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Please bring golf balls for the golf outing to the July 14th General Meeting



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Fred's Findings



Greetings Brother <<First Name>>,

From time to time, I have tried to give a plug to a Men's group at STP called Men Walking with Christ. This group is run by fellow BK Mike Smith. Many of your fellow BK's attend these monthly meetings on the 2nd Saturday of each month at Crane Rd. At the June meeting, a couple of STP guys Jack Rigert and Jeff Galush gave a brief talk on Theology of the Body and the New Evangelization. Jack and Jeff have studied Theology of the Body intensively and I would consider them experts in understanding what St. JP II was trying to accomplish. One quote from their talk sticks in my mind and really hit home with me, "It's never enough." Many of us, me included, may have fleeting desires (or what I will call minor lusts) for power, fame, more money, female friendships outside of marriage, etc... If we make the decision to choose to act on these minor lusts, we run the risk that they now become major lusts and "It's never enough." When do you stop? Do we even realize that we are destroying ourselves and those we love? Yet we continue to crave these lusts more and more as "It's never enough." Use the tools that we have at our disposal to combat these desires from ruling our life. Going to confession, reading the bible, going to Mass and associating yourself with like-minded individuals such as through the Knights or Men Walking with Christ are all ways to fight off these temptations.

Speaking of hanging around with like-minded individuals, I just read this during lunch today, "A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back to back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken." - Ecclesiastes 4:12. The message that I get from this is to hang around with like-minded individuals from the Knights.

Our new fraternal year began on July 1, 2014. One milestone this past fraternal year was that our Council membership has now exceeded 300 Brother Knights. All the credit needs to go to the Membership Chair Paul Braddock and all the Past Grand Knights

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Upcoming Events

for motivating us to plant all the seeds over the years in asking guys to join and these seeds bloomed through all our efforts. I just happen to be the guy in charge at the time.

Although I have not yet seen final fraternal year-end reports yet as of June 30th but I am confident that our Council should be proud of the fact that we achieved all our charitable monetary donation goals set by Supreme and the State of IL. We have charitable goals for the Newman Fund, Tootsie Rolls (ILD), Vacations Raffle, Pro-Life and the General Assistance Fund (GAF). Again, I have not seen any final June 30th results but I also confident that we exceeded both our membership and insurance goals. Both Membership Chair Paul Braddock and Field Agent Greg Paul deserve our congratulations for their efforts!

I would like to give a brief plug for two upcoming events.

1. Our Council golf outing for the benefit of the Fox Valley Pregnancy Center is on Monday July 21st at Royal Fox Country Club. Golfers, sponsors, raffle/silent auction donations, dozen golf ball donations, volunteers are all welcome. You can obtain further info from event chair Ron Newman @ 312-209-5653.
2. On Wednesday August 13th, BK Steve Pentek has organized a social event at the Kane County Cougar game, first pitch is 6:30pm. As part of our social event, we will be inviting all the parish priests, nuns and deacons. Please look at your calendar and sign-up online at your earliest opportunity so we can get a head count. I believe tickets are \$16 each with each ticket receiving \$10 in Ozzie bucks to spend in the ball-park. Any questions about this KC Cougar outing can be directed to Steve Pentek @ 630-715-0230.

God Bless,
Fred Karl – GK
Cell: 847-373-2922

Chaplain's Report

A Transcending Reality

Message for 7/6/14
14th Sunday In OT (A)

Rest In The Lord

You heard it in today's gospel from Matthew (Mt 11:25-30): "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

Who isn't labored and burdened these days, especially with the price of gas, mortgage foreclosures, the loss of jobs, the ups and downs of the stock market, the unending occurrences of abortion, violence, terrorism, scandals and immorality, and the high rate of divorce? I suspect all of us could use some promised rest from the Lord for all these troubles. It seems we are seeing the

July, 2014

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
08/13 Cougars Outing

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:

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page_id=318](http://kofc12497.com/wordpress/?page_id=318)

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1st Degree Schedule

- 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

depletion of the middle class into the ranks of the poor, the forgotten. It's like "the rich get richer and the poor get poorer." However, we should pay attention to the first part of that quote: "Come to me," if we expect to find that promised rest. Have I turned to the Lord in my despair? Does he know that I am trying to come to him? There are many paths we travel throughout our lives and not all of them lead to the Lord. This is our dilemma when we try to sort out which paths are leading us astray, and which ones should lead us to being God's presence on this earth. These are the questions we need to ponder if we truly are in search of peace and rest in Jesus Christ.

