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Fred's Findings



Greetings Brother <<First Name>>,

Happy New Year! Best wishes to you and your family for a Blessed 2015.

I recently watched a 90 second video from a Harvard Professor who hosted a Marxist economist from China who was here on an educational fellowship. It was the end of the fellowship and the economist was getting ready to return to China. The professor asked his friend, "while you were in the US, did you learn anything unexpected?" His response was, "I had no idea how critical religion is to a functioning democracy." He further said, "the reason why democracy works is not because government was designed to oversee what everybody does but it works because people voluntarily, for the most part, choose to follow the law. People attend church weekly and are taught by people they respected. Americans believe they are accountable not only to society but to God." In closing, the Marxist economist said to the professor, "as religion loses its influence, what will happen to your democracy? Where are the institutions that are going to teach the next generation that they need to voluntarily choose to obey the law? Because if you take away religion, you cannot hire enough police." <https://www.youtube.com/embed/YjntXYDPw44> How profound is this observation. It takes a visitor from China to recognize the relevance of religion. With the amount of Catholics that skip mass on Sunday, in their eyes do you think they believe that religion is relevant? My guess is no. Taking a macro look at our current society, given the breakdown of the family, the lack of respect toward law enforcement, the diminished value of life with the senseless violence we read about weekly, we are not accountable to God. Brothers, what can we do about this? We can continue to be the CEO of our own domestic church at home and be an example to others. We do this as Knights, we accept accountability, promote the good news of Gospel and use words when necessary.

Speaking of our own domestic church at home, the January 2015 theme for "Building The Domestic Church" is **because God is the Lord of mercy, we want to help heal our family wounds and promote forgiveness.** Given that Jesus was able to forgive his persecutors when he was on the cross, you would think it would be easy for us to forgive. Yet I know I struggle with this and I bet many of you do also. Think of the example you can set for kids or adult family members if they can hear you forgive someone or even hear you ask for forgiveness. Very powerful life lesson. See the link below from the Supreme website for the monthly meditations, family project, recommended

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Upcoming Events

January, 2015

01/12 Business Meeting-SJN

01/14 LA Fundraiser - Colonial Cafe

01/18 March for Life - Chicago

family movie night and recommended volunteer project.
<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/domestic-church/january.html>

As you already know, we are a very busy, active council, in fact the top Council in the Rockford Diocese this past fraternal year ending June 30, 2014. We leverage the time, talent and treasure of our fellow Brother Knights to help make a difference for others. I thought it would be worthwhile to review the beneficiaries of Council 12497 monetary donations during calendar year 2014:

Bridget Gamboni - Newman Foundation	Illinois K of C - Tornado Relief
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Special Olympics - 5K	Sister Betty Ann - Parish Mission
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Illinois K of C - Newman Fund	Fr. McGivney Center for Hope & Healing
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K of C Supreme - Christian Refugee Relief	Robert Gonnella - Seminarian/STP
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Rev. Joseph Lutz - Christmas	Msgr. Stephen Knox - Christmas
Rev. Ryan Browning - Christmas	Rev. Andrew Dietz - Christmas
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St. John Neumann CCD - Tootsie Rolls	Giant Steps Illinois - Tootsie Rolls
Special Olympics - Tootsie Rolls	Marklund at Mill Creek - Tootsie Rolls
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GREAT JOB!

On Monday February 2nd, we are hosting our 3rd Annual Fraternal Benefits Night, 7pm at the STP Downtown Church in the Fr. Carse Center. The STP masses on January 17 & 18, we are able to deliver a pulpit announcement at the end of all the masses to promote Fraternal Benefits Night. DGK Bob Gilmartin will handle the Downtown masses and Field Agent Greg Paul will handle Crane Rd. Our next 1st Degree will be on Monday February 9th at 6pm prior to our regularly scheduled Council meeting at STJN. We will also promote with bulletin announcements and Flocknotes at STJN but personal invitations work the best. I denied accepting an invitation to join our Council at least 3 times before I accepted and finally accepting was one of the best decisions I have made in my life. My guess is you know at least one fellow parishioner who

01/28 KofC Fundraiser - Szechwan Rest.

February, 2015

02/02 Ladies Auxiliary - SPDT Fr. Carse
02/02 Fraternal Benefit (K)Night - SPDT Fr. Carse
02/09 Business Meeting-SJN
02/21 Family Bowling - Funway
02/25 KofC Fundraiser - Szechwan Rest.

