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## Fred's Findings



Greetings Brother <<First Name>>,

We are all aware that Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism are the guiding principles of our Order. Charity involves is not only monetary related but in many instances, it is of our TIME. Many people in the Community associate the Knights with Tootsie Rolls, and that is OK, but the reality is that these Tootsie Rolls support those with Intellectual Disabilities. The annual Intellectual Disabilities drive begins with the weekend of September 6 & 7 at the Flea Market, continues the weekend of September 19, 20 & 21 at community wide collection sites and ends the weekend of October 4 & 5 at the Flea Market. Your time (and your family can participate) is really what is needed to make this a



success. We have been assigned a goal of \$9,175.96 by the State office. Council 12497 ID Chair Russ Nebbia has assigned 225 shifts, which means we need a minimum of \$40.78 per shift to make our goal. Some shifts are after a mass, this amount may not be realistic but a shift outside of a Starbucks or on a street corner in South Elgin is very realistic. Not all shifts are on a street intersection, I am guessing that most shifts are in front of a store like Starbucks. The organizations that are the recipients of these funds depend greatly on the Knights and the Charity of our time. Many of our BK's do multiple shifts. Please prayerfully consider at least one shift during this ID drive.

One other act of Charity involving your time is donating blood. I could not find any guidance in the Catechism of the Catholic Church on donating blood but several online sites consider donating blood and organ donation as synonymous. I found online,

Catholics view organ donation as an act of charity, fraternal love and self sacrifice. Transplants are ethically and morally acceptable to the Vatican. Pope

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John Paul II stated, "The Catholic Church would promote the fact that there is a need for organ donors and that Christians should accept this as a 'challenge to their generosity and fraternal love' so long as ethical principles are followed."

On Monday September 15th, there will be a Blood Drive at St. Pat's Crane Road from 2pm to 7:30pm. Personally, I am a blood donor, I have never had a bad experience, I do not watch the needle go in my arm, I have little tolerance for pain but the sensation of the needle into the arm is very brief, I stay and have some juice and cookies for 10-15 minutes, then no problem driving home. What motivates me is knowing that someone in a hospital who is in distress may benefit from my donation. And someday that person in distress may be me. If you are not already, consider being a blood donor.

Our next First Degree is on Monday October 13th prior to our regularly scheduled Council meeting. I needed to be asked at least three times before I joined the Council, one of the best decisions I ever made. So keep asking!

As we all know, one of the visions for Fr. McGivney starting the Knights was to protect the widows and orphans upon the death of the husband, normally the breadwinner for the household.

Consider being an Insurance Member for this reason that I learned recently. If you currently are not an Insurance Member in our Order, an untimely death to you occurs and your Spouse now wants to do business with the Field Agent and the Knights insurance program because she trusts those Catholic relationships you developed over the years, the Insurance program is not able to accept her as a client. I realize most of us already have insurance relationships; however, an easy way to become an Insurance Member is to purchase an annuity product for as little as a \$300 initial investment. Our Field Agent is Greg Paul, he can be reached at 708-601-5489.



For the First Degree Brothers, on Sunday December 7th, our Council will again be hosting a Major Degree at Crane Road, A Knight Before Christmas. More info to come but this is where you can achieve your Second and Third Degrees. Then you are one step away from becoming a Fourth Degree Sir Knight. And congratulations to Jim McNamara and Tom Sikorski, who became Sir Knights on Saturday August 30th.

One final note, our 3rd Annual 5K Run/2K Walk is being held on Saturday September 27, 2014. Runners, walkers, sponsors, donors and volunteers are all needed to make the event a success. Special Olympics and Hope For Haitians benefit from the profits. Please plan on participating, I believe the race is at 9am and in past years we are done by Noon at the very latest.