If this sounds like a 'doomsday' message maybe it is. Now is the time for us to awaken from our lethargy and check out our journey of faith in God's Word for us. His Word is found in scripture, consequently, if we rely on the Scriptures we should find the answers to all problems. Even in the Old Testament, God reveals to us that he wants us to be happy and secure in the Lord. Today's reading from Zechariah (Zec 9:9-10) is a prophesy of hope for a savior for the Israelite world while they were under domination of the mighty Greek, Alexander The Great: "Thus says the LORD: Rejoice heartily, O daughter Zion, shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king shall come to you; a just savior is he, meek, and riding on an ass, on a colt, the foal of an ass. He shall banish the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem; the warrior's bow shall be banished, and he shall proclaim peace to the nations. His dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth."

This is the same message that the Church applies to Jesus Christ, the King of God's universal kingdom. All who choose to live under the dominion of Christ, the King, should pray: "I will extol you, O my God and King, and I will bless your name forever and ever." If we truly believe in the power of Christ's love for us as the Son of God, then, we too, should extol him as we hear in today's Responsorial Psalm 145 so that we may come into his rest.

Saint Paul reveals the truth about all the world's problems and about ours also when he describes the ongoing battle between the spirit and the flesh. As we know, the flesh is of this world, and the spirit is of God, consequently, as Paul puts it in his letter to the Romans (Rom 8:9-13): "You are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the Spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit that dwells in you. Consequently, brothers and sisters, we are not debtors to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live." We are truly blessed by the words of the New Testament, which provides answers to many of our problems. We need to turn to the Lord for the truth.

As we hear in the gospel of Matthew (Mt 11:25-30), Jesus is praying to the Father: "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones. ... Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for

Knight of the Month



John Hofmeyer was the Knight of the Month for May for his efforts in organizing baseball mania

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

Know Your Faith

By Sir Knight Ken Konetzki

Does Thomas Merton's prayer apply to you?

It was the solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, and having arrived early to the church, my wife and I had a few minutes to chat with a brother knight before entering the nave. Shortly into the discussion, the subject turned to adoption and as a result that became the focus of my prayers, kneeling in the pew prior to the start of Mass. Specifically, I was thinking about the experience of the previous October, when my wife and I went to Poland anticipating that we would be returning with four adopted children of our own. We were quite certain that we were following God's lead as we pursued this means of family expansion, but in the end, we returned home childless and questioning if we misinterpreted the signs.

In his book *Thoughts in Solitude*, Trappist monk Thomas Merton wrote this prayer:

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

My own prayer that morning was perhaps not so eloquent but it followed along similar lines. I expressed regret for having failed to persevere in following what we perceived was His will and I asked him to forgive me, forgive us, if we failed to properly interpret His will. Then I petitioned His help in keeping me open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, and

I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

So, my friends, take the yoke of Jesus upon you and you will find rest from your problems; it is easy, its burden is light!

Love and Prayers,
Fr. Joe

Ladies Auxiliary Report



Hello All!

The New Officers were installed at our May meeting and began their roles in June.

We recently worked with other parish councils and supplied salads for the picnic for out-going priests from St. Patrick on June 26th. We wish the best to Msgr. Mike in his re-retirement and Fathers Camaioni and Apostol with their new assignments.

We will also be supplying the salad for the upcoming welcoming picnic on July 17th to welcome the St. Patrick Parish newly assigned Priests: Msgr. Stephen J. Knox, and Fathers Andrew Deitz and Ryan Browning. We look forward to working with them in the future.

Gabby's in St. Charles is still a generous supporter of the Ladies Auxiliary! All day Sunday, July 13th and Saturday, July 12th after the 4:00 mass, 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. If you will be dining at Gabby's on those days, please drop in your receipt! We appreciate your support! Thank you, Gabby's, for your generosity and support of the Ladies Auxiliary!

