

Please come to our business meeting every 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30 pm (usually at St. John Neumann's Family Center – see schedule)

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September

09/10 Business Meeting-SJN
09/14-16 IDF multiple locations
09/30 Soccer challenge

October

10/01 Ladies Auxiliary
10/02 Officers' Meeting
10/6-7 IDF – Kane County Flea Mkt
10/08 Business Meeting-SJN

November

11/03 Pies By The Guys
11/05 Ladies Auxiliary
11/06 Officers' Meeting
11/12 Business Meeting-SJN

December

12/03 Ladies Auxiliary
12/04 Officers' Meeting
12/10 Social meeting with spouses

1st Degree Schedule

TBD

Orientation Schedule

TBD

Everyone is invited, but please call Paul Braddock, 630-901-3164, in advance to ensure preparations are made for you.



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Mr. Bill's Corner

Dear Brothers,

Labor Day weekend has come and gone. I hope everyone had a nice relaxing weekend. We had our IDF collection at the September Kane County Flea Market. Results will be published elsewhere but thank you to all the Knights and their families that participated.

With the start of fall we are approaching our busy season. Thanksgiving is only 12 weeks away.

Our upcoming events are:

9/09/18	Serving Donuts at St. John Neumann after 7:30 A.M. Mass
9/10/18	General Council Meeting
9/13/18	Corbella Clinic Dinner
9/14/18 - 9/16/18	IDF - Multiple locations St. Charles & South Elgin
9/21/18	Make Pro-Life Crosses
9/29/18	Put Up Pro-Life Crosses at St. John Neumann
9/30/18	Soccer Challenge
10/06/18 - 10/07/18	IDF - Kane County Flea Market
10/08/18	General Council Meeting
10/14/18	Serving Donuts at St. John Neumann after 7:30 A.M. Mass
11/3/18	Pies by the Guys

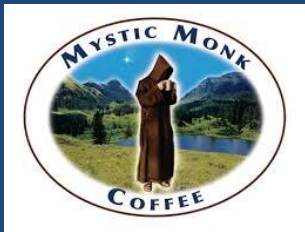
The **IDF Drive** (09/14/18 – 09/16/18) is one of our larger events that we put on during the year. This is one of those events that I encourage all of our over 350 knights to volunteer their time. **"Can you spend 24 hours in a year?"** This is one of those events where we could use your help by donating just a few hours of your time.

As of Wednesday (09/05/18) we currently only have 19 slots filled for the IDF weekend. That is only 24.36% participation at this point. We will have to start calling all members to ask for you to sign up if at all possible. **Please**, save us the time and effort by going to the Knights website (www.kofc12497.com) and signing up for one or two slots.

The changes we had made at the August General meeting were well received so we will continue the new format going forward. We will leave the round tables up to help facilitate more interaction with our brother knights. Try to sit with someone you do not know so we can all get to know each other better.

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Guard	Greg Sengstock
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Trustee (2 Year)	Jim Gebhardt
Trustee (1 Year)	Fred Karl
District Deputy	Keith Williams
Field Agent	Greg Paul 708 601-5489

Council Directors

Membership Director	Paul Braddock
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We will be starting the meeting a half hour earlier (6:30 P.M.) (right after we pray the Rosary at 6:15 P.M. in the Adoration chapel). Part of the reason we are starting earlier is to have a half hour socializing before we start the meeting. The Council will supply **pizza** and soft drinks. Since we will be estimating the amount of people who will be attending, the pizza will be served FCFS , meaning when it is gone it is gone.

If you have not been to a Council meeting in a while, please come this coming Monday (09/10/18) for our August General meeting. Also, please bring your Vocation raffle tickets to turn in at the meeting.

I pray that your 2018 continues to be great for you and your family.