## Upcoming Events

### September, 2014

09/08 Business Meeting-SJN  
09/27 5K Run

### October, 2014

10/06 Ladies Auxiliary - SPDT Fr. Carse  
10/11 Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup  
10/13 Business Meeting-SJN  
10/18 Family Bike Ride

### 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

### January, 2015

01/05 Ladies Auxiliary - SPDT Fr. Carse  
01/12 Business Meeting-SJN  
01/18 March for Life-Chicago

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)

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## 1st Degree Schedule

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

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## Orientation Schedule

- 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

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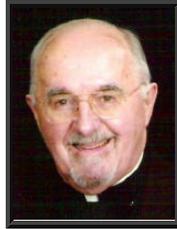
God Bless,  
Fred Karl – GK  
Cell: 847-373-2922

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## Chaplain's Report

### Love Implies Sacrifice

Message for 8/31/14  
22th Sunday In OT (A)



The St. Joseph Sunday Missal describes sacrificial love in a meaningful way, so I will share it with you: "Those who are dedicated to a once given commitment know that their dedication implies sacrifice. Married people may think of their mutual commitment in love; religious sisters, brothers and priests may think of their vows; children and parents, if committed to mutual happiness in the family, may think of their daily living under one roof. Love means giving of self. This self-giving is a source of happiness but it entails sacrifice as well. For Jeremiah, duped by the Lord into loving, it was "derision and reproach all the day" (Reading 1). After Paul has described God's redemptive work in Christ (Rom 12:1-2), he explains the human response to love: "Offer your bodies (selves) as a living sacrifice ... to God (Reading II). Christian life, although seen as a response to God's love for human beings, implies carrying a cross, as the Lord himself has done (Gospel). Is Christian life then a miserable life, a life trapped in a situation from which there is no escape? No, as long as "sacrifice" is seen in the perspective of love. The secret to a happy Christian life is not to avoid the cross," but to keep love alive! "Lord God, ... place in our hearts a desire to please you and fill our minds with insight into love" (Alternate Opening Prayer)."

In the first reading from Jeremiah (Jer 20:7-9) we hear how he wanted to get out of his relationship with God because it caused him much grief. However, because of his deep commitment to following God's word, it was the love of God that overpowered him to remain committed: "*Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage is my message; the word of the LORD has brought me derision and reproach all the day. I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more. But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.*"

That fire in Jeremiah's heart is expressed so beautifully in Psalm 63:2-9: "*My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. O God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water. Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary to see your power and your glory, For your kindness is a greater good than life; my lips shall glorify you. Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name. As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied, and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you. You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy. My soul clings fast to you; your right hand upholds me.*" This should be our ultimate relationship with God if we are

## Knight of the Month



Ron Newman was the Knight of the Month for July for his efforts leading the 2014 Never Give Up On Life Golf Outing. The August Knight of the Month will be announced at the September Business Meeting

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## Know Your Faith

By Sir Knight Ken Konetzki

### The Pearl of Great Value

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it." Mt 13: 45

The people of any given country tend to share many common values. These values manifest themselves in the customs, traditions, attitudes, and tendencies that become recognizable as that country's culture. For better or worse, it even plays into the stereotypes that people ascribe that country's populace. Europeans, for example, may expect an American to be overweight, but they also recognize that volunteerism is more prevalent in the U.S. than it is in many other countries.

We volunteer for all sorts of things. We're Little League coaches, and Big Brothers. We're in Scouting and Habitat for Humanity. We serve in the local Chamber of Commerce, or as election judges, and there are thousands of more things a person could volunteer for. So that prompts me to ask, among so many fine volunteering opportunities, why did you choose to be a Knight?

A few weeks ago I was in Wyoming to attend my nephew's wedding reception. More on that in a moment, but first I want to share something that struck me when I attended Mass there that weekend. When it came to be time for the offering, the children were encouraged to approach the altar and a basket that awaited their contribution. I tell you those kids could not be more excited as they raced up to deposit their change. It made me chuckle a bit to imagine the adults of the congregation doing likewise.

to seek happiness in this life. The world cannot provide such joy and fulfillment.

As was mentioned earlier, Paul urges us to be a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God. As he says, this is a matter of renewal of our minds: *"Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect."*

This not only applies to our relationship with God, but also to every other commitment we are involved in during our life - they all require a giving of self to the other and a willingness to accept sacrifice as a part of our commitments. A self-giving love is the answer.

Jesus goes on to teach his disciples in today's gospel from Matthew (Mt 16: 21-27) what their commitment should entail if they are to follow him: *"If a man wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay each man according to his conduct."*

A life of lasting commitment (renouncing a selfish life for God's sake), though leading to lasting happiness, is not easy, as we heard about in Jeremiah's case. It is a challenge! *"May the Lord enlighten the eyes of your heart that you might see how great is the hope to which you are called."*

Love and Prayers,  
Fr. Joe

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## Ladies Auxiliary Report



Hello All!