March, 2015

03/02 Ladies Auxiliary - SPDT Fr. Carse
03/05-08 Here I Am Lord - SPCR
03/09 Business Meeting-SJN
03/25 KofC Fundraiser - Szechwan Rest.

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 February 9. SJN, prior to scheduled Council Meeting, 6:00PM

Orientation Schedule

- Sunday January 11 2015, St. Pat's Crane Rd., St. Francis 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



The November and December Knights of the Month will be announced at the January Council Meeting

Know Your Faith

By Sir Knight Ken Konetzki

Resolved: Ours will be a family that forgives

This being January, I'm guessing that the trappings of the Advent and Christmas season have already been packed up and stored away again at your house. Maybe you had one of your most wonderful seasons ever, and the memories made still manifest themselves in the cheery disposition you retain. If so, then

you could approach and ask them, "I am sure you have been asked before but why aren't you a Knight?" Then stop talking, let them answer and let God do the rest.

Lastly, if it's good enough for Pope Francis, then ... *VATICAN CITY - When Pope Francis met before Christmas with Vatican employees, mostly lay people with families, he asked them to do 10 things. The list sounded remarkably like suggestions for New Year's resolutions:*

- *"Take care of your spiritual life, your relationship with God, because this is the backbone of everything we do and everything we are."*
- *"Take care of your family life, giving your children and loved ones not just money, but most of all your time, attention and love."*
- *"Take care of your relationships with others, transforming your faith into life and your words into good works, especially on behalf of the needy."*
- *"Be careful how you speak, purify your tongue of offensive words, vulgarity and worldly decadence."*
- *"Heal wounds of the heart with the oil of forgiveness, forgiving those who have hurt us and medicating the wounds we have caused others."*
- *"Look after your work, doing it with enthusiasm, humility, competence, passion and with a spirit that knows how to thank the Lord."*
- *"Be careful of envy, lust, hatred and negative feelings that devour our interior peace and transform us into destroyed and destructive people."*
- *"Watch out for anger that can lead to vengeance; for laziness that leads to existential euthanasia; for pointing the finger at others, which leads to pride; and for complaining continually, which leads to desperation."*
- *"Take care of brothers and sisters who are weaker ... the elderly, the sick, the hungry, the homeless and strangers, because we will be judged on this."*

UPDATE because we initially didn't include No. 10:

- *Making sure your Christmas is about Jesus and not about shopping.*

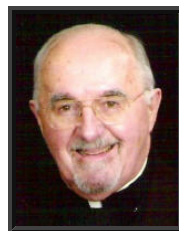
Words to live by.

God Bless,
Fred Karl - GK
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Chaplain's Report

Christ The Servant

Message for 01/11/15
Baptism of the Lord (B)



The American Heritage Dictionary describes baptism as:

"A religious sacrament marked by the symbolic use of water and resulting in admission of the recipient into the community of Christians. In the Gospels of Mark (Mk 1:7-11) and Matthew (Mt 3:1-17) we hear a further clarification of what baptism is all about as John the Baptizer proclaimed: **"Reform your lives! The reign of God is at hand! (and) One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."**

When John was baptizing in the Jordan river, it was by total immersion, a baptism of repentance by confessing their sins, symbolically signifying a dying (water is a symbol of death) of one's former ways of sin and a rising to a new life of repentance, resolving to follow God's commandments. When Jesus came and insisted that he be baptized by John, a whole new dimension was added to

turn to God in thanksgiving and praise for allowing you to experience such edification.

Then again, maybe amidst all the joy, there were also moments of frustration and hurt that yet linger. For some of us, reuniting with family, or being unable to do so, can be difficult, even engendering resentment or bitterness. In that case, turn to God in thanksgiving and praise for giving you the opportunity to forgive.

Brothers, you are the leader of your domestic church, that is, your family, and this is no small thing. CCC 1657 points to the importance of family: **Thus the home is the first school of Christian life and "a school for human enrichment." Here one learns endurance and the joy of work, fraternal love, generous -- even repeated -- forgiveness, and above all divine worship in prayer and the offering of one's life.** Just pause for moment and consider the gravity of the idea that your family, you and yours, is meant to enrich all of humanity! That is a pretty tall order and one of its hallmarks is repeated and generous forgiveness.

