

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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- 04/20 Easter Egg Hunt
- 04/26-27 Misericordia's Candy Day Collections

May

- 05/05 Special Olympics
- 05/06 Ladies Auxiliary
- 05/07 Officers' Meeting
- 05/11 Hope for Haitians 5k
- 05/11 Plant Sale
- 05/13 Business Meeting-SJN

June

- 06/03 Ladies Auxiliary
- 06/04 Officers' Meeting
- 06/10 Business Meeting-SJN

July

- 07/01 Ladies Auxiliary
- 07/02 Officers' Meeting
- 07/08 Business Meeting-SJN
- 07/20 Golf Outing

1st Degree Schedule

April 14, 2019

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,

Lent is almost over, how is your Lent going for you? Have you done any volunteering this Lenten season? See below for some great opportunities. This is our busy time of the fraternal year, so we need everyone's help.

For this month Council meeting we will be collecting the following:

- **40 Cans for Lent** – all food donated will go to the local Food Pantry
- **Easter Egg Candy** – last year we filled 3,000 eggs, so we need a lot of candy in order to fill the eggs.

Have you paid your dues yet? You can pay online (through our website) or bring your payment to the next Council member meeting Monday (04/8/2019).

Our upcoming Events are:

4/8/19	Membership meeting (starting at 6:30 P.M.) - 40 Cans for Lent - Candy for Easter Egg Hunt
4/13/19	Fill Easter Eggs for Easter Egg Hunt
4/18/19	4 th Degree at Holy Thursday STP and SJN
4/20/19	Easter Egg Hunt
4/26/19 - 4/27/19	Misericordia's Candy Day
5/5/19	Special Olympics – Marmion
5/11/19	Hope for Haitians 5K
5/11/19	Plant Sale
5/12/19	Donuts @ SJN (after 7:30 A.M. Mass)
5/13/19	Membership meeting (starting at 6:30 P.M.)
7/22/19	20 th Annual Golf Outing

Upcoming Degree Exemplifications

Major (2nd/3rd): May 19,
Aurora
4th Degree: April 13,
Mundelein

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Financial Secretary	Bob Girdwain
Treasurer	Larry Lenard
Advocate	Roman Seckel
Warden	Hank Brill
Guard	Jeff Bowgren
Guard	Greg Sengstock
Trustee (3 Year)	Bob Gilmartin
Trustee (2 Year)	Jim Gebhardt
Trustee (1 Year)	Fred Karl
District Deputy	Keith Williams
Field Agent	Greg Paul 708 601-5489

Remember 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. For this meeting we are changing it up. Since we will be estimating the amount of people who will be attending, the subs will be served FCFS , meaning when it is gone it is gone. We will have the "**Free Will Donation**" can out to help defer the cost of the food and drinks.



If you have not been to a Council meeting in a while, please come this coming Monday (4/8/19) for our March general meeting. You can pay your membership dues and get your 2019 membership card.

God Bless

Bill Roth

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

by Fr. Ma Carlos Caloy

We focus our reflection these days on the three-day celebration of Jesus Christ's suffering, death and rising from the dead. We are taught to call this the "passing over" of Jesus from this world to His Father. This passing over is the center of all our celebrations from Palm Sunday to Resurrection Sunday.



Let me just encourage you brother knights together with your families, to take time to talk among and with family members what this passing over may mean to each other. One might just be focused in Jesus suffering, another in Jesus death and one in His resurrection; but you as the head of the family be quick enough to consider the whole process as very important in following Jesus, whether since our series of conversion experiences but "the now" of our practice of the faith. Jesus' words with authorities in His time, to His followers, and for us now are the same in its entirety.

Jesus Christ speaks of His body as the temple to His unceasing attempts to us as "authorities" of our physical bodies as temple of the Holy Spirit. This is because of our baptism and other sacraments, so, each is given that utmost control toward our physical bodies; but how consistent are we to equal it in care of our spiritual self? This is expressed with our spiritual needs to seek Jesus ways of His presence, words and workings.

Let your presence with the holy Thursday celebrations seek the meaning and ways of Jesus teaching us about unity expressed in serving others. May the Good Friday gatherings be as observant as possible of His words from the Cross bringing us to embrace more freely truths about each other in the family and those in the parish. And resurrection Sunday reaffirmed Jesus redeeming works in our lives made more visible in our regular and constant practice of going back to Our Father and His Father in heaven through our earthly activities.

A blessed Easter to each one and all in your family.

