

Please bring candy for easter eggs to the 3/9 Business Meeting



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## Fred's Findings



Greetings Brother <<First Name>> ,

### I Wish I Had Another 10 Minutes

I truly hope that all our BK's are striving to be 4th Degree Knights and for those of you that are already a 4th Degree Knight and do not yet have a tux and/or Regalia, please make it a priority to do so. One of the graces you receive as a 4th Degree Knight is being able to be an Honor Guard for a funeral mass or wake. Council 12497 BK John Dickens passed away recently, not sure of the circumstances but I think I read that it was sudden. During my shifts of standing by the casket, I am watching the family greet those paying their respects and my mind starts to run in different directions. John was married, I think I saw two grown-up sons and I think three grown-up daughters. One of the daughters was pregnant and I think there were some grand kids running around. I wonder what was the last thing John said to his wife? When was the last time he told her that he loved her? If he had another 10 minutes, would that time be spent making things right in his relationship with his wife? How about you? Is your relationship right with your wife or significant other? I am guessing the grown-up kids were all in professional careers, they seemed very polished, well dressed, they all looked either like their Mom or their Dad. I wonder what was the last thing he said to each of his kids and grand-kids? When was the last time he told his kids and grand-kids that he loved them? Or that he was proud of them? How about you? If you had another 10 minutes, would that time be spent making things right in your relationship with them? Is your relationship right with your kids and grandkids? It is painfully obvious that when our death is sudden, we do not get another 10 minutes. I wonder if it is a sudden end to our mortal being, do we have feelings of regret the moment we realize our fate? Your regret might be letting your pride get in the way of not attempting to reconcile a relationship turned poorly. Another regret might be not telling your close family enough how proud you are of each one of them. We should all collectively strive to avoid having to say, "I wish I had another 10 minutes" by investing time in these relationships now.

Please be advised, our Council has an immediate need for the following openings:

1. 2015 Pies By The Guys chairman: you will be trained by past chairmen
2. 2015 Intellectual Disabilities (Tootsie Rolls) chairman: you will be trained by past chairmen
3. 2016 5K chairman: join the 2015 5K committee to learn the event
4. Unitas Editor: Current editor Jon Mielke would like to step down beginning in

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#### Upcoming Events

March, 2015

03/05-08 Here I Am Lord - SPCR

03/09 Business Meeting-SJN

03/14 St. Patrick's Day Parade-STC

03/24 Golf Committee Mtg-SPCR RE

- May, the April edition of Unitas can be training
5. Council Liaison to the Marquette Assembly: requirement, need to be a 4th degree Knight
  6. First Degree Team needs to add several new members: you will be trained by the existing members
  7. Back-up Webmaster for our Council website: you will be trained by Bill Roth and Pat Hoan

Please do not let time be an obstacle for not volunteering. When my kids were younger and I was teaching CCD at St. Pat's, coaching Storm basketball, taking a college level accounting class required by work, along with trying to be a husband, dad and employee, PGK Paul Herrmann called me and asked me to be the Council program chair. I knew Paul needed my help and I said yes. I think it took me at least 6 months to figure out what I was doing but the Council was very respectful of my time and I was never put in a position by the Council that I could not handle. Somehow I managed it, or perhaps it was the Lord not allowing me to get into an over-commitment that I could not handle. Probably the latter. I would love to get these openings filled ASAP, I await your phone call.

Our Fraternal Year ends on June 30, 2015. We will hold an election for Officer positions at the June 8th council meeting; therefore, I believe the Officer slate for those running for positions needs to be announced at the May 11th council meeting. In order to be an Officer, you need to be a 3rd Degree Knight. If you are a 3rd Degree Knight and would like to be considered for an Officer position in the Council, please contact me or Deputy GK Bob Gilmartin (312-771-6685).

Reminder, please keep Sunday April 26th open as it is a busy day for our Council. In the morning, we cook for a Special Olympics event in Naperville, we are asked to monitor the Crane Road parking lot for two Confirmations and of course the Bishop will be here so we will have to help with the Honor Guard. I also forgot, the Knights State of Illinois Convention is that weekend.

As is also mentioned in this issue of Unitas, the March 2015 theme for Building the Domestic Church is: *Because the joy of all parents is to teach their children the art of living, as parents we want to be the primary educators of our children.* See the link below. There is a suggested Family Project and Prayer to coincide with this theme. What a great responsibility and a privilege it is to be a Parent. Teaching the art of living does involve their spiritual education.