God Bless

Bill Roth

Chaplain's Corner

by Fr. Ma Carlos Caloy

I grew up in a Catholic, vibrant parish under the protection of St. Raphael, the Archangel (God's Healing). In those years of attending parish gatherings, I observed from the mass to other activities, the Knights of Columbus (K of C) was represented. And growing up in my vocation to be a priest, that enduring presence continued – until receiving a chalice (with an emblem of K of C) for my first mass of thanksgiving after ordination (March 23, 1991). The remote past and immediate years of my search for "who" is a K of C today, these two parishes (St. John Neumann and St. Patrick) quickly immersed me to be one among those "enduring presence" of members.



The spirituality of presence is traced at the presence of Jesus Christ in the bible and Holy Mass. His presence flows not only from the Eucharist, but from each and every single act of expressing our charity toward someone; but more fully as a community of believers reaching out to other communities. Our sacred tradition is filled with sacramental signs of this presence, thank you to our grandparents in the "faith." These words in forms of prayers, and actions in forms of services are but the vehicles of this presence of God. So how quick are we in the different activities of these organizations to return in these words and actions to respond to the challenges of our time?

Our diocese and parishes have planned spiritual enrichments to these sacraments (masses) and Sacramental/s (devotional acts piety as one community in pilgrimage) these days, in response to anger and different levels of discouragements all over the place because of alleged abuses by priests and bishops. Do plan to not only attend, but to be prepared spiritually and physically that in and after these gatherings, each one is in great shape to repair, rebuild, toward real reforms in our families, work places and parishes as a whole. Let us gaze and embrace the cross with Jesus in our midst, so, He led us to a gradual understanding and necessary actions through and by the blessings of His resurrection.

Church Directors	Gary Topacio David Richter
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Culture of Life Director	Jerry Pietryla

May the Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney and all the Saints accompany us in our pilgrimage and living out the presence of Jesus Christ bringing healing, forgiveness founded in justice of God and man! Amen.

Fr. Mac Caloy

TOOTSIE ROLL DAYS ARE HERE!

Sept 14, 15, 16 Multiple locations St. Charles & South Elgin

October 6 & 7 Kane County Flea Market

The IDF 2018 campaign has begun.

We started the Tootsie Roll days with a rainy morning at the Kane County Fairgrounds and ended with hot and humid Sunday which may have discouraged both vendors and attendees. Our collection results for the September Flea Market were down 30% from last year so it makes the next few dates more critical to achieve our target.

Initially we started with many open time slots but with a lot of emails and flock notes we were able to cover many of the open slots and we thank you for answering the call.

However, many open time slots remain for the main event scheduled for this month and the October Flea Market. As of Monday Sept 3, only 21% of the available slots for the remaining days were filled. Out of the 350 Council members, only 17 slots have been filled so far. We have good additional locations that we can add to the list but don't feel it is beneficial since signups are at this level. Again, this is a perfect "family and friend" friendly event for all ages.

We **NEED YOUR HELP** to fill the open spots on the days listed below.

We understand that some of you are not able to participate. In the past we have asked if you cannot participate, please consider donating \$25 to support the cause. You may bring a contribution to the September 10 business meeting, or mail a check to: Knights of Columbus Council 12497, P.O Box 4006, St. Charles, IL 60174.

As Knights, we signed up and pledged to support the 4 principals of the order; Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Much of what we do is around Charity. The IDF is the biggest event of the order and we encourage you to hear the call.

For more information contact Gary Stopka (630-824-7285) gjstopka@yahoo.com or Greg Sengstock (630-770-5348) greg@sengstockarchitects.com.

Help make the 2018 IDF Tootsie Roll Drive even better!

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Emeka Onwuta, our July Knight of the Month! We thank Emeka for his help with the Golf Outing "Draw Down" raffle.



LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT

Hope you had a great Labor Day!

Labor Day - a holiday most of us get to take off work, and usually spend it barbecuing with family and friends, maybe sitting around doing nothing or even out shopping taking advantage of sales. However you chose to spend the holiday, I hope you remember the original purpose behind the Labor Day holiday.



