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Fred's Findings



Greetings Brother <<First Name>>,

"You are being watched." Yes, I know the NSA is watching us; however, I recently was in an Honor Guard at St. Peter's Church in Geneva for a Confirmation in which Bishop Malloy presided. "You are being watched" was said by Bishop Malloy to the youth receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. "Will you choose to be casual about your faith? Or will you visit your friend (Jesus) each Sunday, will you go to Confession, will you defend your faith? Your friends and family will be watching you." Now that the Holy Spirit has descended upon these youth, they have validated their friendship with Jesus, will they continue to visit their friend. Do we as Knights visit our friend weekly? This message from Bishop Malloy is very applicable in our Knights of Columbus world. We are being watched. In our Honor Guard appearances, attending mass weekly, in events that we host, selling apple pies, commitments to attend meetings, our family and parishioners are watching us. We evangelize and preach the good news of the Gospel and our Catholic faith by our actions. And we use words when necessary.

Has anybody ever seen a Funeral procession in which the Hearse is pulling a U-Haul? I have yet to see this. We know when we die that we cannot take our possessions with us but what we can do while we are alive is to make sure our loved ones are financially stable in the event of our untimely death with adequate life insurance on our lives for we do not know the time or the place. I am in the banking business, I make loans to business owners. I cannot tell you how many times I see a business owner with a wife and four kids, a personal mortgage, business debt and only \$250,000 of life insurance. In most instances, this is woefully inadequate. A good financial exercise to do is a life insurance needs assessment. Our Brother Knight and Field Agent Greg Paul @ 708-601-5489 can do this needs assessment with you. If Greg reaches out to you, please take his call and schedule a time to meet with him. Or better yet, be proactive and call him on your own to schedule. I realize many of you already work with other Financial Professionals; however, it does not hurt to get a second opinion and you may find that our insurance program will provide

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Upcoming Events

June, 2014

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

a better option.



The weekend of Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 6, 7 & 8, is one of the busiest for our Council. If you have been on the sidelines, what a great time to jump back in and get to know your Brother Knights and their families. Our Council picnic is on Saturday June 7th starting at approx 11am along the banks of the Fox River in Pottawatamie Park. Our Council participates in the Dragonboat racing on the Fox River all day on Saturday. One of our annual fundraisers, the sale of Wristbands during Pride of the Fox, begins the evening of Friday June 6, continues all day on Saturday June 7 and ends at approx 10pm on Sunday June 8. We need manpower for Wristbands. For all the patrons that wish to purchase alcohol, we verify ID's, collect \$1.00 and place a wristband on their wrist that verifies they are of age to purchase alcohol. Provided the weather cooperates like it did last year, our Council made approx \$2,200.

ONE NEW MEMBER PER COUNCIL PER MONTH. Our next First Degree is on Monday June 9th prior to our Council meeting. Candidates arrive at 5:30pm, First Degree at 6:00pm, Council meeting begins at 7:00pm. For me personally, I was asked to join at least three times before I made the commitment to join, so keep asking.

For those of you that entertain clients for business purposes, please consider our Council golf outing on Monday July 21st at Royal Fox Country Club as an option for your client entertainment dollars. For \$155 for an individual golfer or \$600 per foursome, you get to play a golf at a private Country Club not available for public play, reasonably priced considering you get lunch, dinner and three drink tickets included, you can play your own ball, and you are supporting the Fox Valley Pregnancy Center. What a great impression you will make on an existing or prospective client. You can register online from our Council website or you can call Golf Chairman Ron Newman @ 312-209-5653 to make a reservation.

