

THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

Council #14171



The Grand Knight's Corner.....

As I write this, we are looking forward to the beginning of a new year, with many great memories of 2016 to look back on. Recently, we had a very busy November and December. So many Knights volunteered their time for a variety of events. We began November with an Honor Guard for the morning Mass on Veterans Day with the school kids. Another Honor Guard, a true highlight of the year for the Sir Knights, is the REACH Christmas Mass and party. The REACH kids really love the Knights and our regalia, making it very moving and gratifying to be there for them.

The last Honor Guard many of us participated in, sadly, was for the memorial service held for our Past Faithful Navigator, Council 1369 Knight, and good friend, Mike Rynne. I was fortunate to see Mike at monthly Fourth Degree meetings and many other events. He was a devoted Knight and good friend. We will truly miss Mike.

December was a blur of events surrounding Christmas. The month began with Breakfast with Santa, always a joy-filled morning with the kids of our parish. The Knights stepped up to put on a very "inflated" event – with many extra-large characters provided by Chris Prazak! Santa (Norm Bishop) had his lap occupied for hours. Special thanks to him, and our capable event chair, Dave Gotowko!

The following weekend, we attended the REACH mass in the morning, followed by the Knights' Christmas Party that evening. The party was put on by three Councils, including us, Saints Peter & Paul, and Saint Margaret Mary. The food featured a Christmas Around the World theme, and boy was there a lot of it! We had live entertainment, and raised money through raffles of baskets, gift cards, as well as, turkeys and hams! Each Council also discussed their year's highlights, and we also presented our annual awards - Knight of the Year to Bob Tanner, and Family of the Year to Rick and Marilyn Kuenster. We are blessed to have such dedicated members in our Council!



Thanks to Ralph Arata, and Bob Hanson for their organization, and last-minute re-organization, of our annual Blood Drive!! We collected 100 pints of blood this year, even with the change of dates. This will be Ralph's last Blood Drive as co-chair for our Council. Thank you, Ralph, for your efforts. I know you won't be far, but your contribution will be missed! Taking Ralph's place will be Mike Cittadino. Welcome to the team Mike!





St Raphael Knights - Blood Drive
December 17th
Ralph Arata

On Saturday, December 17th Council #14171 held its semi annual blood drive at the St Raphael School. Co-chairs of the particular drive carried went forward and produced Centers. It was a successful last June.



drive were RJ Hanson and RJ Arata. This with it some unusual challenges but the event 104 pints of blood for the Heartland Blood drive out-producing the one which was held

The supply of blood for this Holiday season is particularly low with Heartland and the Red Cross down 1000 pints for just the month of December alone! St Raphael Council, being one the Heartland's larger drives, plays a big role in enabling Heartland to provide blood for local hospitals.



These drives involve 3 separate volunteer groups of Knights. A Donor Caller Team (who make contact with previous donors) an After Mass Sign-Up Team (solicits parishioners after Sunday masses) and a Day-of-the-Drive Team (working registration and sheparding donors the day of the drive). Over 40 knights participated in this event.



Heartland sent 2 separate teams from Aurora and Tinley Park arriving at St Raphael for setup at 630AM. They were open and ready buisness by 700AM.



Marty, Glenn & Bob manning the refreshment table

Thanks to all the Knights who volunteered for this most crucial event!!

The next blood drive will be confirmed for June!



Heartland technicians being kept busy



As if being Blood Drive Co-Chair wasn't enough for Bob Hanson, I'd like to acknowledge him for the great work he did at Almost Home Kids. Bob delivered the annual Christmas Eve dinner to the nurses and staff at noon. He delivered a grilled chicken dinner to feed several shifts overnight from Christmas Eve into Christmas Day. Almost Home Kids is associated with Lurie Children's Hospital, Ronald McDonald House, and is a registered 501c3 charity.
Great work Bob!



"We delivered the annual Christmas Eve dinner to the nurses and staff of Almost Home Kids on Rt. 53 in unincorporated Naperville at about noon. The dinner was a 48 piece grilled chicken party pack from Jewel, complete with 8 pounds of Potato Salad, Macaroni Salad, and Cole Slaw, and also Hawaiian rolls, oranges, apples, and egg nog. This typically feeds several shifts overnight from Christmas Eve into Christmas Day. Almost Home Kids is a medical halfway house for kids leaving the hospital but needing special care and equipment before going home. It is associated with Lurie Children's Hospital, Ronald McDonald House, and is a registered 501c3 charity. In the summer, we do yard work to maintain the property grounds. Lisa Snow is the volunteer coordinator"

- R J Hanson



Dates to remember:

2017 (already?)

We have a rather quiet start to the year coming up, with our first special event being the February 18th Fourth Degree Exemplification. If you are interested in joining the Fourth Degree please talk to John Lamb, he'll be more than happy to provide you with the information you'll need and get you registered.

KNIGHTLY EVENTS

Last Year's Grand Knight Chris Prazak receives an award given for the best council in the Joliet Diocese 2015-16!



“We have an awesome council with a great group of fine **Catholic men!**” said Tim Rodgers, Past Grand Knight and current Joliet Diocesan Chairman (right), Past Grand Knight Bruce Kleckler (left), and Current Grand Knight Dan Schwartz (background)



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

December 03, 2016



Come one – come all.....Santa's line begins!



These are what it is all about! The children....



Which one is Tanner?



Baby Jesus manger or Sleigh?