Fr. Mac Caloy

Council Directors

Membership Director	Paul Braddock
Church Director	Ed Kramer
Community Director	Jim McNamara
Council Director	Tom Rasmussen
Family Director	Roman Seckel
Youth Co-Directors	Jason O'Sullivan, Chris Barone
Culture of Life Director	Jerry Pietryla

WE NEED CANDY FOR THE EASTER EGG HUNT

Please bring individually wrapped pieces of small candy to our Council meeting Monday April 8 (7:00 PM) Council meeting at St. John Neumann in the Hoffmann Center. Please no gum or jawbreakers. These pieces of candy need to fit inside a small egg. Over 6000 pieces are needed so bring all you can. We never have left overs!

If you cannot attend the meeting, make arrangements with Chris Barone (630) 742-3862 or Bill Roth (630) 443-1701 to drop the candy off at their houses. Or bring to the "Fill the Easter Eggs" event on Saturday April 13th starting at 1:00 P.M. in Dempsey Hall at St. Patrick's Church Crane Road. We need the candy by 4/12/19.

40 CANS FOR LENT FOOD DRIVE

Our council is once again running a "40 Cans for Lent" Food Drive. Please bring nonperishable food items-cans, dry goods, etc. to our April council meeting. The food will go to the food pantry and will be distributed to people in need in our area. Your goal is to bring 40 individual items, but anything you can donate is appreciated. Our Lord admonishes us to "Feed the Hungry". Let's all strive to do our part this Lent.

LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT



God's hands guide the new spring buds popping thru the ground, His glory shines on everything reaching up for new life after a harsh winter.

As we traverse thru Lent on our journey to His resurrection on Easter, may we appreciate all He has done for us, how He shows His love every day, so that all life may glory in His goodness and love! **HAPPY EASTER!**



Dine-to-Donate – Village Tavern and Grill – Randall Road, South Elgin – **April 18** – honoring Holy Thursday, we will not be advertising this event, but if anyone would care to share a meal on that date with family and friends, just tell your server that you are from St. Patrick's and we will benefit.

Charity Garden Market – Saturday, **May 11**, is the day for our Annual Charity Garden Market at the Crane Road Church. Lisa Milton, Julia Cooper, Caroline Ehrmann, Dennis Marquis and GK Bill Roth are doing a great job in planning this day. Our On-Line Sales for Annuals has begun!! Website for on-line ordering is www.stcgardenmarket.com thru April 28. If you order on-line you get exactly what you want!! Pickup is on May 11 at the Crane Road Church. We have many new annual selections on-line!! We will also have a large selection of annuals and perennials on site the day of sale!

We also need **volunteers** to assist with the sale. Click on the volunteer link on that site, to help us!!

Nominating Committee: The Slate of Officers for 2019-2020 – President – Donna Fike, Vice-President-Lisa Milton, Secretary – Caroline Ehrmann, Treasurer – Doris Braddock, Trustees: Lois Mielke, Alice Sury and Ann DeMartino.

Shred Day – Our Spring Shred Day is being held on Saturday, **April 13** in the parking lot of the Crane Road Church. It's a way of getting rid of all those papers, documents, junk mail, OLD papers that you need to get rid of. You actually see your things shredded – a real security protection for you. You just pull up your car, we unload for you, you watch it being shredded and just provide a stipend for the service that will benefit our Ladies Aux charitable efforts. It's a vital and important service!

Lazarus House – Our new committee will be working with the women & children side of Lazarus House. We will be identifying their needs and provide those needs as a part of our charitable activities. Wilma Drummer has graciously agreed to Chair this committee and has had a preliminary meeting with them to see how we can help. They are in the midst of a new renovation for the Women/Children sector and will be needing a lot of different things. Let us know if you wish to assist us with this effort.

Respectfully,

Donna Fike
Ladies Auxiliary President

see our website at www.ladiesaux12497.org

SAVE THE DATE - ROADSIDE CLEANUP, MAY 18

Just a head's up that our Spring Roadside Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, May 18th starting at 9:30 AM from the St Patrick's Crane Road parking lot. Hope you can make it!



CURSILLO WEEKEND – APRIL 25-28, 2019

If you would like to deepen your relationship with the Father, the Son, and the HOLY SPIRIT, the Cursillo weekend is a life changing event. I started living my Cursillo in October 2013 and it has been an incredible journey. For more information and an application form, please contact Mark Powell @ (630) 385-1948. www.cursillo.org/rockford

HELP WANTED - 2019 KNIGHTS GOLF EVENT BOOK EDITOR

Experience with Microsoft Publisher software. Timeframe from June 1st to July 22nd.