The next "Dine at Gabby's" day is next weekend, 9/13 and 9/14. Gabby's in St. Charles is still a generous supporter of the Ladies Auxiliary! All day Sunday, September 14th and Saturday,

September 13th 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! Your support assists us in our donations to the Fox Valley Pregnancy Center which we will be donating to this month.

Our next meeting will be October 6, 7:30 p.m. in the Father Carse Center of the St. Patrick Downtown Church. Brother Knights, please invite your wives and other female family members 18 and older to join us!



The passage from Matthew quoted above was in the Gospel that day and the children's joyous exuberance served wonderfully to exemplify the idea. As Father pointed out in his homily, the world has a lot of fine pearls to offer; but the real pearl of great value, the one worth selling all the others in order to obtain, is what we have in the Church.

What we have in the Church is the salvation found in Jesus Christ! "...Christ, our redeemer and high priest, continues the work of our redemption in, with, and through his Church." (CCC 1069) What could possibly be of more value than that? You chose to be a Knight because you have found the pearl of great value. You have found Jesus Christ and His Church.

And that brings me back to my nephew. Being of rather shy temperaments, he and his wife had already married before a magistrate a couple of weeks prior, and only reluctantly acquiesced to her family by having a small gathering to celebrate the legal binding. It could be said, in other words, that their wedding was only about themselves. Will their marriage be the same? Have they found the pearl of great value?

It saddens me to think of what they're missing by not availing themselves of what the Church offers. Catholic understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage is profound and beautiful and deserves a far deeper exploration than this short article allows. Suffice it to say for our purposes that it is about so much more than just the couple.

My nephew and his bride, delighting in each other, have found a fine pearl, but they are missing so much more. Like the images depicted in the stained glass of a gothic cathedral, the true beauty of marriage, indeed of every aspect of life, can be fully appreciated only from inside the Church. I pray that they find their way in. I also pray those of us already on the inside remember to open wide the church doors and beckon others in to see the magnificent display.

Pax et Bonum

[Ed: For a further exploration of Marriage, Msgr. Steve Knox and Deacon Bill Johnson will be exploring the Sacraments of Marriage and Holy Orders on Sept 22. See [Faith Enrichment Article](#)]

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**Mystic Monk Coffee**  
Support the Ladies Auxiliary

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

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## Membership Report

St. John Neumann has invited the Knights to participate in a Ministry Fair after all the Masses on Sat., 9/6, and Sunday, 9/7.

They are happy to provide us space and in return for that space we need to present a nice display and also have individuals at that table after every Mass. If no Knights are present then they have no interest in us participating.

This is a splendid opportunity to get to know your fellow parishioners. If you attend the Mass at St. John Neumann, please stay after Mass and offer conversation to those walking by. If you attend St. Patrick, please consider spending some time with our Brothers at St. John Neumann. On Sunday, the Mass schedule at SJN is the same as STP. Take this into consideration when offering some of your time. You do not need to spend the whole day....only time before and/or after Mass.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** What do you do? Ask people if they have heard of the Knights, compliment their children, and

ask what they have been doing this summer. Engage in any conversation you want as long as you ask if you can get their name and phone number for a followup conversation.

That's it!! Can't be any easier for you to offer service to your Council and to your Faith Community.

So I know you will be present, please go to our Council website and sign up, [www.kofc12497.com](http://www.kofc12497.com). The heading is SJN Time and Talent KC Booth. It is the next event we participate in if you are not collecting for Intellectual Disabilities at the Fairgrounds.

More people present creates energy, excitement, and will encourage an enthusiastic response from elders!

Paul Braddock  
Director of Recruitment

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## World Series of Membership

It's time to step up to the plate!

Recruit 5 new or former members between July 1 and September 30 and receive 5,000 VIP points.



Support the Ladies Auxiliary by ordering Mystic Monk Coffee. Just go to <http://www.mysticmonkcoffee.com/store/?aid=1017>

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For each member you recruit over 5 you will receive an additional 1,000 VIP Points.

**BONUS - For each new member recruited over the 5, your name will be entered into a drawing for 1 of 40 full-size personalized Louisville Slugger bats.**

## ***New Knights***

### **Welcome new Knights**

Two men joined our ranks on August 10th. Please welcome them when you meet them.