Labor Day is a creation of the labor movement and "is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions that workers have made to the strength, prosperity and well-being of our country."

Sure, giving workers a day off is a nice way to say thanks and acknowledge the hard work they put in every day. But this Labor Day and future Labor Days, why not go the extra mile? Tell your workers how vital they are to not only your business, but to the community and country as a whole. Talk to them face to face, shake their hands, give them a personal thank you card, make a speech to your entire workforce, give a meaningful gift to your workers and their families, etc. Find that little extra touch that reminds us all why Labor Day exists and that God blesses hard work.

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Exciting things going on in the Auxiliary – Ladies stepping up to donate their time and talents in volunteering for committee work that will result in great opportunities to serve our Church and community:

Membership Night – Monday, **October 1, 7:30 PM** – St. John Neumann – Room 122. We are encouraging the ladies of St. John Neumann to join the Auxiliary and are looking forward to having our monthly meeting here in order to meet ladies from both St. John Neumann and St. Patrick who are interested in joining. We urge the Knights to promote their wives, significant others, mothers, sisters or any lady you know to honor us by attending this

informative and fun night. We will be providing information and hands-on activities of card making. Will be a lot of fun! We look forward to having more ladies join us to see how they can also assist in making wonderful things happen for the mutual benefit of both of our Parishes. There will be more information soon in both our Bulletins. There is an elevator available for those who need.

Dine-to-Donate – Village Tavern and Grill – Randall Road, South Elgin – **September 20** and **October 18** – This is our monthly opportunity to earn money by enjoying a meal – lunch, dinner or both – and receive 20% of the bill to benefit our endeavors. The Coupon that is printed in both Parish bulletins the week before this event, is required in order to process the benefits. Great food, great service, modest prices – enjoy a meal and help us out! The Auxiliary has received more than \$400 in this endeavor so far. We appreciate your support.

Habitat for Humanity – The LAX will again be participating in a project for Habitat for Humanity on Saturday, November 3 in South Elgin. Let us know if anyone would like to assist us please.

Shred Day – Saturday, **October 20th** – 10 AM to 12 Noon. An opportunity to get rid of all those important papers, documents, legal forms in a very efficient manner. Just pull up your car – we will unload it for you and you can see your things shredded right on the spot – and asking only a donation. This event takes place in the parking lot of the Crane Road Church

BUNCO Night – Friday, **October 26**, 6:30 PM – at the Living Well in Geneva. October is Breast Cancer Month and we donate all proceeds to Breast Cancer Research through the Living Well. Lots of fun. Come one, come all!

Bingo Night – The Auxiliary will be having a fun night on Friday evening, **January 25th**. More information to follow. (Please note date change)

Crucifixes for the Parish – The Ladies Auxiliary and the Knights have donated funds for the purchase of 2 Crucifixes for our Parish to replace the older ones that are used primarily during the Good Friday Services. We are excited to have been able to do this for our parish!

Loaves and Fishes – We are blessed to be able to purchase 2 Coffee Urns and 10 Serving Trays for this Parish event.

Respectfully,

Donna Fike
Ladies Auxiliary President

see our website at www.ladiesaux12497.org

PIES BY THE GUYS – HOLD THE DATE

It is time to start thinking about one of the larger annual fund raisers, Pies by the Guys. The apple crop is being harvested as you read this.

This year's sale of apple pies at St. Patrick's church is tentatively planned for the last two weekends in October. We will assemble boxes the evening of November 2 and pie production will be November 3.

Last year we produced 2,150 apple pies and are projecting an increase in sales for this year! A lot of help will be needed and a lot of fun will be had making this year a success. This would be an excellent project for those related teens who have service hours to fulfill.