<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/domestic-church/march.html>

In closing, if you like music, click on the link and check out a video with Eric Clapton and Pavarotti for a song that Clapton wrote for the Blessed Mother at a time when he was in deep despair. Not sure if Eric Clapton is Catholic but it is evident that he has a devotion to Mary. Enjoy!

[http://www.aleteia.org/en/arts-entertainment/article/video-eric-clapton-sings-song-he-wrote-for-blessed-mother-with-pavarotti-5802778920222720?utm\\_campaign=NL\\_en&utm\\_source=daily\\_newsletter&utm\\_medium=mail&utm\\_content=NL\\_en-28%2F02%2F2015](http://www.aleteia.org/en/arts-entertainment/article/video-eric-clapton-sings-song-he-wrote-for-blessed-mother-with-pavarotti-5802778920222720?utm_campaign=NL_en&utm_source=daily_newsletter&utm_medium=mail&utm_content=NL_en-28%2F02%2F2015)

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

## Chaplain's Report

God Calling



- 03/25 KofC Fundraiser - Szechwan Rest.  
03/29 Egg Filling-SPCR Dempsey Hall

### April, 2015

- 04/04 Easter Egg Hunt-Lincoln Park  
04/05 Easter Parking-SPCR  
04/06 Ladies Auxiliary - SPDT Fr. Carse  
04/13 Business Meeting-SJN  
04/18 Hwy Cleanup-Randall Rd  
04/26 Special Olympics-Naperville  
04/26 Confirmation Parking-SPCR  
04/26 Confirmation HG 1:30-SPCR  
04/26 Confirmation HG 4:00-SPCR  
04/28 Golf Committee Mtg-SPCR RE  
04/29 KofC Fundraiser - Szechwan Rest.

### May, 2015

- 05/04 Ladies Auxiliary - SPDT Fr. Carse  
05/11 Business Meeting-SJN  
05/16 Perennial Sale-SPCR  
05/26 Golf Committee Mtg-SPCR RE  
05/27 KofC Fundraiser - Szechwan Rest.

### June, 2015

- 06/01 Ladies Auxiliary - SPDT Fr. Carse  
06/08 Business Meeting-SJN  
06/11-14 Pride of the Fox-STC  
06/13 Council Picnic-Pottawatomie  
06/23 Golf Committee Mtg-SPCR RE  
06/24 KofC Fundraiser - Szechwan Rest.

### July, 2015

- 07/06 Ladies Auxiliary - SPDT Fr. Carse  
07/13 Business Meeting-SJN  
07/20 Never Give Up on Life Golf Outing  
07/29 KofC Fundraiser - Szechwan Rest.

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

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### 1st Degree Schedule

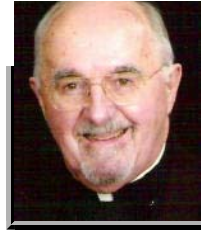
- Sunday April 12, 1:00pm - SPCR
- Monday June 8, Before Business Meeting - SJN

### Orientation Schedule

- Sunday March 22 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

Message for 3/01/15  
2nd Sunday of Lent(B)



Have you ever heard God calling you? He does, you know, everyday of your life. Sometimes we answer and sometimes we tune him out. Our God is a persistent God, he never gives up calling you. Of course we will be judged by how we answer him. Abraham was certainly rewarded for his response in today's first reading from the book of Genesis (Gn 22:9-18) when God told him: **"I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing - all this because you obeyed my command."** Abraham was looked upon as a man of great faith. He trusted that whatever the Lord called him to do, it was for the greater glory of God and must be carried out unreservedly. I believe that the question for all of us to ponder is: "Are we in tune to God's frequency, awaiting his call, and ready to do his will, whatever the cost?"

