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## Fred's Findings



Greetings Brother <<First Name>>>,

As I am writing this GK report it is Labor Day, Monday, Sept 2nd. I am grateful that God has given me the ability to earn an income for my family and I pray for my fellow BK's that are struggling with unemployment, underemployment or considering a job change. I do know from first hand experience how much stress and anxiety can be created from labor related challenges as I have been unemployed twice. I know that I tend to take my work for granted when things are going OK but I believe that God asks us to keep an eye out for our family and friends to be a source of support for these labor challenges when they encounter in their lives.

Paddyfest at St. Patrick was the weekend of Aug. 24th & 25th. The manpower volunteers are too numerous to mention but I would like to single out BK's George Kleinschmidt, Jeff Holmgren, Gary Topacio, Fred Robinson and Charlie Miller. Msgr. Linster entrusted George with the responsibility of running Paddyfest and in such a short time to plan, he did a great job pulling the event together. Assisting George were outgoing Church Program chair Jeff Holmgren and incoming Church Program chair Gary Topacio. And a final thank you to Fred Robinson for use of tables and chairs, to Charlie Miller for providing for the transportation of those tables and chairs and to Mike Scollon for the beer.

ILD Chair & DGK Bob Gilmartin has kept us informed about Tootsie Rolls as this was the first weekend for collecting money at the KC Flea Market. I am very upset when I see the shameless exploitation of children, **EXCEPT**, when our youngsters are used to help fill the canisters with ILD money at the Flea Market. These youngsters are money magnets! Next up for ILD is Friday Sept. 20th and Saturday Sept. 21st. Many organizations depend on the Knights to assist with the revenue side of their budgets. Please give us at least one time slot over this weekend. It is a very simple formula, the more manpower hours we are able to have volunteered, the more money we collect. Feel free to recruit your family and friends to help with the manpower.

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### Upcoming Events

September, 2013

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

10/06 Life Chain, Rt 64

10/07 Ladies Auxiliary - SPDT Fr. Carse

10/12 Highway Cleanup - SPCR

10/14 Business Meeting-**SPDT**

Our next First Degree to bring in new members is Monday October 14th, prior to our regularly scheduled Council meeting.

**PLEASE NOTE THIS FIRST DEGREE AND COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE AT THE ST. PAT'S DOWNTOWN CHURCH.**

The objection that I am sure you hear the most is "I don't have the time." Perhaps a response to that objection might be, the book of James says "Faith without works is dead." As Knights, we do those Works of Mercy. Trust in God to readjust your calendar. I would like to hear how others handle this objection. Keep asking for the commitment.

The annual Vocations raffle is upon us. Your raffle tickets will be available for each member at the next Council meeting. Feel free to bring your checkbook and take care of this at the Council meeting. The drawing is in early December so we have only three meetings to get our contribution sent to the State K of C office.

I would like to introduce BK Sean Doherty as our new Publicity Chairman. Sean will be available to our Event Chairs to promote their event throughout the church or the community. One frustration that I had with running the golf outing is that I felt I was always having to "reinvent the wheel" when it came to promoting the outing within the church and community as I had forgotten how to get things done from previous years. I am very confident that Sean will become extremely proficient at promoting our council events within the church, community and diocese.

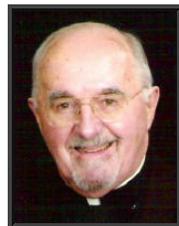
In December 2011, my sister sent me a book for Christmas called "The One Year Uncommon Life Daily Challenge" by Tony Dungy. If you recognize the author, yes, he is the former NFL coach, now NBC football analyst and devout Christian. I am re-reading this book again in 2013 as each day gives a you a brief Tony Dungy story or reflection and how the bible and his faith are involved in the story. The August 28th daily reflection is called "Challenged to Make a Choice." I am thinking most if not all of us have found ourselves in this situation. In the words of the author, "What happens to your priorities when you're pulled at the seams? What happens to serving the Lord first, putting your family next and bumping everything else farther down the list?" I think we have all been pulled at the seams with kids, family and work commitments. We are challenged by the author, "Decide today whom you will serve: God or everything else. Make it God!" Good words of advice from Coach Dungy. Remember we are all called to preach the Gospel and to use words when necessary.