God Bless,
Fred Karl – GK
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Chaplain's Report

A Transcending Reality



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:
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Access past issues of this newsletter:
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1st Degree Schedule

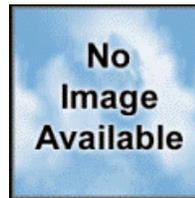
- Monday June 9th, STJN, prior to scheduled Council meeting, 6:00PM
- Sunday August 10th, SPDC, Fr. Carse Center 1:00
- Monday October 13, STDC, prior to scheduled Council Meeting, 6:00PM
- Sunday December 7, SPCR, Major Degree, 1:00PM

Orientation Schedule

- Sunday 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

Knight of the Month



Bill Roth was the Knight of the Month for April for his efforts with the Special Olympics Event in Naperville

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

Message for 6/1/14
The Ascension (A)



A Transcending Reality

Just what does the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead and his Ascension into heaven mean to you? Can you imagine experiencing the return to life of someone you knew very well, who died a sudden and violent death, for whom you grieved with a wrenching, sorrowful heart, and blamed God for taking that person away from you? I most certainly would be awestruck if my wife Dolores rose from the dead, or my parents Marian or Lou rose from the dead, or my best friend Fr. Richard Bushee rose from the dead and ascended into heaven. My relationship toward these significant others certainly would have changed, and it would have given me renewed hope for a spiritual life with them. You can imagine how the Apostles and Mary felt when Jesus appeared to them after having risen from the dead. They must have hung onto every word he uttered after that transcending experience. Didn't Jesus forewarn them that this was to happen? That he was to die and rise for the redemption of our sins? In the case of Jesus' death and resurrection, it was the fulfillment of all the prophecies about the Son of God; therefore, it confirmed that the word of God is true, that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life to live in order to come to his Father, the God of all creation, and that Jesus showed us the kind of love that sets people free. What a transcending experience this was and is!

Now Jesus' disciples had forty days to get to know him in his resurrected life as we hear in today's first reading from The Acts of the Apostles (Acts 1:1-11). The writer of Acts, St Luke, who also wrote the Gospel of Luke said: "I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to his apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered; appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, and to wait for the promise of the Father about which they had heard speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days they would be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

Their relationship with him certainly grew to a greater level: a level of hope. Jesus was preparing them for the time he would no longer be with them on earth and gave them instructions on what to do when he leaves as we hear in the Acts of the Apostles: "...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven." Again, what a transcending experience this was for his disciples.

The Apostle Paul tells us what all this means in his letter to the Ephesians (Eph 1:17-23) as we hear in the second reading for today: "Brothers and sisters: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and

Know Your Faith

By Sir Knight Ken Konetzki

Insights from Answers

Have you ever been faced with a project that seemed so overwhelming, like cleaning out the garage for example, that you didn't know where to begin? I am guessing that you have; and I am guessing the way you attacked it was to narrow your focus down to specific tasks that could be tackled in sequence. Specificity is a helpful guide in such matters.

There is a similar dynamic at play when one is faced with answering an open ended question. It can be difficult to decide how to begin answering such a question, but just like cleaning the garage can uncover forgotten treasures, the answer given can be quite revealing.

Recently I and my fellow retreat participants were asked to write a short paragraph describing our relationship with God at this point in our life. No other guidance was given, no specificity, just the open ended command to describe, and the granting of several minutes to comply.

Now it is your turn. Take a few minutes to reflect on your relationship with God at this point in your life. How would you describe it? What words or phrases come to mind?

Was "friend" one of those words? That's the word Jesus uses in John 15:14-15, "You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you."

Additionally, the Vatican II document Dei Verbum (as quoted in CCC 142) offers that "the invisible God, from the fullness of his love, addresses men as his friends, and moves among them, in order to invite and receive them into his own company."

It may be true that in this world doors open for people with friends in high places; but this world is only temporary. It is far better to open the door to eternal beatitude by being a friend of God!

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revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way." What a transcending challenge that is for all of us.

And in the gospel for today (Mt 28:16-20) Matthew tells us what that challenge is: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." We are to help our brothers and sisters to raise their level of transcendence in this world so that we all may share the joy of ascending to heaven to be with Jesus in his heavenly kingdom!

Love and Prayers,
Fr. Joe

2014 Never Give up on Life Golf Outing



July 21st Golf outing update time

Planning has picked up significantly and every little bit you can do to help is greatly appreciated. Volunteers will be needed leading up to and during the day's event. Brother Knights please consider bringing a family member or friend for a day of fun and sun for a very worthwhile cause.

At our next business meeting, please bring golf balls or even bottled water as we begin the stockpile of gifts and items that will be distributed the day of the event. Gifts and prizes adds significantly to the amount we will be able to donate to the FVPC, please make an effort to ask all the businesses you patronage to donate something.

