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Fred's Findings



Greetings Brother <<First Name>>,

"ONE KNIGHT PER COUNCIL PER MONTH" was the recurring recruiting theme at the Illinois Knights State Convention the weekend of April 25-27 in Springfield, IL to pass on to each Council as our fraternal year ends on June 30th. I remind my fellow BK's that I know I was asked at least three times to join the Council before I was asked by Dennis Marquis and I could not say no again. It has been a great experience for me. Therefore, keep asking, timing is everything. Our next First Degree is Monday June 9th, prior to our Council meeting, candidates should arrive at 5:30pm, ceremony to begin at 6:00pm, Council meeting at 7:00pm. As our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson eloquently says, "membership in our order will make good men better men who then strive to be exceptional men." Please inform Paul Braddock or myself if you have any prospective candidates.

I know this is a month away but please keep some time open the weekend of June 6, 7 & 8 for St. Charles Riverfest "Pride of the Fox." Although this is a very busy weekend for the Council, it is a weekend where the family time can include the Knights. Our Council picnic is on Saturday June 7th at Pottawanamie Park, right along the river with prime view of the dragon boat races. Our picnic will start at approx 11am. BK Kevin Morency will man the grill. More details to come. Secondly, our own council dragon boat team, The Knight Riders, will compete. BK Gary Renn is the captain. Gary will be seeking male and female paddlers for yet to be determined AM times and PM times. Paddlers do not need to be Council or Ladies Auxiliary members. More details to come from Gary. Lastly, the Riverfest Planning Committee hires our Council to sell wristbands for the purchase of alcohol. We provide the manpower to check ID's, collect \$1.00 per person and attached a wristband to their wrist as proof of age when they purchase alcohol. Husbands and wives make great teams to check ID's, collect money and attach the wristband. We have 2 1/2 fundraisers for our Council. Wristbands, Pies & 5K; therefore, this is a big weekend for our Council.

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Upcoming Events

April, 2014

04/12 Highway Cleanup-SPCR

04/14 Business Meeting-SJN

04/17 Holy Thursday-SJN/SPCR

04/19 Easter Egg Hunt-Lincoln Park

May, 2014

05/05 Ladies Auxiliary - SPDT Fr. Carse

05/10 Hope for Haitians 5K, KC Govt Center

05/12 Business Meeting-SJN

June, 2014

Although BK Ron Newman is now running the 15th Annual Chuck Hollenbach "Never Give Up on Life" Memorial Golf Outing for our Council, golf and the beneficiary of the funds, the Fox Valley Pregnancy Center, are both near and dear to my heart. The outing is Monday July 21st at Royal Fox CC in St. Charles. Golf outing sign-up is now available on our Council website. How can you help?

1. Organize a foursome and play in the outing,
2. Donate sports tickets, restaurant gift cards, hotel overnight stays, etc... as a raffle/silent auction prize,
3. Recruit a hole sponsor for \$250,
4. Donate a dozen golf balls as a prize,
5. Join the golf committee, and 6) Pray for the success of the outing.

Our Fraternal year ends on June 30th and the new year begins on July 1st. The officer slate for the next Fraternal year will be announced at the next Council meeting on Monday May 12th. The main requirement to be a council officer is you have to be a 3rd Degree Knight. Except for Chaplain, Financial Secretary and two Trustees, all positions are open. I would like to specifically point out one open position of Warden. The Warden is responsible for supervising and maintaining all Council property. He sets up the council chambers for meetings and degrees and appoints and supervises guards for ceremonial exemplifications. The Warden should also oversee the guards and make sure they are fulfilling the duties assigned to them. If you have an interest in the Warden position, please reach out to me prior to the Council meeting.



