect for the Intellectual Disabilities Fund (Tootsie Rolls) on the Council's [webpage](#) is now available. Please demonstrate

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some of that famous Knight charity and sign up to work a shift or two on any of the September 20 and 21 and October 5 and 6 dates. Your generous donation of time will help so many persons with mental disabilities. Any questions? Call DGK Bob Gilmartin at 312 771 6685.

Fall Classic 5K Run/2K Walk



Our 5K race starts on the banks of the beautiful Fox River in Pottawatomie Park and winds thru the surrounding neighborhood. 2K walkers follow a River route. This event is being held Saturday Oct. 5th, 2013 with a 9:00 AM start. Please help us as a fundraiser or make a charitable donation. Net proceeds will benefit the charitable works of the Knights of Columbus #12497 including

Special Olympics, Hope for Haitians, Helping those with Mental Disabilities, and Disaster Relief. Visit active.com to register or see the council webpage for more information our call BK Steve Hill @ 847-931-1621.

You can help raise money for the charitable work of the Knights of Columbus #12497 in conjunction with our 5K charity race, use [this link](#) to donate or become a fundraiser. The website is secure, fast and easy to use. At the website you will be able to choose an amount to donate and receive email confirmation of your donation. Also please consider participating in our 5K race on October 5th @ 9:00 AM in St. Charles. Thanks in advance for your help. God Bless.

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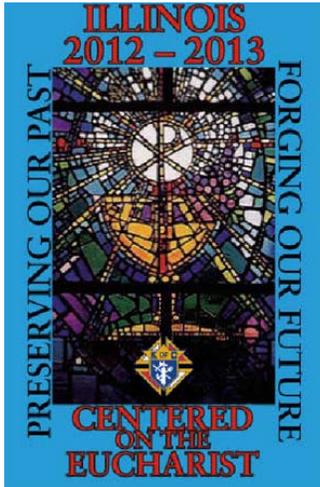
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