Contact Fred Karl, ftkarl@sbcglobal.net or 847-373-2922

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



Congratulations to our recent Knights of the Month, Bob Girdwain (left - February) and Ed Kramer (right - March).

Thank you, gentlemen!



DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT UPDATE

Brother Knights,

We have a number of significant events coming up in the next few months and will need all hands on deck. Please review the activity calendar below as well as the recap of upcoming events in Mr. Bill's Corner. Did you know that our Council events draw many non-knights? Do you consider these events to be recruiting opportunities? We should! This is the best opportunity to recruit a new member. Recently, I discussed recruiting with a leader of a very successful Council. His secret was "just ask... Would you consider becoming a Knight?" Pretty simple... "**just ask**". Consider this our challenge for the next few events. **Just ask!**

Over the next couple months, you will be hearing about the **Safe Environment Program** and training. Many of you have already taken the training as required by SJN and STP. Those who have not, will have the opportunity to do so at a future Council meeting. The Council will schedule a Council wide training program that qualifies under the Diocesan requirement that safeguards children and other vulnerable persons and ensures that we maintain a safe environment to protect members from awkward situations, appearances of impropriety and builds trust with the diocese, parishes and protects the good name of the Knights of Columbus. This program is a mandatory training in order to participate in the Knights events. Watch for future announcements for a date and time.

Have you seen the very **fashionable Council yellow tee shirts and blue baseball caps** and are jealous you don't have one? This is your opportunity to receive yours FREE. All you have to do is participate in one of our many volunteer events and pick-up your hat and shirt (and don't forget to recruit a new Knight).

Are you looking to get more involved with the Councils events? Do you have a favorite event and want to get more involved in planning that event? Would you like to become an officer? Are you a member and really don't know a lot of Brother Knights and would like to get to know them better? Or would you just like to learn more? The Council is always looking for help running events. If you have interest or would like to learn more, just ask GK Bill or DGK Gary for more information. Council elections will be held in June. If you would like to become an officer, please contact one of us for more information.

2019 KofC 12497 Fraternal Activity Programs and Event Chairs						
Updated Apr. 2019						
Event	Chairman	Ongoing	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL
Faith Activities						
Spiritual Reflection Program	Required TBD					
Council Liason to Assembly	John Blozis					
Save the Grotto	Mike Safranski					
Church	Ed Kramer					
Soup and Station	Bill Roth					
40 Cans for Letn	Bill Roth					
Family Activities						
Consecration to the Holy Family	Required TBD					
Council	Tom Rasmussen and (Assist Stephen McAuley)					
Easter Egg Hunt	Chris Barone					
K of C Family Picnic	Bill Roth					
Community Activities						
Helping Hands	Required TBD					
Community	Jim McNamara					
Public Relations	Jim Gebhardt					
Garden Market Plant Sale	Dennis Marquis and Ladies Aux					
Road Clean UP (spring & fall)	Jim Gebhardt/Bob Gilmartin					
Memorial Day Parade	4th Degree					
Life Activities						
Novena for Life	Required TBD					
Miseracordia	Burt Brown					
Special Olympics	Bill Roth					
Golf Outing	Fred Karl / Jim Connor					
Other Non-classified						

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KNIGHTS GOLF OUTING, JULY 22, 2019

REGISTRATION OPENS FOR KNIGHTS GOLF OUTING ON MONDAY APRIL 15TH

The 20th Annual Council 12497 "***Never Give Up on Life***" Memorial Golf Outing is scheduled for Monday July 22, 2019 @ Elgin Country Club. Organize your foursomes and recruit some friends to organize additional foursomes NOW as registration will begin on Monday April 15th on our Council website, www.kofc12497.com, go to the golf tab (forthcoming soon). All outing profits support the pro-life ministry of Corbella Clinic in South Elgin. The outing also continues to honor the memory of brother Knight Chuck Hollenbach and his desire for Corbella to be beneficiary of our outing profits. Fellowes will this year be a \$4,000 double Platinum sponsor and Breakthru Beverage and Orkin are expected to also to be \$2,000 Platinum sponsors.



IF I DO NOT GOLF, HOW CAN I HELP? HERE ARE SOME IDEAS:

- Most importantly, please pray for the success of our outing and the pro-life ministry of the Corbella Clinic
- Donate to the golf outing a dozen golf balls, used as outing prizes
- Donate to the golf outing a bottle(s) of wine, again used as outing prizes
- Outing raffles need sports tickets, dining gift cards, liquor, foursomes for golf, vacation rentals, etc. as donations
- Recruit a business owner to be a Hole Sponsor for \$250
- Do you have a business card? \$50 to have it published in outing event book

Numerous corporate sponsorship opportunities are available. Please see the form at the end of this Unitas issue for a complete list.