On Sunday May 4th, St. Patrick Church was honored to have Cardinal Archbishop of Manila Luis Antonio Tagle celebrate the 11:30am mass at Crane Road. Please take the time to Google Cardinal Tagle, quite a history at the young age of 56. The Gospel this past Sunday was about two disciples on the road to Emmaus and they did not recognize Jesus who was with them, he was a stranger. Not until the breaking of bread with these disciples did they realize that this stranger was indeed Jesus. During Cardinal Tagle's homily, he asked, "How do we recognize the risen Lord in our day to day lives?" It made me remember an instance in my life that really hit home with me. I am not sure I was a Knight at this time but I was teaching CCD to grades 7-8-9-10 and I think I just heard a very inspirational homily from Msgr. Linster so I was really fired up. The next day, I had an appointment on the south

06/02 Ladies Auxiliary - SPDT Fr. Carse
06/09 Business Meeting-SJN

July, 2014

07/07 Ladies Auxiliary - SPDT Fr. Carse
07/14 Business Meeting-SJN
07/21 Golf Outing, Royal Fox CC

August, 2014

08/04 Ladies Auxiliary - SPDT Fr. Carse
08/11 Business Meeting-SJN

September, 2014

09/01 Ladies Auxiliary - SPDT Fr. Carse
09/08 Business Meeting-SJN

October, 2014

10/06 Ladies Auxiliary - SPDT Fr. Carse
10/13 Business Meeting-SJN

November, 2014

11/03 Ladies Auxiliary - SPDT Fr. Carse
11/10 Business Meeting-SJN
11/21 Pies-by-the-Guys setup, SPCR
11/22 Pies-by-the-Guys, SPCR

December, 2014

12/01 Ladies Auxiliary - SPDT Fr. Carse
12/08 Business Meeting-SJN
12/14 Breakfast with Santa-SJN

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

http://kofc12497.com/wordpress/?page_id=318

Access past issues of this newsletter:

http://kofc12497.com/wordpress/?page_id=764

1st Degree Schedule

- Monday June 9th, STJN, prior to scheduled Council meeting, 6:00PM
- Sunday August 10th, SPDC, Fr. Carse Center 1:00
- Monday October 13, STDC, prior to scheduled Council Meeting, 6:00PM
- Sunday December 7, SPCR, Major Degree, 1:00PM

Orientation Schedule

- Sunday May 11, St. Pat's Crane Rd., Pre-Function Room, 6:30PM
- Sunday July 13, St. Pat's Crane Rd., Pre-Function Room, 6:30PM
- Sunday September 14, St. Pat's Crane Rd., Pre-Function Room, 6:30PM
- Sunday November 9, St. Pat's Crane Rd., Pre-Function Room, 6:30PM
- Sunday January 11 2015, 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

side of Chicago, I got off the Dan Ryan expressway south of Sox Park, don't recall the exact exit. There was maybe one car ahead of me, no cars behind me and an elderly African American man was approaching my car. Then the light turned green, I started driving, he and I made eye contact and I could see sadness and disappointment in his eyes as I drove by him. At that moment as I was turning left through the intersection, I knew that was the Lord working through this stranger testing me and I had denied him. I could not turn around but I had to pull over and ask the Lord for forgiveness. Cardinal Tagle asked us to reflect on how we treat strangers that come to us in our day-to-day lives? What if one of these strangers is the Lord in disguise? Think of all the people we come into contact each day. Very thought provoking!

God Bless,

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Chaplain's Report

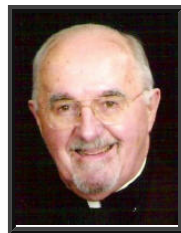
Recognizing Jesus

Message for 5/4/14
3rd Sunday of Easter (A)

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:22-33), Peter admonishes the Jews for not recognizing Jesus as the Messiah: **"Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God with mighty deeds, wonders, and signs, which God worked through him in your midst, as you yourselves know. This man, delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge of God, you killed, using lawless men to crucify him. But God raised him up, releasing him from the throes of death, because it was impossible for him to be held by it."**

The second reading from Peter's first letter (1 Pt 1:17-21) urges us: **"to conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning, realizing that you were ransomed from your futile conduct, handed on by your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ as of a spotless unblemished lamb. He was known before the foundation of the world but revealed in the final time for you, who through him believe in God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God."**

Recognition of a person or thing comes from knowledge about that person or thing. When Jesus came into this world he took on our humanity, so we could grow to know him through our human contact with or about him, such as through scripture, personal sharing of one's faith in him (i.e. lives of the saints), stories about his human life, the sacraments, church celebrations of key events in his life: i.e. his birth, baptism, passion, crucifixion, and death. This, too, was the experience of his disciples while he was among them on earth. So, why did they fail to recognize him after his resurrection? That is the question that we ponder over in today's gospel reading from Luke 24:13-35.