One of my favorite daily readings was from the book called God Calling, written by two struggling women from England in the thirties, who heard God's call after praying for his presence in their lives. They were trying to live out the gospel passage where Jesus said: **"Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in their midst (Mt 18:20)."** God's messages to them were profound, there is one for every day of the year. Take for instance the message for March 1st: "I always hear your cry. No sound escapes me. Many, many in the world cry to me, but oh, how few wait to hear me speak to them, and yet to the soul, my speaking to it matters so much. My words are life. To hear me speak is to find life, and healing and strength. Trust me in all things. Love showered on all brings truly a quick return. Just carry out my wishes and leave me to carry out yours. Treat me as Savior and King, but also with the tender intimacy of one much beloved. Keep to the rules I have laid down for you, persistently, perseveringly, lovingly, patiently, hopefully, and in faith, every mountain of difficulty shall be laid low, the rough places of poverty shall be made smooth, and all who know you shall know that I, your Lord, am the Lord. Shower love." It always seems that the message for the day on which you read it actually pertains to where you are that day.

Responsorial Psalm 116 (Psalm for the day) even echoes the faith and spiritual attitude of those two women from England in the book God Calling: **"I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. I believed, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted." Precious in the eyes of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones. O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your handmaid; you have loosed my bonds. To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving, and I will call upon the name of the LORD. My vows to the LORD I will pay in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem."**

Even the second reading for today from Paul's letter to the Romans pertains to the two women's prayer for God's presence in their lives (Rom 8:31-34): **"If God is for us, who can be against us? Is it possible that he who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all will not grant us all things besides? Who shall bring a charge against God's chosen ones? Who shall condemn them? Christ Jesus, who died, or rather, was raised up, who is at the right hand of God and who indeed intercedes for us?"**

The two women from God Calling were somewhat like Peter, James and John in today's gospel from Mark (Mk 9:2-10) climbing the mountain with Jesus. They were being led by the Lord to share in his Transfiguration and the affirmation of the words of his Father: **"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."** Those women

## Knight of the Month - November



The January Knight of the Month was Jon Mielke for his efforts to produce the Fraternal Benefits (K)Night video and for leading the group to the March for Life--Chicago

The Knight of the Month for February will be announced at the March Meeting

### Know Your Faith

By Sir Knight Ken Konetzki

### The Duties of Parents

Under the heading above, CCC 2221 ends with the phrase, "The right and the duty of parents to educate their children are primordial and inalienable." Primordial means that it has been that way from the beginning and inalienable means that it cannot be transferred to anybody else or repudiated. In other words, there is no escaping that parents must be the primary educators of their children and it is that way by God's very design.

To be sure it is a most serious responsibility but there is no sense in which it is an odious one. Indeed, the Knights of Columbus focus on Building the Domestic Church, the Family Fully Alive ( <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/domestic-church/medMar.html>) introduces our March theme emphasizing that "Because the joy of all parents is to teach their children the art of living, as parents we want to be the primary educators of our children." So embrace your role, brothers, and consider the wisdom of Proverbs 22:6

Train a boy in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not swerve from it. (NAB)

Usually we think of this in terms of teaching morality and passing on our Catholic tradition. The idea is that we do our best to inculcate in our children what is right and wrong, and what we believe as Catholics. Then, even if our children should seem to fall away for a time, ultimately they will adopt those values as their own and begin to live their life accordingly as adults.

There is another sense, though, in which this advice could be construed. The key is in the phrase "the way he should go." Simply put,

most certainly were trying to listen to the Lord. And they were greatly rewarded by all those messages given to them by the Lord as recorded in the book God Calling. It gives us all the more reason to pray together and listen for the Lord's response to us.

Remember, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in their midst (Mt 18:20)."

Love and Prayers,  
Fr. Joe

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## 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 your friends and neighbors to come and reference the Knights as well!

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## EASTER CANDY....EASTER CANDY....EASTER CANDY....EASTER CANDY

If you do not remember to bring Easter Candy to our meeting on March 9 and want to know if you can still bring candy, the answer is YES, YES, YES!!! We are in need of 8000 small individually wrapped pieces of candy to fill 2000 eggs. Please contact Paul Braddock to see how you can get him the candy. He needs it as soon as you can get it to him. All of the candy is separated and counted by Sunday, March 29. Please get the candy to him by then.

Thank all of you for caring and being generous.

Paul Braddock  
[trombone\\_55@yahoo.com](mailto:trombone_55@yahoo.com)  
630-901-3164

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## St. Patrick's Day Parade

the way he should go is not necessarily the way his brother or sister should go. Each child, each person, is a unique individual with his or her own unique temperament. This too is by God's design and is well captured by St. Paul's comments on the body being many parts.