God Bless,  
Fred Karl

## Chaplain's Report

### Humility

Message for 9/1/13  
22nd Sunday in OT (C)



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

Don't forget to see and sign up for activities at:

[http://kofc12497.com/wordpress/?page\\_id=318](http://kofc12497.com/wordpress/?page_id=318)

Access past issues of this newsletter:

[http://kofc12497.com/wordpress/?page\\_id=764](http://kofc12497.com/wordpress/?page_id=764)

### 1st Degree Schedule

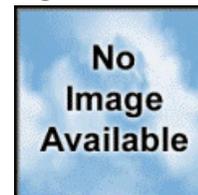
- Monday October 14th, SPDC, prior to scheduled Council meeting, 6:00PM
- Sunday December 8th, St. Pat's Crane Rd., **Major Degree day**, First Degree to begin at 1:00PM
- Monday February 10th, STJN, prior to scheduled Council meeting, 6:00PM
- Sunday April 6th, St. Pat's Crane Rd, First Degree to begin at 1:00PM
- Monday June 9th, STJN, prior to scheduled Council meeting, 6:00PM

### Orientation Schedule

- Sunday September 8, St. Pat's Crane Rd., Pre-Function Room, 6:30PM
- Sunday November 10, St. Pat's Crane Rd., Pre-Function Room, 6:30PM
- Sunday January 12, St. Pat's Crane Rd., Pre-Function Room, 6:30PM
- Sunday March 16, St. Pat's Crane Rd., Pre-Function Room, 6:30PM
- Sunday May 11, St. Pat's Crane Rd., Pre-Function Room, 6:30PM

Everyone is invited, but please call Paul Braddock, 630-901-3164, in advance to ensure preparations are made for you

### Knight of the Month



June - Ed Borgstrom for the many shifts covered at the Pride of the Fox

(Sir 3:17-28): "My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts. Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God. What is too sublime for you, seek not, into things beyond your strength search not. The mind of a sage appreciates proverbs, and an attentive ear is the joy of the wise. Water quenches a flaming fire, and alms atone for sins"

Humility is truth: being one's self. As a Christian virtue, humility is rooted in God. Christians know that all they are and all they have constitute a gift from God. Once we realize this, then it becomes easier to let go and let God be in control. By focusing our attention on God, we become more like him, a loving, giving, humble person of God. Wouldn't it be lovely if all the world were like that? Our readings today focus on the virtue of humility.

Sirach is a keen observer of his fellow humans. People addicted to pride, full of pretensions, are like actors, who constantly play the roles of other characters, but never their own. Humble persons know that they depend entirely on God. Their joy and happiness are reflected in today's Responsorial Psalm 68:4-11): **"God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor (me). The just rejoice and exult before God; they are glad and rejoice. Sing to God, chant praise to his name; whose name is the LORD. The father of orphans and the defender of widows is God in his holy dwelling. God gives a home to the forsaken; he leads forth prisoners to prosperity. A bountiful rain you showered down, O God, upon your inheritance; you restored the land when it languished; your flock settled in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided it for the needy (me).**

In the second reading, the author of Hebrews (Heb 12:18-24) refers to the manifestation of God on Mount Sinai with all its thunder, fire, clouds, lightning, angels and blasting trumpets. He compares it with the vision of Mount Zion, located in heaven, where we will see God without trembling and fear. But coming to this mountain in heaven, meeting God face to face and partaking in his banquet is granted only to the humble, as today's gospel from Luke teaches us (Lk 14:1-14):

"On a Sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees, and the people there were observing him carefully. He told a parable to those who had been invited, noticing how they were choosing the places of honor at the table. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited by him, and the host who invited both of you may approach you and say, 'Give your place to this man,' and then you would proceed with embarrassment to take the lowest place. Rather, when you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position,' then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table. For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Then he said to the host who invited him, "When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment. Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."



July - GK Fred Karl for years of chairing the Golf Outing

The August Knight of the Month will be announced at the September Meeting

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## Know Your Faith

By Sir Knight Ken Konetzki

### Summing up and moving on

Brothers, over the past several months we have explored our Catholic faith in apophatic fashion, that is, by looking at what it is not. We did so by considering nine heresies: Manicheism, Donatism, Palagianism, Docetism, Adoptionism, Monarchism, Modalism, Iconoclasm, and Marcionism. Of course we merely scratched the surface of each, mentioning only their most distinctive or noteworthy characteristics; but it is enough to see that they all share at least one thing in common. Each heresy, in its own way, came about as the result of the paradigm through which its proponents read scripture.

I have heard apologist Steve Ray, himself a convert to Catholicism, mention many times that when he was a Baptist, he read scripture with Baptist glasses. Those lenses colored how he interpreted what he read. When you wear yellow tinted sunglasses, you can distinguish different colors in the world around you but they all have a yellow hue. If your sunglass lenses are green, or blue, or gray, you will likewise see the world colored green, or blue, or gray.

Additionally, it is a common attribute of man that we tend to magnify those inputs that support our presuppositions and discount those that do not. In politics it means that a liberal will tend to accept anything Chris Mathews says and reject anything Rush Limbaugh says, and vice-versa for a conservative. In Christianity it means we will tend to understand the bible according to our faith tradition and be suspicious of any understanding proffered by another.