We look forward to all the upcoming Spring and Summer family events sponsored by the Knights!

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!

Thea Stowell
President, Ladies Auxiliary

prayed that he grant me the strength to see through to the end wherever those promptings should lead.

Remember that brother knight I mentioned? Well, he is an usher; and just as the opening hymn began, he quietly approached my wife and me to ask us to be the gift bearers for that Mass. Isn't that just like God? I had just finished praying my desire to follow His lead, and there He was, asking me to serve Him in the very next moment.

But you know, as I was meditating after communion it occurred to me that there was something even more that He was telling me. Think about it. It's not like my wife and I brought the water, wine, and bread from home. Ergo, not only did He affirm me in my desire to serve Him; He also assured me that He would provide what He wanted me to offer Him.

And here is the best part. He is communicating that to you, too.

Pax et Bonum

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2014 Never Give up on Life Golf Outing



We are on the home stretch!!!

Remember that the golf outing at Royal Fox Country Club in St. Charles is on Monday, July 21.

Golfer Registrations are still open and available at kofc12497.com/wordpress/?page_id=1024.

We would still also appreciate gift and monetary donations and additional sponsors and additional advertisers for the program.

We are still looking for donations of silent auction items and raffle items. We would also appreciate members signing up to volunteer on our website at kofc12497.com/wordpress/?page_id=318. We would also like to extend a request for golf balls that we may be able to use as prizes and to provide in the participants guest bag at registration.

Sincerely,
Ron Newman
Golf Committee Chair

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Membership Director Report

The next First Degree will be held in August. Now is the time to get Paul Braddock the contact information for all those individuals you have been talking to this summer. It makes no difference if they wish to be a Knight at this time or not. Please give Paul the name and a feel for the kind of conversation you had with the Prospect. We need you to get the Fraternal year off to a flying start. See the note from Supreme which explains how you can receive reward points good for gifts from Supreme by Recruiting new members.

Talk to all non-Knight golfers and ask if they have an interest in knowing how they can continue to help the causes of the Knights.

Invite parish members to our Cougars ball game and then see if they may be interested in knowing more about the Knights and the Ladies Auxiliary. Paul will even take the name of a lady if she is interested and the gentleman is not.

Please remember to keep Knights in the forefront of your mind so you do not forget to say something when talking to parish members during any event.

World Series of Membership

It's time to step up to the plate!

Recruit 5 new or former members between July 1 and



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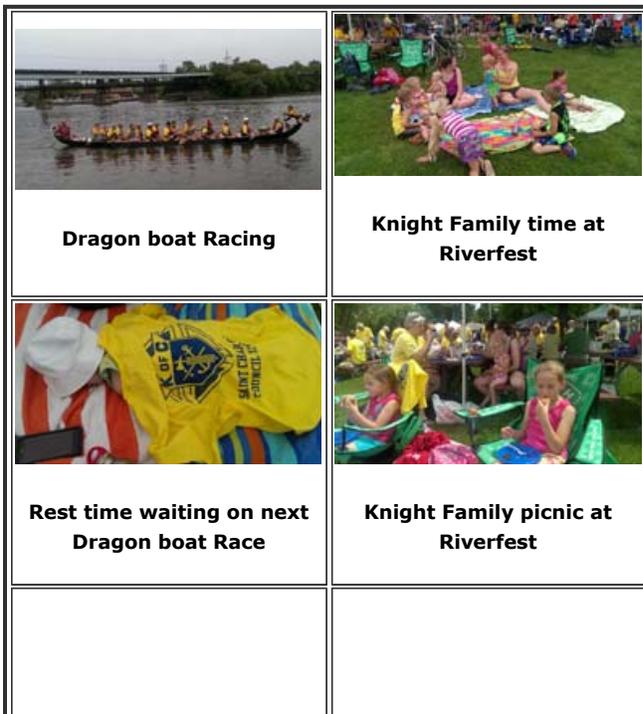
New Knights

Welcome new Knights

Two men joined our ranks in June. Please welcome them when you meet them.