Knights of the Month



Paul Herrmann and Dan Leibforth were the Co-Knights of the Month for March for their dedication to the HIAL pancake breakfasts

The April Knight of the Month will be announced at the May Business Meeting

Know Your Faith

By Sir Knight Ken Konezki

Athwart the Prevailing Winds

As part of the parish RCIA team, I had the pleasure of joining our Catechumens on a recent retreat. An element of the retreat was the practice of Lectio Divina, whereby God speaks to us individually through our meditation on some passage of scripture. Thus I came to find a comfortable chair positioned near the window; and after saying a little prayer for guidance, I opened my bible randomly and my eyes fell upon Jeremiah 23: 25-28a:

I have heard the prophets
who prophesy lies in my
name say, "I had a dream! I
had a dream!" How long? Will
the hearts of the prophets
who prophesy lies and their
own deceitful fancies ever
turn back? By the dreams
they tell each other, they plan
to make my people forget my
name, just as their ancestors
forgot my name for Baal. Let
the prophets who have
dreams tell their dreams; let
those who have my word
speak my word truthfully!
(NAB)

Lifting my eyes from the page to gaze out the window as I reflected on the passage, I took note of something curious happening outside. Just outside the window from where I sitting was a single flag pole upon which a newer looking American flag occupied the top position with an older looking, torn, and sullied Vatican flag just below it. From my perspective, the flags were set against a

Remember, Mary Magdalene "supposed he was the gardener" (Jn 20:15); the two disciples on the road to Emmaus "were restrained from recognizing him" (Lk 24:16); when Jesus first appeared to the eleven "In their panic and fright they thought they were seeing a ghost" (Lk 24:37); when Jesus appeared to the unbelieving Thomas he said: **Take your finger and examine my hands. Put your hand into my side. Do not persist in your unbelief, but believe!**" (Jn 20:27); When Jesus appeared a third time, to his disciples who were fishing, "Jesus was standing on the shore, though none of the disciples knew it was Jesus." (Jn 21:4).

The difference in being able to recognize Jesus in his human state before the resurrection and not being able to recognize him after the resurrection seems to focus on the fact that Jesus was both the Son of Man and the Son of God, two entirely different states, yet one in Christ. Having assumed the human state, Jesus became one of us and is readily recognized on a human basis since he shared all our human anxieties, temptations, pains and sufferings, even death, death on a cross. However, when he returned to his divinity state after the resurrection he was in his glorified state, which we have not recognized as yet, unrecognizable to us humans until we get to know him intimately as being human and divine, as our beloved Savior, our Teacher, our Redeemer, our High Priest to the Father, our beloved Lord and friend. In each of the instances noted above, Jesus appears to the people in the way they needed to see Him. He calls Mary Magdalene by name and reestablishes His relationship with her. He explains scripture to the disciples on the road to Emmaus because they could not understand the role of Jesus the Messiah. He ate food with those who thought he was a ghost. He let Thomas put his hand into His side. He fed the disciples on the shore in Galilee. ... The resurrection stories reveal the profound sensitivity of Jesus.

What about us? What does this mean to our relationship with Jesus? It seems that in order to recognize Jesus in his resurrected, glorified state, we must grow in our knowledge of the scriptures as the disciples on the road to Emmaus grew when Jesus explained the meaning to them. We must grow in our Eucharistic relationship with Jesus, because it is in the breaking of the bread that we truly recognize him as Lord and Savior. We must grow in our personal relationship with Jesus, just as Mary Magdalene had with Jesus: her Rabbouni, her teacher and friend. Jesus is a compassionate, loving friend and accepts us where we are at, yet he calls us to grow in our knowledge and love for him and one another. That is how we will be able to recognize Jesus in all that we do, in all that we say, and in all of our relationships.

Learn to recognize Jesus as human and divine and grow in your faith, hope and love!

Love and Prayers,
Fr. Joe

Ladies Auxiliary Report



Hello All!

I am pleased to announce that at our May

backdrop of gray storm clouds passing overhead.