Recognizing our nature, if we want to fully understand scripture in the way God intends, it is very important what glasses we put on to read it. In other words, it behooves us to read scripture through the faith tradition God himself gave us. God's Church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic; characteristics that describe the Church and her mission. Next month we'll begin to explore these four marks of the Church.

I suppose that many of you have experienced a humbling situation in your lives. I remember getting angry at a street person who kept coming late to mass, disrupting the flow of the liturgy, as he humbly came to the altar, knelt down, bowing before the Lord and then proceeded to the choir loft to sing with the choir members. They were petrified of his presence up there. Nothing you could say to him seemed to affect him. He kept right on with this routine every now and then. I invited him to the rectory after mass and we talked for hours. I learned what a rough life he was leading; he only wanted to be accepted; he wasn't looking for a handout, in fact, he always tried to share what little he had with whoever he met. I got to know him fairly well and humbly welcomed him whenever he showed up. May the Lord bless him and watch over this special and humble person.

May the Lord bless you all and help you to become as humble as this special person.

Love and Prayers,  
Fr. Joe

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## Ladies Auxiliary Report



Hello All!

Several of the Ladies served the Saturday evening meal at the Paddyfest on August 24th.

This was a nice opportunity for us to partner with our Brother Knights and offer our service to the church and St. Patrick's parishioners. We served some delicious food catered by Gabby's Kitchen!

Due to Labor Day we did not meet in September. Our next meeting will be on October 7 at 7:30 p.m. We meet in the conference room of the Father Carse Center, St. Patrick's downtown church. All women of St. Patrick and St. John Neumann are welcome to join us!

We look forward to working with the Knights on the Tootsie Roll Drive this month and their upcoming Fall Classic 5K Run/2K Walk on Saturday, October 5. We hope to see many of you there!

The next "Dine at Gabby's" day is this weekend. All day Sunday, September 8th and/or the previous evening on Saturday, September 7th 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!



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

Pax et Bonum

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## Pro-Life Report

By Sir Knight Jon Mielke

Some say that life is a marathon, which is true. Sometimes we need to pace ourselves so that we don't burn out. But, at other times, life is a sprint and we are more effective to put full effort into a short sprint. **40 Days for Life** is the Pro-life equivalent to a sprint.

40 Days for Life will run from September 25th to October 3rd this fall. This is a focused time to push with all our might with three focused tools.

1. Prayer and Fasting
2. Peaceful Vigil, and
3. Community Outreach

Prayer and Fasting is the most powerful and thus the most important tool we have to end abortion. Please pray for those who are contemplating abortion, those suffering the aftereffects of abortion, and those who perform, participate, or promote abortions.

The closest location for Peaceful Vigil is the Planned Parenthood location at 3051 E North York St in Aurora.

One way to show community outreach is to join us (a little after the 40 days ends) on October 6th along Main Street in St. Charles in prayer.

For more information about 40 Days for life, visit their website at

<http://www.40daysforlife.com/>

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## From the Field Agent



## Still have just group insurance?

As a Knights of Columbus field agent, I hear about group life insurance every week. If you have it, it's certainly not a bad thing, but it can be a misleading security blanket. Most times, the amount offered is far from what you need, and the only way to determine what you need is with a comprehensive needs analysis. Your group coverage is not based on any analysis.

**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!***

**Family Mass: September 9th – 9:00 a.m. at St. John  
Neumann.** Consider gathering at Gabby's afterward for  
breakfast/brunch!

**Mystic Monk Coffee and Tea Sales** are now available online!  
Signing up and ordering is quick and easy! Just go to  
<http://www.mmcoffeedrive.com/> and select **Ladies Auxiliary,  
St. Charles, IL**, to begin shopping! Thank you for your support!

**Doris Braddock**  
President, Ladies Auxiliary

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## Knights ADVOCATE

### COLOMBIAN'S

In 2010 the St Charles Council 12497 created and implemented  
the Knights Advocate program; In 2012, the St Charles Council  
12497 received the highest Supreme award (Supreme Program of  
the Year for Council activities)

Take a look at the following official Advocate Program Logo;  
perhaps you can see the larger Knight embracing the smaller



icon of a man. This intends to show how a brother Knight can  
embrace a newer Knight, take him under his wing and direct him  
toward full Knighthood.

This is what our Council Advocates do; they take our newest  
members (Columbians) and guide them through the awkward  
phase of the first months of being a new member. Perhaps your  
own experience comes to mind. These can be difficult times and it  
is possible that without encouragement some of our current  
members may not have survived. Most of the time it only takes a  
few phone calls to assure the Columbian that we are sincerely  
interested in his well being as a Knight.

We want to thank the all of the past and current Advocate's for  
the special efforts that they put forth.