Next committee meeting is June 11 SPCR 6:30. All interested members and volunteers are more than welcomed to attend.

Sincerely,
Ron Newman
Golf Committee Chair

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Baseball Mania

It's the final week before our sweepstakes begins! And it's not too late to sell tickets! Reminder that we need your support in this fundraising effort to benefit our council in support of all the important activities we do to serve. Tickets are only \$20 each and nearly every dollar goes back to the council at this point.



As an added bonus, effective immediately for every 5 tickets you sell, the council will issue you, the seller, a ticket in your name for FREE! Simply email me the names of the 5 tickets you sold and I will issue you one for FREE.

So what are you waiting for? Visit our website at <https://www.charitymania.com/give/E4028> and get those tickets sold today! Or contact me directly if you prefer paper tickets.

Good luck and good selling!

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Save the Date



Thursday, October 2, 2014

Fox Valley Pregnancy Center

Fundraising Banquet

Pray the Rosary



Please join us at around 6:15PM at SJN room 303 to pray the Rosary before the business meeting on Monday, 6/9.

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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL DONATION DRIVE

At St. John Neumann
Saturday 6/28 4:30-6:45pm
Sunday 6/29 7:00-1:30pm



Youth Director [Bill Murray](#)

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The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be in the SJN parking lot the weekend of June 28th & 29th. Our volunteers will be waiting for you at the truck to help you unload. Please have all your donations bagged or boxed. No hangers please.

We will accept...

- **Clothing, shoes, linens, toys, sporting goods, books,** in good or bad condition will be accepted. Unusable clothing, shoes, linens and even books generate income for the needy because they are sold for rags or in bulk.
- **Small housewares** (working toasters, blenders, mixers, etc.)
- **Electronics**—The SVdP Thrift Shops are now electronic recycling centers! We can take small electronics and computers at the clothing drive. For larger item donations, please call for a home pick up. **ONLY FLAT SCREEN TVS ACCEPTED.** No console TVs or large TVs.

Your donations go to the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Shops where much of your donations are given away free to needy families in the community. Some are sold at reasonable prices at the thrift shops so that needy families can shop with dignity. "Proceeds" from the thrift shops go into a general assistance fund where St. Vincent de Paul Conferences at the churches help folks with rent, mortgage or utility assistance.

If you have any large items, bicycles or furniture you would like to donate, you can call and schedule a pick up at your home.

Please call 630-231-4658 to schedule a pickup.

**Thank you to everyone at for your donations!
Society of St. Vincent de Paul**



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

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



To Pray the Rosary is to Pray the Gospels!

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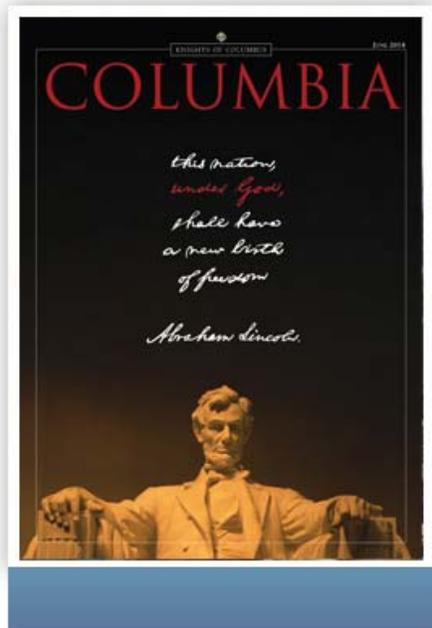
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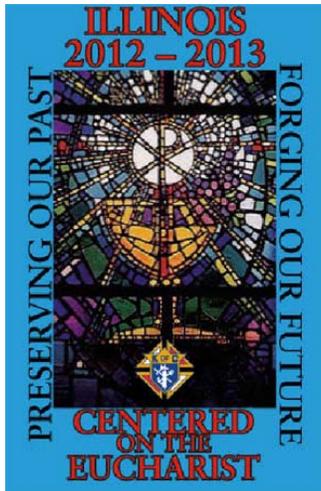
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