As a parent, you are in the best position to discern, develop, and encourage the gifts your child has. Frankly, your child's best chance for finding happiness in life is to live in the light of the nature God created in them and nurtured by you. However you happen to define success in this world, remember that our ultimate destination is not the world, but eternal beatitude. Help your child find their path to that end. It is your duty as well as your right and privilege.

Pax et Bonum

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We are seeking riders of all ages to ride on the Santa Maria On March 14th for the St. Patrick's Day Parade and people to pass out candy or be in the color corp. This is a great opportunity to show our colors and our community spirit in the name of St. Patrick. To sign-up, go to the [council](#) or [assembly](#) website.

## Family Fun BOWLING AT FUNWAY



On February 21st our Council held the annual family bowling event attended by 21 bowlers at FunWay in Batavia. All enjoyed the company of fellow Brothers, family and friends. It was a good way to get the kids away from the TV or video games for some real people contact and a few laughs. All enjoyed a pizza dinner after courtesy of our Council. This was a great way to have a more personal contact with our Brothers and family. It is my hope that you will make this a regular event and for those who attended to let the others know what they missed. See you next

year. Stay tuned for more family events coming in the next few months.

Brother Burt Brown

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## 2015 Never Give Up on Life Golf Outing



Save the Date!!! Our 16th Annual Chuck Hollenbach "Never Give Up on Life" Memorial Golf Outing will be Monday, July 20!

Details coming soon.

The Golf Committee Meetings are the 4th Tuesday of the Month, 6:30pm SPCR Religious Education Office.

Next meeting is March 24th.

New Committee members are always welcomed.

Sincerely,

Ron Newman  
[bahzing@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bahzing@sbcglobal.net)

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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](mailto:mikezakym@gmail.com))

## Ladies Auxiliary and Council Spring Perennial Plant Sale - May 16th

It won't be long now when a breath of warm air will hit your front door and your neighbors and friends will be thinking about their gardens.



Our perennial plant sale plans are moving along quite well as the committee addresses the many issues associated with such an undertaking.

We will be asking for your participation in providing 10 to 50 small cuttings from select varieties of your perennial plants. a [-Donor Information Publication-](#) will be available shortly; this will provide the information on the perennials varieties that are desired, identify the not so desirable and the rules for potting and delivering.

Our goal is to have 1000 plants available for the sale. This equates to 50 donors at 20 or more potted plants each - not so overwhelming. Your gardening neighbors, friends, and family are good sources for accumulating a number of cuttings.

Cutting and potting is simple. As soon as you see good growth (mid April to early May) from your existing perennials, simply dig or cut a small portion of the plant and pot into a plastic pot with good potting soil and set it aside to mature them until the sale; this is called healing the plant. As you know, the ability to sell a plant is directly related to its maturity. Assistance and help on potting is available from our expert horticulturist and proud gardeners on the committee.

We will be needing volunteers a couple of days before the sale for setup and then man and women power for the day of the sale May 16th. 8AM to 5:30 (staying open until the 4 pm Mass is over).



We trust that you will tell your neighbors and friends of this upcoming event and have them stop by to have some good springtime fun and help us in our fundraising efforts.

For more information contact Dennis Marquis 708-476-1151

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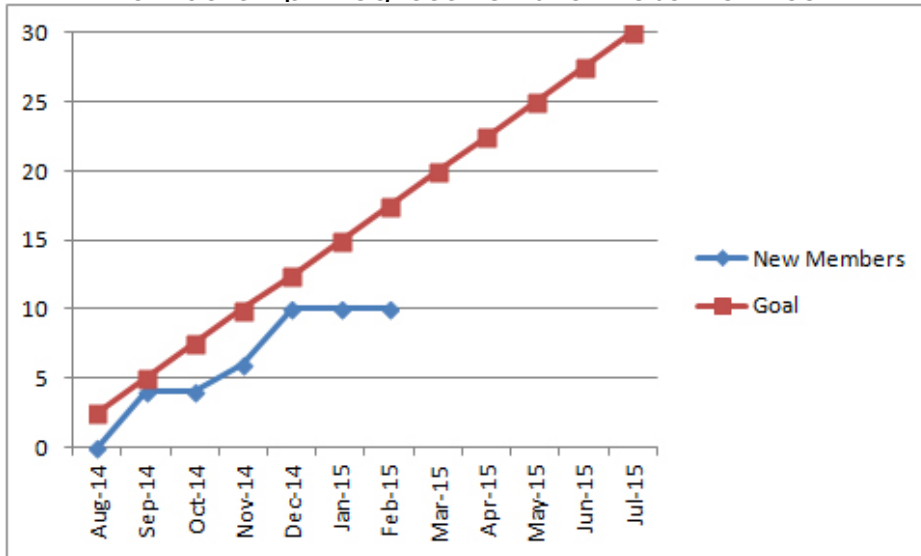