Paul's Photo Album



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Knight Family picnic at Riverfest



Chef Kevin cooking for Knight Families at Riverfest



Knight Family picnic at Riverfest



Knight Family picnic at Riverfes



Sir Knight Ed sharing stories at Riverfest



Loading in preparation of race



Returning to Start after winning 1st heat



Knightriders cruising to victory



Captain Gary and Knightriders calling it a day



Nothing like a prayer to start the day off right



Bob looking on in disbelief reassuring Captain Gary that the team will be ready



Awakening of the Dragon



**Practice session for Dragon
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**Fan Club of Drummer
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Baseball Mania

We have some winners in the first few weeks of Baseball Mania: Congrats to:
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Family Activities Survey

It has been suggested that a survey should be taken to get feedback on the choices that families would like to see in the Council list of possible family activities, I am asking that you fill out [this survey](#) and return it to Brother Burt Brown as soon as possible at burtonbrown@sbcglobal.net or mail to:

Burt Brown
1910 Rita Ave.,
St. Charles, IL 60174

Save the Date



Thursday, October 2, 2014

Fox Valley Pregnancy Center

Fundraising Banquet

Presence Saint Joseph Hospital Golf Outing



**Presence Saint Joseph
Hospital**

Foundation and Auxiliary



**26TH Annual
Golf Classic
Elgin Country Club**

**Wednesday, August 13,
2014**

Please join us as we support our ministry and have fun doing it. Proceeds from the Golf Classic will benefit community outreach, scholarships, education, and hospital capital projects sponsored by the Foundation and Auxiliary.

Schedule of Events	
11:00 a.m.	Golfer Registration Begins Practice Range Open
11:00 a.m.	Buffet Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Shotgun Start
5:30 p.m.	Cocktails & Dinner Awards Presentation to Follow

For online registration and payment:

www.presencehealth.org/stjoseph-elgin-golf

For more information go to:

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Individual Golfer \$300

Dinner Only \$75

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Pray the Rosary



**Please join us at around 6:15PM
at SJN room 303 to pray the
Rosary before the business
meeting on Monday, 7/14.**

Kane County Cougar Outing



Hello everyone. I just wanted to remind everyone that this summer's social activity of a night of baseball at Kane County stadium is quickly approaching. All brother nights, their families and friends are invited to this activity. In

addition to those mentioned, the religious from both

parishes will be invited as well. The date for this event will be Wednesday, August 13, with the game starting at 6:30. The cost is \$16.00 per person, which includes a reserved ticket and \$10.00 worth of Ozzie dollars that can be used on any food or beverage (including beer) of your choice. To reserve your seat, simple go to our website and register for the number of reserved seats you would like. We need to know by July 31 so that the tickets can be purchased. This promises to be a great evening out with family and friends. Hope to see you there.

Steve Pentek

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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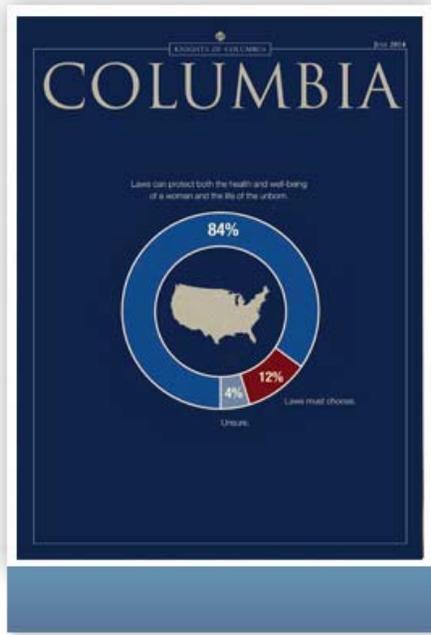


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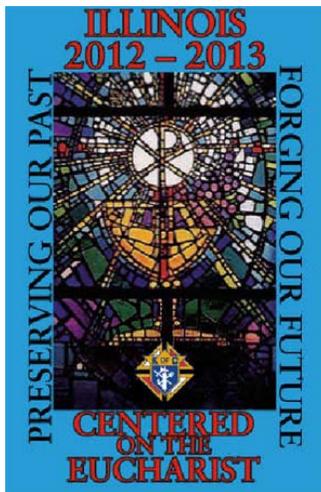
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