Consider Luke 17:4 "And if he wrongs you seven times in one day and returns to you seven times saying, 'I am sorry,' you should forgive him." This is especially true within the family. "Children in turn contribute to the *growth in holiness* of their parents. Each and everyone should be generous and tireless in forgiving one another for offenses, quarrels, injustices and neglect. Mutual affection suggests this. The charity of Christ demands it." CCC 2227 (emphasis in original)

"Ah," you say, "but he hasn't returned to me saying he's sorry." Forgive him anyway. We've just celebrated the wonder of the Incarnation. God was not obligated to share in our humanity, "But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us." (Rom 5:8) God created us to be in relationship with Him and became man in order to make that possible. We, having been made in His image, are most fulfilled when we are in relationship with others, and in order to make that possible, we must be able to forgive, even repeatedly and especially within the family.

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baptism: the gift of the Holy Spirit: "On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." This manifestation of the Holy Spirit descending on Jesus completed the promise of God to send his Holy spirit upon his people. Though we may be sprinkled with water, and not be totally immersed in water at our baptism in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we are truly immersed in the Holy Spirit, which is our initiation into the Christian community. The Church recognizes any baptism made in the name of our Triune God, consequently, once baptized in the Trinity, there is no need to be baptized again. Contrary to some religions who teach that only Triune baptism by immersion is acceptable, the Catholic Church does not recognize that insistence.

In the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 10:34-36) Peter sheds further light on the concept of God's recognition of all upright people of faith: "Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered in the house of Cornelius, saying: "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." Peter sees Jesus as in his baptism "anointed ... with the Holy Spirit and power" and so equipped for his calling: doing good works and healing all who were in the grip of the devil. A similar calling is ours as baptized Christians. Being a Christian does not mean just avoiding sin. We are anointed in the Holy Spirit to do good and be concerned about fellow human beings who are in the grip of evil, in effect we are called to be evangelizers. And God will be with you!

In John Paul II's encyclical "Redemptoris Missio" December 7th 1990, he lays out our mission to evangelize the world: The Holy Spirit is indeed the principal agent of the whole of the Church's mission. His action is preeminent in the mission ad gentes, as can clearly be seen in the early Church: in the conversion of Cornelius (cf. Acts 10), in the decisions made about emerging problems (cf. Acts 15) and in the choice of regions and peoples to be evangelized (cf. Acts 16:6ff). The Spirit worked through the apostles, but at the same time he was also at work in those who heard them: "Through his action the Good News takes shape in human minds and hearts and extends through history. In all of this it is the Holy Spirit who gives life."

"All the Evangelists, when they describe the risen Christ's meeting with his apostles, conclude with the "missionary mandate": "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,...and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age" (Mt 28:18-20; cf. Mk 16:15-18; Lk 24:46-49; Jn 20:21-23). This is a sending forth in the Spirit, as is clearly apparent in the Gospel of John: Christ sends his own into the world, just as the Father has sent him, and to this end he gives them the Spirit."

Go forth, my friends, to evangelize the world by living the gospel and inspiring others to live it also, more by your actions than words.

Love and Prayers,
Fr. Joe

Ladies Auxiliary Report



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Happy New Year!

What a wonderful year 2014 was and we are excited to see what 2015 will bring!!!! As always the year ended with a great family event, Breakfast with Santa!!! The Knights made a great breakfast and Santa was a huge hit with the kids. It is always wonderful to see the children doing the crafts and working **together** to help complete the 12 fleece blankets which we then donate to the Fox Valley Pregnancy Center. The blankets were blessed and have been delivered to the pregnancy center. This event was a success because of the cooperation of all those who helped in any way. Thank you all!!

April Lynch supervised the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest. The winning posters from our council were sent to the next level. Thank you to all those who participated!

The "Here I Am Lord" Conference is almost upon us. It is an honor for us to prepare and serve the Religious dinner on Friday night of lasagna. We look forward to reconnecting with those attending HIAL this year.

This coming Wednesday, January 14th from 4pm until close, we are having a fundraiser at the Colonial on Main St (Rt. 64) on the east side of St Charles. We ask anyone who dines at Colonial to show the notice below to the cashier. There are two ways to do this. Either give the cashier a hard copy or show this flyer scanned from your phone. The receipts will be totaled and the Ladies Auxiliary will receive a portion of the sales! We appreciate your support and thank Colonial for this opportunity!

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In an ongoing effort for parish community involvement and spirituality please join us for: **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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Thea Stowell
President, Ladies Auxiliary

Family and Friends Night at Szechwan Restaurant



Hungry for some delicious Chinese food? Want to help the Council fund its programs at the same time? Then treat Mom to a meal at, or take-out from, The Szechwan Restaurant,

117 West Main Street in downtown St. Charles, (630 513 1889), on the last Wednesday of each month.

Give your paid bill to the hostess and ask her to put it in the "KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY AND FRIENDS" container. The Council will receive 15% of your food bill as a donation from the fine folks at Szechwan.