Ladies Auxiliary...



Flapjacks and eggs and Knights....



OH My!!



Just a one time, introductory note to all our Brother Knights...

I am a huge fan of C. S. Lewis, a prolific author of Christian literature. He is thought to have been one of the most intelligent thinkers in history.

An avowed Atheist, he set out to prove God did not exist. Instead, he became a Christian, expounding on the undeniable existence of God.

BOOK SUGGESTION OF THE MONTH:

Mere Christianity by C. S. Lewis

The Bible (Best Seller ;-)

QUOTE of the MONTH:

*“The achievements of an organization
are the results of the combined effort of each individual...”*

- Vince Lombardi, Pro Football Hall of Fame Coach

SOMETHING to THINK about...?!

In 1947 C. S. Lewis writes “On Forgiveness” at the request of Father Patrick Kevin Irwin for inclusion in the parish magazine of the Church of St. Mary, Sawton, Cambridgeshire.....

August 28, 1947...

I BELIEVE IN THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS...

“We say a great many things in church (and out of church too) without thinking of what we are saying. For instance, we say in the Creed, “I believe in the forgiveness of sins.” I had been saying it for several years before I asked myself why it was in the Creed. At first sight it hardly seems worth putting in. “If one is a Christian,” I thought, “of course one believes in the forgiveness of sins. It goes without saying.”

“But the people who compiled the Creed apparently thought that this was a part of our belief which we needed to be reminded of every time we went to church. And I have begun to see that, as far as I am concerned, they were right! To believe in the forgiveness of sins is not nearly so easy as I thought. Real belief in it is the sort of thing that very easily slips away if we don’t keep polishing it up.”

“We believe that God forgives us our sins; but also that He will not do so unless we forgive other people their sins against us. There is no doubt about the second part of this statement.



It is in the Lord's prayer; was emphatically stated by our Lord. If you don't forgive, you will not be forgiven." (my emphasis) "No part of His teaching is clearer, and there are no exceptions. He doesn't say that we are to forgive other people's sins provided they are not too frightful, or provided there are extenuating circumstances, or anything of that sort."

"We are to forgive them all, however spiteful, however mean, however often they are repeated. If we don't, we shall be forgiven none of our own."

...from "On Forgiveness" The Weight of Glory

ODDS & ENDS

Joliet Chapter
Bowling Tournament
(the first leg of the **2017 Illinois State Tournament**)

Saturday, February 4, 2017
10 AM to 1 PM

Tivoli Bowl
938 Warren Avenue
Downers Grove

Register by: Saturday, January 21, 2017

- **Teams of 4 Bowlers:** Teams of 4 can be made up of all Knights, or 2 Knights and 2 non members
 - Cost: \$25 per person which includes shoes and unlimited soft drinks.

The winner and 2 additional qualifying teams will advance to a State Final Tournament to be held no later than March 30th, along the I-72 Corridor (Springfield, Decatur, Champaign, TBD).

To register, contact:
Bill Schelli, Joliet Chapter Warden,
630-327-8297 or idealmaint@netzero.com





[Click Here to download Bowling Flyer](#)

Next Meeting of the Joliet Chapter is:

Friday February 17, 2017

8:00 PM Start

Sheraton Lisle

3000 Warrenville Road

Lisle, Illinois 60532

**ANNOUNCING THE
1st, 2nd & 3rd MAJOR DEGREE**

Sunday, January 15, 2017 - Bishop James E. Fitzgerald Council #14649
at

Fitzgerald Hall
St. Joseph Catholic Church
4801 Main St,
Downers Grove, IL 60515

CANDIDATE REGISTRATION: 11:30 AM
Admission Degree (1st) at: 12:00 PM
Formation Degree (2nd) at: 1:00 PM
Knighthood Degree (3rd) to follow the Formation Degree (2nd)

FOR RESERVATIONS OR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT
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GRAND KNIGHT Bill Schelli grandknight@fitzknights.org



For additional Information checkout our website at: <http://www.illinoisknights.org>

These are suggestions for new sections to be added to the Newsletter...
Let us know what you think...

HAVES and WANTS:

Do you have something to sell or give away?

Do you want a particular item?

Maybe you are selling that one item I need, or better yet, giving it away...

Send the information to us and we will pass it along to our Brother Knights in this newsletter section!

Example:

I am looking for a numismatist who would be interested in viewing and evaluating coins...

CARING CORNER...

Need help with something?

Want to pray for someone close to your heart?

Why not share with your Brother Knights?

WHO AM I?

Members introducing themselves can be used for new members as well as current members... Please try not to make this an advertisement for your business....

“And Who is My Neighbor”

**Naperville councils information, upcoming events, past events....
(they would be included in our mailings)**



Please consider becoming an active part of this newsletter by sending your thoughts, book suggestions, favorite quotes to me, and our Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight, for consideration of inclusion in future newsletters.

YBIC

Tony Pieranunzi

Thank YOU!
For all you do!!

The KC Academy presents:
**Developing a Membership Plan
Customized For Your Council**



Date: January 21, 2017

Start Time 9:00am to 12:00pm

Location; St Irene Council 6710 Parish Hall
28 W441 Warrenville Rd., Warrenville 60555

Who Should Attend:

Grand Knights, Membership Directors, Officers

Coffee, donuts and lunch served

Recommended Pre-Work:

Read: Membership, Recruitment and Retention Manual #10237 6-15

Use Search on the Supreme website to locate

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