Thanks to past and present Advocates: Kevin Morency, Lyle  
Larson, Frank Positano, Dan Rothengass, Steve Hill, Jon Mielke,  
Jim Gebhardt, Jason Lynch, Fred Karl, Dr. Dennis Murphy, Tim  
Cooper, Bill Murray, Gary Renn, Steve Pentek, Paul Herrmann and  
all others who have helped.

If you think that you may want to participate in this rewarding  
program please contact Dennis Marquis or Paul Herrmann.

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Instead, they apply a formula: you make X  
amount in salary and the group life is either a  
flat amount (\$15,000 seems popular) or a  
multiple of your salary (somewhere between  
1.5 and 2.5 is common). Either way, it has  
nothing to do with the number of children you  
have, the mortgage balance you carry, or the  
amount of money your wife would need if you  
die. It's a completely random number.

It can also disappear at any time. All of us  
know people — friends, family members,  
neighbors — who have lost their jobs. When  
the job is lost, so is the group life insurance  
coverage. If the company experiences  
difficulty and budgets need to be cut, group  
life can be reduced or eliminated. And that  
decision could be made at the worst possible  
time for you.

Most group life insurance coverage reduces or  
disappears when you retire. Many times it can  
be converted, but at a very expensive  
premium (remember, you're no kid anymore  
when you retire, and premiums do rise as you  
get older). Just because you turn 65 doesn't  
mean you no longer need life insurance or  
need less coverage. Actually, the opposite is  
true.

Do you still own just group life insurance? It  
must be supplemented with a personally  
owned portfolio. I can tell you exactly how to  
blend your group benefit with your K of C life  
insurance so things can be in your control.  
Don't let the feeling of security that group life  
provides distract you from the real issue:  
taking control of your family's financial future!

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Come to the quiet... and let the Quiet come to you...

January 17—19, 2014  
Men's Silent Weekend Retreat  
Fr. Keith Muccino, SJ, MD

Fr. Muccino works as a physician and medical educator at Loyola University Medical Center in Chicago. Fr. Muccino's love for retreat work has been a life long passion. While at Georgetown University from 1991- 2004 he directed students, faculty, staff and alumni on a variety of Ignatian retreat experiences. Since moving to Chicago in 2004 for his current position at Loyola University Medical Center, he continues to direct retreats for parish and professional groups seeking to connect God to the busy pace and challenges that are a part of every day contemporary life.



Register online at [www.bellarminehall.org](http://www.bellarminehall.org), call Bellarmine at 847.381.1261, or mail in the form [Here](#). A \$70 deposit is requested at time of registration. The deposit is applied toward your weekend contribution. Please contact the Bellarmine office 847.381.1261 or email [bellarmine@bellarminehall.org](mailto:bellarmine@bellarminehall.org) with any questions.

Experience the power of a silent retreat adapted from the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius

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## Major Degree

A Major Degree is where a First Degree member can advance to receive their 2nd and 3rd Degree on Sunday December 8th, St. Pat's Crane Rd., Ceremony will follow the First Degree. Please arrive at 1:00PM. This is the only time of the year where you can receive your 2nd and 3rd Degree in St. Charles. If you do not attend this event, you will need to go to another geographic location to advance.

By attaining your 3rd Degree, you will have positioned yourself so you can become a 4th Degree member which is the highest level in the Knights of Columbus.

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## Join us for the Rosary



We would like to remind you that we will be praying the Rosary at around 6:15 p.m. prior to the council meeting on Monday, September 9th. Please join us at that time in room 302.

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

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## 2013 IDF



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

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## 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](http://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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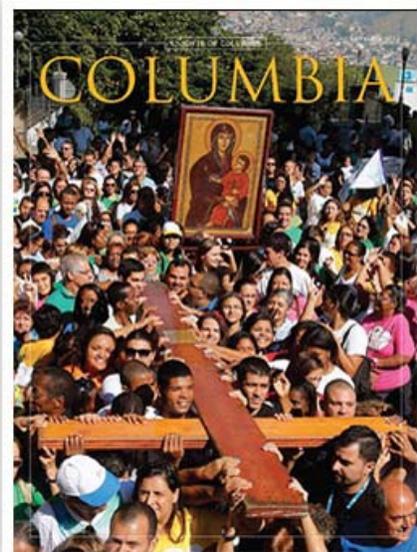
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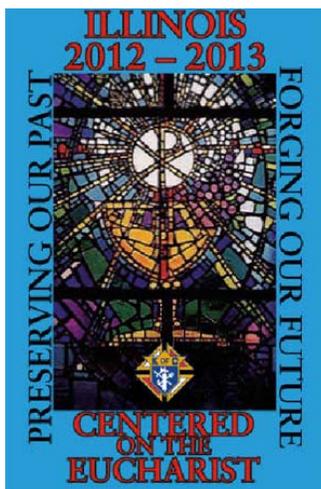
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