*Arthur Barsema*



*Jason O'Sullivan*

## ***2015 Bellarmine Silent Retreat***

Pro-Life Director [Lance Christensen](#)

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# BELLARMINÉ

## JESUIT RETREAT HOUSE



January 16-18, 2015

Retreat Master, Fr. Rick McGurn, SJ  
An Ignatian, Silent Retreat for Men

The retreat begins on Friday night with dinner and fellowship. After dinner, silence commences and the retreat master gives the first of eight talks which are adapted from the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola.

Your retreat is a time for personal silence and prayer. You can listen to the talks, walk the Way of the Cross, pray the Rosary, receive the sacraments of Penance, Eucharist, and Healing, converse with a Spiritual Director or simply enjoy the beauty of 80 acres set outside the grind of daily life.

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**Fr. Rick McGurn, S.J.**, is a native of Oak Park, Illinois. He entered the Jesuits in 1967 and was ordained a priest in 1975. He has been an associate pastor at Jesuit parishes in Chicago and Cincinnati, and in the 1980's was Supervisor of Retreat Directors at the Jesuit Retreat House in Cincinnati for seven years. More recently was the Socius -- Executive Assistant -- to the Provincial of the Chicago Province, as well as the Provincial's Assistant for Formation, overseeing the studies of men preparing for ordination and ministry. He was a member of the Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House Advisory Board from 1996 to 1998; and was on staff here at Bellarmine from 2004 to 2005. From 2005 to 2011 he was Rector at Loyola Academy in Wilmette. We are pleased he is back on staff at the Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House.

If you are interested in joining us at the retreat sign up on-line at [www.jesuitretreat.org](http://www.jesuitretreat.org).

## **Msgr. Knox Installation**



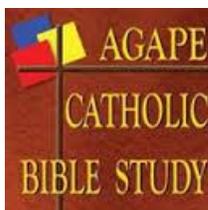
A Special Thanks to all the Sir Knights who served as Honor Guard for the Special Installation Mass for Msgr. Knox at St. Patrick.

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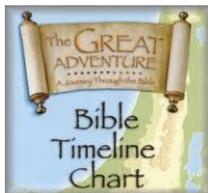
## **Bible Study**

Two Bible study programs are starting this Fall. If you have an interest in deepening your faith and developing an understanding of Sacred Scripture you will want to explore these opportunities.

- First, a Men's Bible study of the John's Gospel resumes Thursday night, September 4th, at SPCR's St. Peter (formerly RCIA) room. There is no charge. We use the online Agape Bible Study program. Several Knights have been participating over the last three years. Stop by to try it out. If you have any questions, contact DGK Bob Gilmartin at (312) 771-6685 or Frank Positano at (630) 263-7778.



- Second, Father Gow is leading "The Bible Timeline" program at the Hermes Center at SJN starting Monday, September 8th at either 9:15 am or 7:00 pm. The cost for course materials is roughly \$36. If you want to get a better



understanding of salvation history as laid out in fourteen narrative books of the Bible, this program is for you. Several of the Knights have taken the course and all highly recommend it. Direct any questions to Father Gow or the SJN parish office at (630) 377-2797.

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## **St. John Neumann/St. Patrick Blood Drive**

On September 15, 2014 St. John Neumann and St. Patrick churches will be sponsoring their quarterly blood drive in cooperation with Heartland Blood Centers. This drive will take place from 2:00 pm to 7:30 pm at St. Patrick church on Crane Road. All people, 17 years of age and older, weighing at least 110 lb., who have not given a regular blood donation since July 21, 2014 (or since May 26, 2014 for a double red donation) are encouraged to donate. Heartland will be giving each donor a pulled pork sandwich and other snacks.

A photo ID is required. Questions about the donation process can be referred to Heartland at 1-800-786-4483. If you have questions about scheduling contact Shirley Hubbard at 630-513-8998 or Brian Watkins at 630-443-8241. Walk-ins are welcome.



Since statistically only 37% of people are able to donate, for every three of you can donate there are an additional five people who depend on you. Please come and bring a family member, neighbor, or friend to donate with you.

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## **THE SACRAMENTS: TREASURES OF OUR FAITH**

# Faith Enrichment Series!

**Begins Monday, September 8**

**9:15—10:30 a.m. at Downtown Church,**

**7:00—8:15 p.m. Crane Road Church**

Pope Francis has called for a renewal of our Catholic faith. During this series, we'll take a fresh look at the sacraments. When we are receptive and open, we encounter the Risen Lord powerfully through the sacraments. This series is for veteran Catholics, those new to the faith, and those exploring Catholicism. Let's invite family and friends to join us as we explore these treasures of our faith where we encounter the Lord in a special way. We'll meet Mondays with a morning and an evening gathering. The morning gathering will be in the Downtown Church from 9:15—10:30 a.m. and in the evening at Crane Road from 7:00—8:15 p.m.



