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CARDINAL BELLARMI COUNCIL #4849

UPCOMING EVENTS

April

4/3/2012	Council Meeting Officer Nominations Bags Tournament Begins	Holy Angels at 7:30pm Bags before and after Meeting
4/17/2012	Assembly Meeting	Riverview Banquets at 7:30pm
4/21/2012	100th Anniversary Celebration for #0188 Assembly	Marmion Academy - Formal Event 4:00pm Mass 5:00pm Cocktails 6:00pm Dinner
4/24/2012	Business Meeting	Holy Angels - Food Pantry at 7:30pm
4/25/2012	Rockford Chapter Meeting	St. Bridget's in Loves Park, IL at 7:30pm Address: 600 Clifford Ave

Starting in 2012 we will requiring all members to bring your rosaries to the meetings.
A \$1.00 fine will be imposed, which will be added to the General Assistance Fund every month.

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APRIL 2012

Principles of the Order
Charity
Unity
Fraternity
Patriotism

Council Directors

<u>Membership Director</u>	<u>Program Director</u>	
Ty Simmons	Ray Froehlich	
<u>Recruitment</u>	<u>Church</u>	John Aguilar
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**Cardinal Bellarmine
Council 4849**

2011 - 2012 Officers

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Assistant Chaplain

Deacon Tom Hawksworth

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Brian Birch

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*The publication will be
monthly for the
Cardinal Bellarmine Council.*

*The deadline for an article
submission is:*

24th of the Month.

Please send articles to:

admin@kofc4849.net

Deacon's Beacon

I don't know about all of you, but it seems to me these weeks of Lent have gone quickly; and I believe the challenging question is: Has this Lenten time been spiritually rewarding? Have we been successful in growing in our relationship with Jesus? Has this time produced any spiritual fruit or are we basically unchanged since Lent began. I suggest each of us take some time to reflect upon what has, or has not, been accomplished, resulting in a continuing plan for spiritual growth.

As long as we're talking about "a plan," I hope being, or becoming, familiar with the Divine Mercy message given to us by Jesus through Saint Faustina will be a high priority of the plan and should include:

Praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, **taking part in the Divine Mercy Novena (beginning on Good Friday)**, repenting of all our sins, going to confession, being merciful to others (through our actions, words and prayers on their behalf), veneration of (perform an act of respect, i.e. to pray before) the Image of The Divine Mercy, and receive Holy Communion on The Feast of the Divine Mercy, the Sunday after Easter.

Our Lord gave St. Faustina the following message regarding The Feast of The Divine Mercy:

"On this day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment" (*Diary*, 699).

This certainly is a time of opportunity for spiritual growth and cleansing of our soul, therefore let us not be reluctant to respond. May each of us experience a truly Holy Week and continuing progress in our journey in faith. God bless you.

"Mankind will have no peace until it turns with trust to my mercy!" (*Diary*, 300)

Deacon Tom Hawksworth

Degree

Are you a third degree member? If not, you can easily become one by taking your 2nd and 3rd degrees.

The next major degrees scheduled:

4/15/2012 - Holy Cross #4776

1:00 pm Start Time
(Stockton)

4/29/2012 - St. Peters #13202

12:00 noon Start Time
(Spring Grove)

For more details,
www.illinoisknights.org

Training

KC Academy

Next scheduled date for our council will be in October 2012 if you are interested in Chairing or assisting with planning this event contact the

GK or Program Director

Topics covered:

Office Training, Duties, Director Responsibilities, Conducting an Audit, Financial Controls and Planning, and Duties of Financial Officers

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Membership

Now that the dust has settled from our Council's Spring Membership Blitz, it is my pleasure to inform you that we recruited 11 new members during our campaign.

This leaves us with two types of results. We will have new members who signed up **RIGHT AWAY**, took their First Degree and are looking to help the council. We also have a list of prospects that showed interest in membership but did not sign up yet.

It is these men and their families that will be the focus of our recruitment efforts during the weeks and months ahead. We need to focus on recruiting those prospects that showed interest but are not members of our Order yet.

Each of us can identify someone who we believe would enjoy sharing the same Unity and Fraternity we enjoy. I encourage each of you to reach out and to educate prospects and their families about council activities and the good works of the Order. Remember, an informed prospect and his family is more likely to join than someone who doesn't know about the K of C.

So what can you tell prospects?