And hey - tell yur friends and neighbors to come and reference the Knights as well!

Family Fun BOWLING AT FUNWAY



All Knights, their families or anyone interested in learning more about the Knights are invited to an afternoon of good, clean, old fashioned family fun. When: Saturday, February 21st from 3 to 5 or 5:30, pizza dinner provided free courtesy of the Council. Lane fees are \$45.00 per hour for up to 6 bowlers per lane including shoes. Please sign up [on line](#), contact Burt Brown at 630-940-4243, or email him at

burtonbrown@sbcglobal.net. All parish

members are invited to see what a family activity is like and meet some of Knights members and their families.

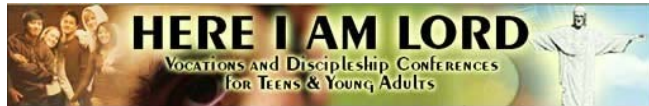
December Major Degree

Our Council hosted the Major Degree on Sunday, December 7, 2014. This took place at St. John Neumann. In addition to members from other Councils receiving their 2nd and 3rd Degree, our Council had Eleven (11) Knights participate in the Second and Third Degree ceremony. Please see the photo so you can congratulate each and every Knight who is now in position to become a Fourth Degree member. It's your turn Frank to lead these Knights as they progress in their "Experience of a Lifetime."



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2015 Here I Am Lord



Here is some preliminary information about the 2015 Here I Am Lord conference that will be held March 5th through the 8th.


There will be a call for volunteers to help out on Saturday for some sort of a Pancake Breakfast for 400-500 people, but details are still being worked.

This year the organizers are going to be selling advertising on the back of the 1,000 t-shirts for the grade school workshop at HERE I AM LORD....If anyone is interested in advertising, please contact Mike Zak (mikezakym@gmail.com)

2015 Bellarmine Silent Retreat

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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.

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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,

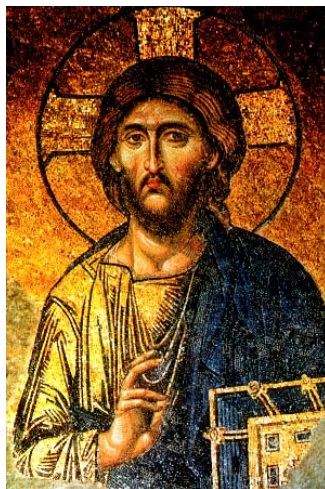
overseeing the studies of men preparing for ordination and ministry. He was a member of the Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House Advisory Board from 1996 to 1998; and was on staff here at Bellarmine from 2004 to 2005. From 2005 to 2011 he was Rector at Loyola Academy in Wilmette. We are pleased he is back 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.

A Special Invitation from Msgr. Steve Knox

Men's Spiritualization Day "Jesus: The Role Model for Men"

Saturday, February 7 : 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. All men of the parish are invited to a spiritual enrichment day on Saturday, February 7 at the Crane Road Church. Every now and then it is good to slow down, take a closer look within, and see where we are at with the Lord. Our speakers will share some of the insights and wisdom they've gained on life's journey. The day will consist of some talks and discussions, some quiet time, and of course, a substantial lunch! Parishioners can certainly invite family and friends from other parishes or other faith communities to join them.



What can you expect from the day? Just to name a few things...

- re-energizing your faith in a laid back setting
- getting to know some of your fellow parishioners
- connecting faith with everyday life
- enjoying some good food and some good humor!

Here is the flow for the day (brief discussion follows talks):

9:00 a.m.	Gather, coffee and doughnuts, opening prayer
9:30 a.m.	"Jesus: The One Who Calls Us to Follow Him," Larry Bettag This reflection by Larry will help us get in touch with our own faith journey. Everyone's story is unique, but the common ground is the Lord's call to each of us to follow him. We'll explore some of the challenges that men face in giving their "yes" to Jesus.
10:30 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m.	"Jesus: a Man of Prayer and Action," Fr. Deitz Many people struggle with prayer. We'll look at what Jesus taught about prayer and how we can grow in our prayer life. Fr. Deitz will also reflect on

	how prayer is connected with daily life, and moves us to putting our faith into practice.
11:45 a.m.	Lunch
12:45 p.m.	"Jesus: The Servant Leader Who Teaches Us How to Love and Serve Others," Fr. Browning Jesus was the ultimate leader, but not in the ways of the world. We'll look at the leadership of Jesus and how we can emulate his example and gospel principles.
1:15 p.m.	Quiet time with Scripture
2:00 p.m.	"Jesus: the Bringer of Forgiveness and Reconciliation," Msgr. Knox Jesus presented radical teachings in the area of forgiveness and reconciliation. Msgr. Knox will explore these teachings and how we can apply them to our lives.
2:45 p.m.	Closing Prayer