**Monday, Sept. 8: Fr. Andrew Deitz**

## **"The Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist"**

Fr. Deitz will explore the sacraments of initiation with the most time being given to the Eucharist. We become a child of God and enter into the life of the Church through baptism, Confirmation conforms us more deeply to Christ and strengthens us to live the Christian life through the power of the Holy Spirit, and we receive nourishment to live as disciples of the Lord through the reception of the Lord's Body and Blood. How can we continue to grow in our baptismal identity, no matter how old we are? How can the graces of Confirmation strengthen us in courage to witness to the Lord in the world. Why is the Eucharist the heart and soul of the Church? Come and take a fresh look at these sacraments of new life!

**Monday, Sept. 15: Fr. Ryan Browning**

## **"The Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick"**

Fr. Browning will help us understand the sacraments of healing since forgiveness and healing were a big part of Jesus' ministry. Why do we need to confess our sins to a priest? What exactly is a sin? What is the difference between a mortal and a venial sin? It's been a long time since I've received, how do you make a good confession? What are some of the spiritual benefits from the sacrament of confession? Is there such a thing as "last rites" these days? What type of healing can you receive through the anointing of the sick? When should a person be anointed? Is it just for physical healing, or can it help with emotional struggles as well. We'll explore these and many more questions.

**Monday, Sept. 22: Msgr. Steve Knox and Deacon Bill Johnson**

**"The Sacraments of Marriage and Holy Orders"**

*This last night will have a focus on the "sacraments of vocation." What does it mean to say marriage is a sacrament? What does the Lord give a couple when they receive the sacrament and what are they called to live out? What do we need to do so our marriage can grow and flourish? We'll also spend some time looking at the sacrament of Holy Orders. How is a priest called to minister in the world today? What do people look for in their priests and deacons? What makes for an effective priest in today's world? Pope Francis has some strong words and profound insights to share about how priests and deacons are meant to live and serve through their vocation. We'll explore some of his reflections as well. Drawing on the theological tradition of our Church and personal experience, our presenters will help us see the sacraments in a new light. Come to as many sessions as works with your schedule.*

**For more information, please contact Fr. Andrew Deitz, 630-338-8000 or [adeitz@stpatrikparish.org](mailto:adeitz@stpatrikparish.org).**

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## **Family Activity**



*The family bike Ride will be on Saturday, October 18, 2014. We will be leaving the parking lot of Potawatamee Park by the Miniature Golf area at 8:00 A.M. and peddling at a moderate speed for about 11 to 12 miles south to Batavia where we will stop at a pancake house for breakfast and then ride back to the starting place between 11:30 and noon. This ride is for adults and children so bring your children and grandchildren. If you know of a Catholic family that the husband is thinking of joining the Knights or wants to see a family activity please feel free to invite them. If you have Knights of Columbus logo clothes, please wear them so we are seen as a group. Sign-up can be on the Council Website [Activity Sign Up list](#) or by emailing or calling Brother Burt Brown at 630-940-4243, [burtonbrown@sbcglobal.net](mailto:burtonbrown@sbcglobal.net). Any questions please call Burt Brown directly or email him. Lets get peddling.*

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## **Fall Clean-up**

*Saturday, October 11th, we will be picking up trash along Randall Road between Silver Glen and Red Gate Roads. This is be done as part of our "Adopt-a-Highway" program. We are responsible for picking up the trash along this stretch of road two times a year. This is a great opportunity to get out and get some fresh air, some exercise (Will walk about 1.25 miles), and get to know brother knights. The process takes about 1.5 hours. Work/Hiking boots are recommended. Gloves, bags, and pickup tools are all provided.*



We will begin from the Crane Road Church parking lot about 9:30AM. If you are available, join Men Walking With Christ at 7:00 for Mass followed by a rosary and breakfast and fellowship.

Sign-up is available on the [Council Website](#).