If you are unable to attend a Council meeting and you have need to have a donation picked up, please contact me, Fred Karl @ 847-373-2922 or ftkarl@sbcglobal.net

NEXT GOLF COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, April 17th, 6:30 pm @ Crane Road

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The Gospel on Sunday, March 31, was about the prodigal son. Can you relate to the son who was searching for more than what he had when he lived at home? Have you ever felt like you needed more of something? Have you ever experienced an empty feeling?

Perhaps others you sit with in church or talk to have this same sense of yearning for something but are not aware of what it is?

The prodigal son could not find what he was searching for and came home. His father welcomed him with open arms. As a Knight, you have the desire to help others. Can you put yourself in the position of the son's father? Unfortunately, many men are probably in a similar position as the prodigal son....searching for something they can't find. By you speaking to a gentleman about the goodness that can come by becoming a Knight, you may open the eyes of this gentleman so he can see that he also would like to do something to help others. By doing this simple act, you are like the prodigal son's father....you are welcoming home a gentleman who, in his heart, would like to be of help to others, but does not know how. Being a Knight will give him the support organization he desires to do good for others.

Blessings to you on being the father to the prodigal son. The next First Degree is Sunday, April 14, 2019.

Paul Braddock
Director of Membership

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FIELD AGENT: *Only Having Insurance "Through Work" Doesn't Work*

Do you know anyone whose life or career has drastically changed during a period of economic downturn? Perhaps someone in your immediate or extended family or group of friends is facing financial uncertainty. Maybe there's a possibility you (or your spouse) could lose your job or change employers.

Too many people have often relied on group term life insurance as their only safety net. Often, this insurance is an employee benefit provided at low or no cost. The existence of this coverage might convince someone that personally-owned life insurance is not necessary.

But only having "through work" insurance can leave you and your family vulnerable. Most group life insurance policies are limited in amount, which may be tied to salary or some other benchmark. These numbers are often capped, and the cap may be dangerously low when compared to your family's actual needs. A detailed needs analysis that evaluates your specific situation, will likely show that any employer-provided coverage falls short.

In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced, sometimes dramatically, when you retire. You could one day find yourself without coverage, and if your health has changed (which it will as you age), you could find yourself unable to secure individual protection. At the very least, it will be more expensive then.

While group life insurance can help, it does not replace the need for individually owned life insurance. I'll be happy to meet with you and provide a no-cost needs analysis, so you'll know exactly where you stand.

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FROM THE ST. PATRICK 'RESPECT LIFE' NEWSLETTER:



Join us for a BABY SHOWER supporting Corbella Clinic

Thursday April 11, 2019, 7-8:30 pm, Dempsey Hall - Crane Road Church

Appetizers - games - prizes
For more information, contact Lois Mielke - 847-863--1268

Items Needed:

Diapers - Sizes 4&5 most needed
Wipes

New baby clothes up to size 5T
unopened and unexpired baby formula - highly requested is Enfamil Powder Types

On Wednesday, 3/20, members from St. Patrick were among the thousands of pro-life supporters who converged on the Illinois Capital to lobby Representatives and Senators to vote NO to House Bill 2467/Senate Bill 1594 and House Bill 2495/Senate Bill 1942. There is still time to make your voice heard. Contact your Representative and Senator and let them know you OPPOSE both bills and ask them for their support.



Some of the St. Patrick Parishioners that were in Springfield with Senator DeWitte.

Brother Knights Jon Mielke and John DeMartino are in the picture along with Ladies Auxiliary members Ann DeMartino and Lois Mielke.

PHOTO ALBUM

A big [thank you](#) to all who contribute photos for Unitas - it makes the publication much more interesting!

The attendees at the Chicago Steel hockey game had a great time!





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Recognition in all event literature and press	<input type="checkbox"/>										
Company logo promoted in Council monthly newsletter, <i>Unitas</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>								
Display signage at raffle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>				
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Link to company on Council website	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>								
Event Program (full page)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					<input type="checkbox"/>				\$200
Event Program (half page)			<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>				\$100
Event Program (quarter page)				<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$50
Sponsorship sign at hole	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>					
Acknowledgement on Dinner Table Tent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Sticker on lunch box							<input type="checkbox"/>				
Company provides 150 sleeves of golf balls with logo for souvenir/gift bag										<input type="checkbox"/>	
Logo on souvenir/gift bag									<input type="checkbox"/>		
Company display table at driving range							<input type="checkbox"/>				