Please consider joining us for this day of spiritual enrichment. There is no need to be a bible scholar to attend, you just need an openness to learn and grow. The cost for the day is \$10. To register, just fill out the registration form from a [bulletin](#) and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the parish at 6N487 Crane Rd. St. Charles. You can also register through our website at stpatrickparish.org. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Msgr. Steve at 630-338-8001 or sknox@stpatrickparish.org.

Photo Album



Knights vocation Team



Msgr. Knox talks during Vocation Dinner



Having some ice cream



Vocations Dinner



Bishop Malloy at Vocations Dinner



Bishop Mallow speaks at Vocations Dinner



5K run check presentation to Special Olympics



Breakfast with Santa



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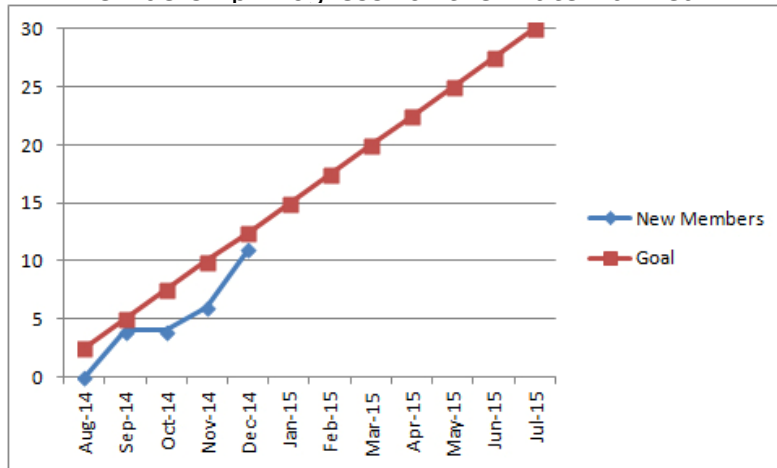
On December 30th, our Council cooked and served for over 65 people at a Vocations Dinner hosted by St. Patrick's parish and the Diocese of Rockford's Vocations office. Bishop Malloy, Father Romke (Diocesan Director of Vocations), and several seminarians spoke to young men who were interested in exploring whether the priesthood was God's career path for them. Our parishes' seminarians, Bobby Gonnella and Michael Bone, were in attendance. PGK Kevin Morency cooked a fantastic stew for all. PGK Jason Lynch, DGK Bob Gilmartin, and Knights Todd Hartke and Matt Kling assisted with serving and cleanup. Many words of appreciation were extended to the Council for our efforts.



(left to right) Msgr. Knox, Pre-Theology II's Michael Bone and 2nd Theology's Bobby Gonnella, the two seminarians from our parishes.

Membership Director's Report

Membership Progress for the Fraternal Year:



We have three First Degree opportunities left to attain 30 members in this Fraternal year. December did not produce the numbers we are accustomed to seeing so each of us need to continue to share the good news of being a Knight. We need 19 new members to attain 30. This equates to over six new members at each of the remaining three First Degree opportunities. June is always very light in numbers. We have not achieved these type of numbers since I have been your Director of Recruiting. However, our Council was not only challenged to do this, but quite frankly were told we couldn't do it.

The pride you achieve by attaining this goal is not the award we will receive, but the joy you will have in knowing you shared this with an individual who can have an "Experience of a Lifetime" just like you are having. After February, we will recall the story of the Resurrection of Jesus. Allow your words to reach the ears of another gentleman.

Keep up your enthusiasm in serving at all the events we serve.

Fraternally Yours,
Paul Braddock
Director of Recruitment

New Knights

Welcome new Knights

There was magic for our December First Degree Ceremony. While we did not come close to our magical number of 12 new Knights, God was busy working for us in other ways. Here are the photos of our four new Knights who were accompanied by candidates from other Councils at our Major Degree. This was a highly moving day. The next First Degree will take place on Monday, February 9, 2015. To prepare for this day, I hear we will be conducting a Fraternal Benefits (K)night on Monday, 2/2/15. Invite men and women to this open forum so they can have all their questions answered while meeting a Knight.