Any questions, contact co-chairs:
Mark Gilsdorf 630-715-3256
Bill Martin 630-513-0647

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Your comments at the July 2018 business meeting revealed that individuals would really like to share their thoughts on how to make us a better Council and thus, make it easier to attract new members. We encourage new members because it allows an individual to be of service to God. Without being a member of the Knights, this individual is less prone to do charitable works on his own.

In order to capture your thoughts and develop an action plan, our Council was given permission from the Officers to form a Membership Focus Group. The Group is open to all members. We meet on the 4th Monday of each month at St. Pat's Crane Rd Church. Those in the Focus Group would love to hear your ideas, discuss them, and decide if it is something worthwhile to adopt. Some of the easy things to implement thus far are having food prior to the Council meeting, sitting at round tables instead of the auditorium seating, and for all members to utilize a microphone during our business meeting. I believe even more changes will be coming.

However, you do not need to wait to hear the plan that will evolve from the Membership Focus Group before you speak to a Catholic gentleman and invite him to become a Knight. We are an international award-winning Council which makes available to all members a charitable event every month of the year. With you participating in the upcoming events, we will be able to help even more people. Please forward those names along to me.

Until we meet again, let your life be guided by the Holy Spirit.

Paul Braddock

Director of Recruitment

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SIR KNIGHTS SUPPORT SPECIAL OLYMPICS EVENT

Sir Knights and PGKs Jason Lynch and Bob Gilmartin served in the Color Guard of the Knights of Columbus at the Special Olympics' July 20th Unified Cup national event at Toyota Park in Bridgeview, Illinois. Teams from Brazil and Slovenia played after the opening ceremony. The event was televised on ESPN 2.

Third degree Knights can become Sir Knights at the next exemplification at St Mary's parish in Huntley on Saturday, September 22nd. See GK Bill Roth or Assembly Liaison John Bloziz for details and an application. The deadline for registration is soon. The council has sets of regalia which you can borrow after you become a Sir Knight.

Also, note that you are a full knight after you receive the third degree. You must be a third degree knight to be an officer in the council. The second and third degrees can often be received in one afternoon at a "Major Degree" exemplification. The next major degree is September 22 in Sterling. You can find upcoming exemplification dates and locations at the Knights of Columbus' Illinois State website.



ULTRASOUND MACHINE FOR CORBELLA CLINIC

Thank you to all the Knights and Ladies Auxiliary members who sold and purchased Draw Down raffle tickets and who participated in the Council golf outing!! Your efforts helped Corbella Clinic purchase the ultrasound machine shown below that can produce the images of life. Well done everyone! See the opportunity on the next page to attend their upcoming 2018 30-year celebration banquet.



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CORBELLA INVITATION

Corbella Clinic Invites You to the
2018 Celebration Banquet
Celebrating 30 Years



Thursday, September 13, 2018
6-7pm Social Hour, 7-9pm Banquet
Q Center: 1405 N 5th Ave (Route 25) in St Charles, IL

Dear Friends of Corbella,

Please join us for an extra special 30th Anniversary banquet celebration on Thursday, Sept. 13, 2018. Your presence will bring a greater joy to this festive occasion.

This uplifting celebration of LIFE helps Corbella Clinic raise funds that provide life-affirming medical and support services, material assistance, and resources for women and couples facing unexpected pregnancies.

We look forward to celebrating the many blessings of the past 30 years with you, and also to announcing a very exciting step for our future!

In Christ,

Jeanna Desideri
Executive Director

Purchase tickets at www.corbellaclinic.org on the donate tab or mail in the enclosed reply card with a check payable to Corbella Clinic by Sept. 5, 2018

\$50 per ticket or \$500 for a table of 10



TABLE HOSTS NEEDED! Invite your friends to an unforgettable evening of food, fun, and fellowship. Contact us if you can host a table of 10 seats and help us reach our goal of 40 tables.

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PHOTO ALBUM

IDF volunteers from the Flea Market. It would be great to have more (and new) people in next month's photos!