Jon Mielke

[kccqrfan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kccqrfan@sbcglobal.net)

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## **Pro-Life Minute**

*Status of Marriage  
Sir Knight Lance Christensen*

*If you've been watching the news, in many the courts have been declaring traditional marriage laws voted in by the people, unconstitutional. However, the article by The National Organization for Marriage (NOM) gives reason for optimism.*

*Although it has been a mild summer, things are heating up in the fight to defend marriage.*

*In just a few months, we will be facing a potential turning point in the political arena, as NOM will be working with many other groups to retake the United States Senate and hold politicians accountable to you, the voters, for their policy positions related to the institution of marriage.*

*And a few short months after that, NOM will be leading the charge to make a national statement that will be heard around the country and the world as the United States Supreme Court likely hears arguments in a case that could well become the Roe v Wade of marriage.*

*But here's the thing about that potential case: **this time around, we have a very good chance to WIN!***

*Why do I think we have a very good chance of winning at the Supreme Court?*

*I'll refer your attention to the recent legal filings in North Dakota by the Governor and Attorney General and their powerful and compelling legal arguments in defense of marriage.*

*In their briefs, they point out that "this case involves two mutually exclusive and profoundly different marriage institutions, marriage institutions that serve separate, distinct, and conflicting societal purposes."*

*They go on to note that:*

*The man-woman marriage institution has uniquely provided valuable social benefits necessary to the well-being and stability of society and the*

*development of individuals, especially children. In particular, the man-woman marriage institution's norms and other public meanings have helped a greater portion of children know and be raised by their mother and father.*

*Toward the end of the twentieth century, however, various individuals and groups began a campaign to use the force of law to replace the man-woman marriage (traditional marriage) institution with an institution that would still be called "marriage" but would have a very different core meaning: the union of any two persons without regard to gender (genderless marriage). This civil action is an important part of that campaign.*

*...*

*North Dakota can have only one social institution denominated "marriage." It cannot simultaneously provide the historically proven valuable social benefits of man-woman marriage and the asserted benefits of the new genderless marriage. One necessarily displaces or precludes the other.*

*Redefining marriage to include homosexual couples isn't simply adding a parallel institution that won't alter or interact with marriage — it fundamentally changes marriage and makes it an inherently genderless institution.*

*And that genderless institution is what will be pushed in government policy; in schools; indeed, through all mechanisms of government.*

*As the brief also points out, same-sex 'marriage' is based on two fundamentally flawed propositions: "First, that there is a fundamental right to marry someone of the same sex. Second, that sexual orientation is a class meriting heightened scrutiny. Both of these propositions have been rejected by the Supreme Court and the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals.*

***Legal precedence is on our side. Reason is on our side. History is on our side. And the vast majority of citizens in America and across the world are on our side."***

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the highest overall combined score for that week wins prize money. There are also concession prizes for placing #2, #3, etc. plus a prize for the lowest overall score – so even if you lose you win!

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Tickets are \$20 each so begin working your family, friends and co-workers! Tickets and details to follow at our September membership meeting or email [john.hofmeyer@att.net](mailto:john.hofmeyer@att.net) for details. And good luck!

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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, 9/8.

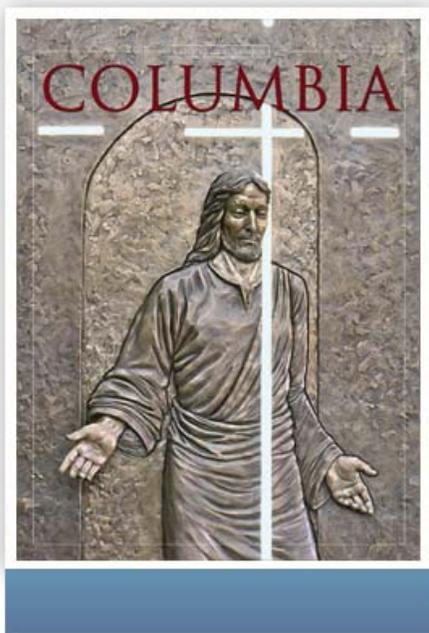
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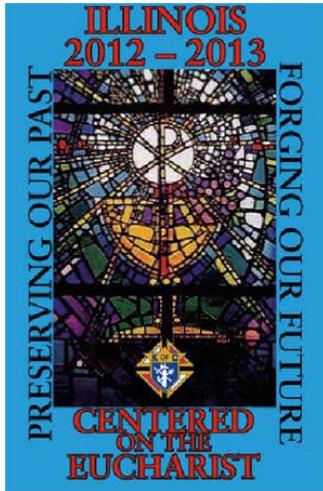


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