Match name with with picture of the new Knights:

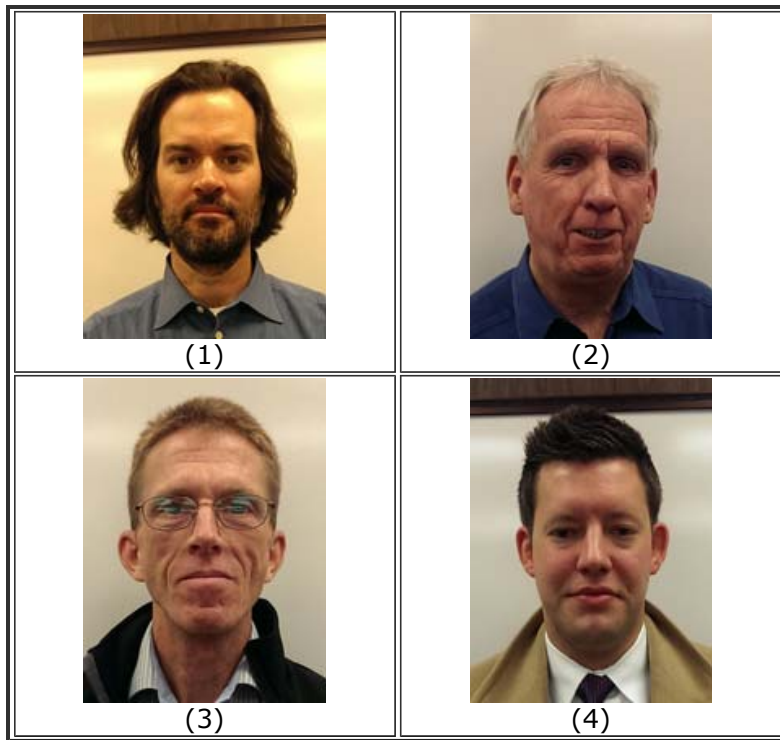
A-Bob Barbeau

B-Ken Chrobak

C-Matthew Kling

D-Mark Schiltz

Answers in Next Month's Unitas.



Stand up for Life



Join with your fellow Knights and parishioners on January 18th as we March for Life in Chicago. We will leave from the St. John Neumann parking lot on a motor coach to Chicago. New Archbishop Blase Cupich of Chicago will attend, in addition to Congressmen Dan Lipinski, D-Ill., and Peter Roskam, R-Ill., and other pro-life speakers. Former Miss America and GOP congressional candidate Erika Harold will emcee the event. The March will be from the Federal Plaza to

the State of Illinois Building. We should be back around 5:30-6:00.

Contact BK Jon Mielke at 847-863-1264 or kccqrfan@sbcglobal.net

Pray the Rosary



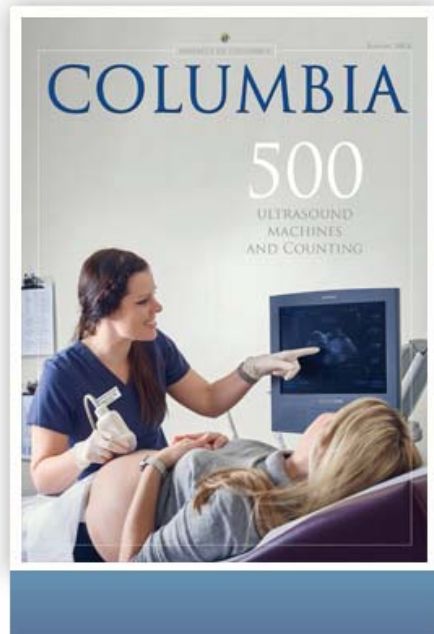
Please join us at around 6:15PM at SJN room 303 to pray the Rosary before the business meeting on Monday, 1/12.

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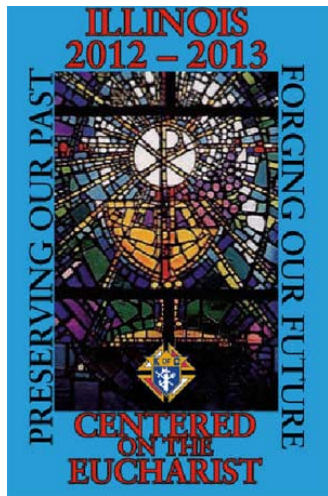
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