Here are just a few items of note:

Distributed \$3,500 in Charitable funds to 5 organizations
Supported Holy Angels School fund campaign
Supported victims of Midwest tornadoes
Assisted with Holy Angels Church Pro Life fund raiser
Conducted 5th Annual successful Lenten Fish Fry
Qualified for Supreme and State membership incentive awards

The true success of our Blitz is however, in our council's hands. Getting new members active and keeping them interested in the Knights of Columbus is the most important part of our BLITZ!

To our new members, as a recognition program, the Shining Armor Award program is for you. To qualify for this award, newly recruited Knights, during their first year of membership must:

- _ Attend at least three council meetings
- _ Actively participate in three service activities
- _ Meet with council's insurance representative
- _ Recruit at least one new member
- _ Receive your Second and Third degrees

Last, but certainly not least, our Council has its own First Degree Team. Under the direction of our Deputy GK Brian Birch, our Team conducted its inaugural ceremony. By all accounts, the team performed very well and must be commended for their accomplishment.

Again, welcome to our newest members and Vivat Jesus!

REMEMBER: EVERY ACTIVITY IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR RECRUITMENT!

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MEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND

THE CURSILLO WEEKEND?

During the three days of the Cursillo weekend from Thursday evening to Sunday evening, people from all walks of life grow close to one another. Religious and lay people form a living, working Christian community to gain a deep awareness of the treasures and responsibility of their faith. The goal of the Cursillo weekend is to give those who make it a new understanding of Jesus Christ, the basic Christian truths, and the desire to serve the church.

The Cursillo weekend is a blend of seriousness, light heartedness, spiritual exercises, talks and discussions. The teachings of Christ are discussed within an atmosphere of joy and song. There are meditations and talks by priests and laymen, and everyone making the Cursillo weekend is urged to participate by taking notes, discussing, and even by making drawings that illustrate major points.

The Cursillo weekend ends at the close of the three days. However, the whole point of the Cursillo movement is that ordinary people can steadily grow in the love and service of God and man for the rest of their lives. Christian growth is not easy, but the Cursillo weekend provides a framework for it, both during the three days and afterwards. In the Post-Cursillo, emphasis is on maintaining a vibrant and growing Christian community, thus springs the apostolic action required to make ours a better world to live in.

For many, a Cursillo weekend is a new awakening to a deeper friendship with Christ.

WEEKEND INFORMATION

For those Cursillistas who would love to come back and serve on a Cursillo weekend the Rockford Diocese holds weekends twice a year, once in the fall and spring for both men and women.

All weekends are held at:

St. Mary's Parish Community Center
881 North Mongan Drive
Oregon, Illinois 61061

Next Cursillo Dates: **Spring 2012 - April 12th - 15th ; Fall 2012 - October 25th - 28th**



That Man is You!
MEN'S LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



SPRING SEMESTER

Objectives: Provide a vision of the new springtime based upon the superabundant mercy of the Father. Demonstrate how the Seven Steps for Forming a Healthy, Happy, Holy Family can be used to raise wonderful children. Provide a practical framework for making superabundant mercy the foundation of the family.

LOCATION AND TIME

Holy Angels in Connor Hall
Saturdays at 6:30 am, ends just in time for 8:15 am Mass

ADORATION AT HOLY ANGELS

Wednesdays starting at 8:00am and ending 8:00am Thursday morning. Check out the book outside the chapel for open times or join others in this most blessed opportunity.

Contact Todd Exline, texline5@aol.com or Call 630-897-8202

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4th Degree - Marquette Assembly #0188

The fourth Degree Assembly proudly celebrates its 100th Anniversary this year. A few events have been planned for this memorable celebration.

On April 21st the Assembly will be hosting a dinner celebration at Marmion Academy. All Knights are invited to attend this celebration and this is a formal event. If you are 4th Degree member you are encouraged to wear your tuxedos and social baldric and other members should wear a suit.

Tickets are \$35.00 per person

4:00 pm Mass

5:00 pm Cocktails

6:00 pm Dinner



Also on October 27th the Assembly will be hosting the 4th Degree Exemplification at Marmion Academy. All Councils are encouraged to sponsor 10 Brother Knights to join the ranks of the 4th Degree and join the Honor or Color Guard.

Rockford Chapter

Meetings are held Quarterly in January, April, July and October on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm. Meetings are started with Mass.

Every year a celebration occurs to honor fellow Knights at the Hoffman House in Rockford called the Knights of the Roundtable Dinner.

This years date is September 26th, Cocktails at 6:30 pm, Dinner at 7:30 pm
Current Chapter Officers can be viewed at: www.illinoisknights.org

Support Vocations

COUNCIL APPAREL

Golf Polo Shirt (No Pocket) \$36

Pocket Polo Shirt \$36

Screenprint T-Shirt \$9



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