Curiously, while the storm clouds passed to my left, the Vatican flag was flying to the right and the American flag remained limp, just hanging down on the pole. However, as I continued to watch that battered Vatican flag flying in opposition to the clouds, I saw the American flag eventually lifting from the pole to join the Vatican flag in flying to the right. That's when I realized the connection to what I had just read.

Just like in the days of Jeremiah, there are false prophets today who are spreading lies in God's name and thereby seeking to make the culture forget Him. I'm sure you can think of your own examples but an example that comes to my mind is that of those who advocate for same sex marriage and do so in the name of a loving God. They claim that those in opposition of state support for homosexual unions are themselves opposed to God. They confuse love for the sinner with toleration of the sin and in the process seek to remove God from the debate. They are the mass of storm clouds.

However the Church, battered though she may be, still stands for true holiness, true faith, true hope, and true love. She is the flag flying in the opposite direction of the storm clouds; and she is us. We must hold steadfast against the winds of relativism. Only by our firm commitment to the truth, engaging the culture by the witness of our life, can we move the culture in the direction of righteousness.

That Jeremiah passage ends with "let those who have my word speak my word truthfully!" We, the Church, have God's word. We must speak it truthfully. It can make the difference in which direction the American flag will fly.

Pax et Bonum

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meeting Thea Stowell was installed as the new president for our Ladies Auxiliary. Please join me in wishing her well and supporting her in this leadership role!

A small group of our members formed the *Ladies for Hope* team and will be participating in the Hope for Haiti 5K Walk/Run for Education this Saturday (May 11th). The walk was established to raise awareness about education affecting Haiti. Our team has currently raised over \$250 toward the effort. To contribute, [Click here](#), select one of the ladies and then select "make a gift".

Taking Mom out for Mother's Day?

The next "Dine at Gabby's" day is this weekend. All day Sunday, May 11th and/or after the evening Masses on



Saturday, May 10th, 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" to help support the work of the Ladies Auxiliary. Please remember to drop in your receipt! We appreciate your support and thank Gabby's for their generosity and support of the Ladies Auxiliary!

We will be helping out with the decorations for a reception following May Crowning at St. Patrick's Downtown Church on May 13. The reception serves a dual purpose to enjoy some fellowship following the crowning of Mary and also to honor Barb Hegle, longtime St Pat's parishioner who has handled Altar Server training and scheduling. Barb has stepped down from these duties and she and her husband will be moving to Florida soon. We wish them well in this next step in their life journey!



We are sorry to announce that Mystic Monk has discontinued their subscription program.

However, their coffee is still available for your purchase! Please use the link in the Unitas to order coffee or check with Alice at 630-513-

0580. Sampler k-cup packs are now available as well as several flavors of ground or whole-bean coffee.

We are looking forward to all the upcoming summer family events sponsored by the Knights, especially Dragon Boats and the family picnic during Pride of the Fox in June!

Our next meeting is scheduled for June 2nd at "Julia's Hoochiebob." Julia Cooper has extended a gracious invitation for us to gather in her backyard gazebo! All Christian women 18 years and older are invited to join us! Please call Julia for directions. (630- 945-5379)

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!

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2014 Never Give up on Life Golf Outing



Planning is in full swing and everybody's help to spread the word is greatly appreciated. Our golf committee would be more than happy to have fellow Brother Knights join us at our committee meetings as we continue planning. Our next meeting is on May 27 at St. Pats Crane Road at 6:30 PM.

Sincerely,
Ron Newman
Golf Committee Chair

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Fr. Piotr Talk

Growing in Faith in Divine Mercy & Living in the Presence of Angles



By Fr. Piotr Prusakiewicz, CSMA,
from Warsaw, Poland (Includes Mass)

Friday, May 23, 2014
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Crane Road Church

Fr. Piotr is an internationally renowned speaker and served as chaplain to the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy where St. Faustina began her religious life.

Free Admission
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Save the Date



Thursday, October 2, 2014

Fox Valley Pregnancy Center

Fundraising Banquet

Membership Report

The next First Degree ceremony will be held on Monday, June 9. This is right after Riverfest weekend in STC. Be sure to invite families out to our Family Picnic and to join with our Dragonboat Team. This is a huge opportunity to invite out for fun where they will be in the midst of Knights where they can be asked to become a member of organization. The word of mouth invitation from you is easy because you are asking them to come have some fun with you. They can enjoy a lunch on us! The question of becoming a Knight comes later.

