



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

CARDINAL BELLARMI COUNCIL # 4849

UPCOMING EVENTS

December

12/4/2011	St. Anne's Craft Fair - Poinsettia Sales	Holy Angels in Connor Hall 7:00am to 1:00pm
12/6/2011	Council Meeting - Light for Christ	Holy Angels at 7:30pm
12/11/2011	Family Christmas Party	Holy Angels in Connor Hall 1:00pm to 4:00pm
12/20/2011	Assembly Meeting	Riverview Banquets at 7:30pm
12/27/2011	Business Meeting	Holy Angels - Food Pantry at 7:30pm

**Volunteers are always needed for the events
Please contact your Directors or GK for details**



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Principles of the Order

**Charity
Unity
Fraternity
Patriotism**

Council Directors

Membership Director - Ty Simmons

Program Director - Ray Froehlich

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**Cardinal Bellarmine
Council 4849**

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monthly for the
Cardinal Bellarmine Council.
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submission is:
24th of the Month.*

*Please send articles to:
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Deacon's Beacon

As we begin the Advent season, this season of anticipation, I share the following with you from the publisher of The Word Among Us, Joe Difato, in the Advent 1995 issue of that publication; certainly these thoughts are still relevant today:

"The Church invites us to join with her in this season to seek the Lord Jesus and invite Him once again to come into our hearts. If we pause to examine our hearts, we know that we too often yearn for the emptiness we find there to be filled. The challenge we face is to let it be filled with the Lord rather than with the things of the world.

We Christians often have divided hearts. Through baptism and faith, we have embraced Jesus and have committed ourselves to Him. But unless we make a clear decision and a conscious effort every day to turn from sin and follow Jesus as His disciples, we can lose sight of Him and follow other gods instead. While this is often not a conscious decision on our part, the flashiness of the world can attract us so that we lose our way. This is often true during Advent, a time which anticipates the coming of Jesus. It is also a time the world knows as the "Holiday Season," a time which anticipates many things which have little or nothing to do with God. While the Church yearns for the coming of her Lord, the world yearns for parties, profits, and presents. With the right perspective and balance, these later things can be good, but they are not so when they are sought to excess and in a way that forgets Jesus.

This Advent, let us ask the Holy Spirit to make Jesus ever more present to us and to give us a desire to embrace the life He offers us. When Jesus is the center of our lives, it is much easier for us to have a perspective which puts everything else in the proper place in our lives.....

Let us pray for one another this Advent, that we will allow the Lord to accomplish all He wants to do in our lives. May the prayer of our hearts be, "Come, Lord Jesus;" and may all of us respond with a sincere, 'Amen!' "

This truly is a special time! Let us ask the Holy Spirit to spiritually prepare us in order to more fully experience the Christ in Christmas this year. God bless you.

Lord, help me to experience You in a new and wonderful way during this Advent season; may I be open to all the "presents" you have for me."

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 degree is scheduled on December 4th at St. Patrick Church located at 6N491 Crane Road, St. Charles, IL. The first degree will begin at 1:30 pm. Candidates need to arrive no later than 12:45 pm for registration.

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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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 (Located on the northeast corner of Route 64 and Mongan Drive)
881 North Mongan Drive
Oregon, Illinois 61061

Next Cursillo Dates:

Spring 2012 - April 12th thru the 15th

Fall 2012 - October 25th thru the 28th



That Man is You!

MEN'S LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



FALL SEMESTER

Objectives: Provide a vision of authentic fatherhood based on the image of God the Father. Identify the three men who are "Masters of Suspicion" and laid the foundation for the "Culture of Death." Define the major elements of the "Culture of Death." Reveal the scientific evidence for the "Culture of Death's" attack against marriage and the family.

LOCATION AND TIME

Holy Angels in Connor Hall

Saturdays at 6:30 am, ends just in time for 8:15 am Mass

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MEMBERSHIP

How do you get a member to join the Knights of Columbus? **JUST ASK HIM!!**

Our theme for December is *“A Knight Before Christmas”*

Being a member of the Knights isn't as time-consuming as some of you may think. When you ask prospects to join our Order, explain that we are asking for **24 hours of their time** each year in the following manner:

- 12 hours a year reading the weekly church bulletin, the Council newsletter and the monthly Supreme Council magazine, COLUMBIA.
- 2 hours a year volunteering at a Council event of their interest.
- 2 hours a year attending two Council prayer services with their family.
- 2 hours a year on a Council sponsored family project or event.
- 2 hours a year attending one council meeting. If it is a good one, they may attend more.
- 4 hours a year attending a Council social function with their family.

Every man can spare 24 hours in a year, no matter how busy he is...

Once you've explained the time commitment to a prospect, be sure that you have a Form 100 handy, so that you can SIGN HIM UP, while you have his attention.

HAVE you asked someone to join the Knights recently?

The theme for January is *“A New Year – A New Knight”* What a better way to kick off the new calendar year than by recruiting a new Knight into the Council.

REMEMBER: EVERY ACTIVITY IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR RECRUITMENT!

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