Many Knights and LA members attended the "Light of the

World"  
Retreat at St. Patrick Church  
(Lee Swanson was also present but not in the picture)

## Membership Director's Report

Membership Progress for the Fraternal Year:



### Membership Report

We have made great strides towards reaching our Membership goals for this fiscal year. However, we have to overcome the deficit that we started the year with. There are only two remaining scheduled First Degree Ceremonies...one is in April and the other is in June. We need (11) new members this Fraternal year. The First Degree in April is on Sunday, April 12. This is one week after Easter.

Both St. Patrick and St. John Neumann are conducting Retreats and Missions during this Lenten Season. People are gaining an awareness of being charitable and doing good for others. Now, is a key moment in time to approach someone to see where they are in their spiritual life. This could be the moment when you learn they are searching for ways to be of service to God. Their hearts are open to listening to the Holy Spirit. We need to be the voice of the Holy Spirit and talk to these fine gentlemen.

All that is asked is that each of us do our part. The more members in April means less required of us for June. Let's shatter our growth records!

As a reminder, all I need is a name, phone number, and e-mail address. I look forward to hearing from you.

See you at HERE I AM LORD this weekend.

### Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg Hunt is taking place on Saturday, April 4, 2015. The location will be at Lincoln Park (in front of St. Patrick Downtown Church). The exact time is yet to be determined. All age-appropriate children of Knights and their family and friends are welcome to participate in the Easter Egg Hunt. Come on out and enjoy the festivities!

There are two ways you can be of service to help with this event:

[Easter Egg Candy Filling](#)



Sunday, March 29

4:00 PM

St. Pat's Crane Rd Church - Dempsey Hall

Refreshments will be served after the eggs are filled with candy

### Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 4

Lincoln Park (In front of St. Pat's Downtown Church)

Arrive early to hide the eggs and stay till after the Hunt to clean up

Fraternally Yours,

Paul Braddock

Director of Recruitment

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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, 3/9.*

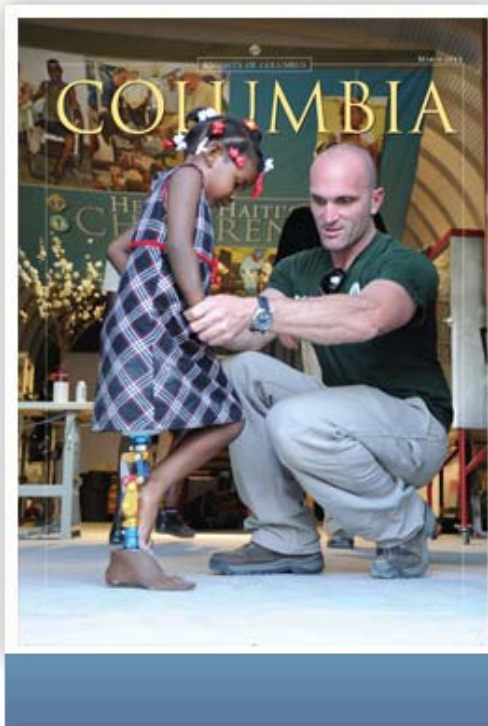
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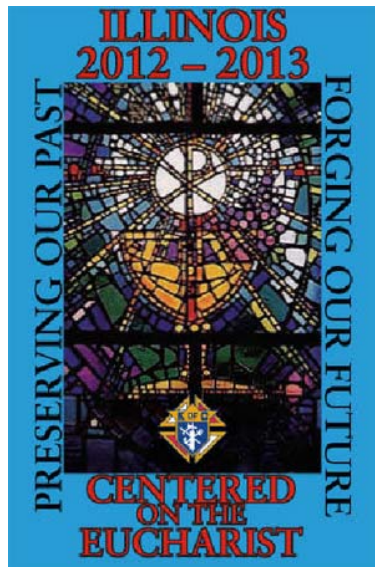
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