In the meantime, the weather will some day get warmer to stay. As you attend your Graduations and other family gatherings, plant a seed in the minds of the Catholic men and Christian women you speak with to consider thinking about the Knights and the Auxiliary. Ask for their contact information and see if they mind you following-up with them in a few days. Once you have their phone number, you can either call them or pass the info along to me and I will be happy to contact them on your behalf.

Our pipeline of candidates is slim. If we are to have a June First Degree (the last time for a Degree during this Fraternal year), I will need names from you. Let's not waver at 300 members. Let's make it solid to end the year so we can begin anew for 2015.

I appreciate all of you for allowing a potential candidate to serve God by becoming one of us.

Fraternally yours,
Paul Braddock
Director of Recruitment

Pray the Rosary

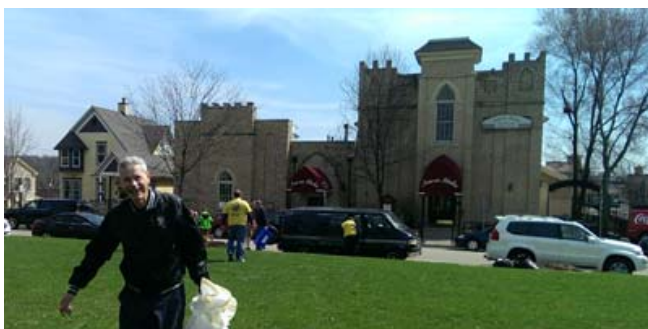


Please join us at around 6:15PM to pray the Rosary before the business meeting on Monday, 5/12.

Please note the location this month is being moved to rooms 213/215.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg hunt was a huge success. Thank you to all that donated candy, helped fill the eggs, and helped on the day of the hunt.



St. Patrick's Day Parade

Congratulations to everyone involved in the St. Patrick Day Parade as the KofC entry won 3rd place.

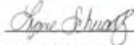
2014 St. Patrick's Parade

Not for Profit Showcase

3rd Place

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Lynne Schwartz, Executive Director
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Craig Larsen
St. Patrick's Parade Chairman



Adoration

*St. Patrick Parish
Eucharistic Adoration*

*Every Tuesday at Crane Road Church
7:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.*

*Every Wednesday for 24 hours
At the Downtown Church*

9:00 a.m. Wednesday – 8:20 a.m. Thursday



"So you could not keep watch with Me for one hour?" Mt 26:40

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For the World, Our Nation,
Families and Ourselves!*

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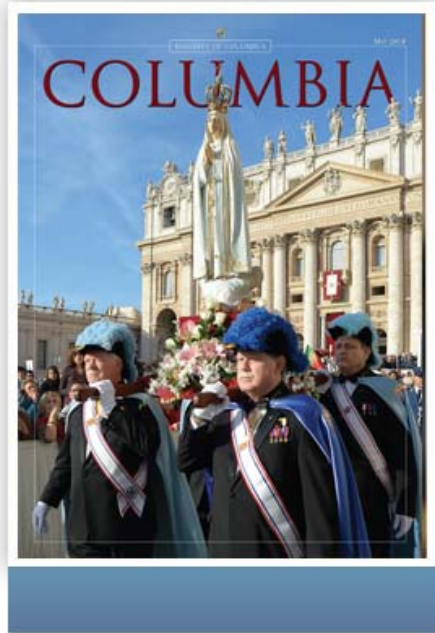


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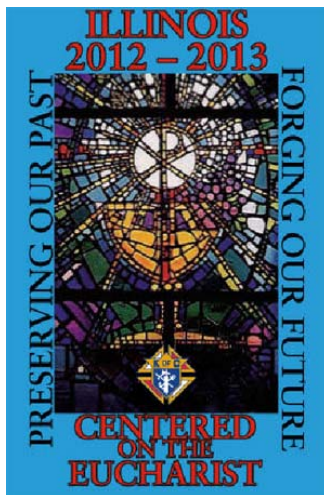
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