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CARDINAL BELLARMI COUNCIL # 4849

DECEMBER 2015 MONTHLY EVENTS

12/1/2015	Business Meeting	Holy Angels - Parish Center at 7:30pm
12/6/2015	Poinsettia Sale	St. Anne's Cookie & Craft Fair— Holy Angels Connor Hall at 8am-1pm
12/10/2015	Colonial Fundraiser	Colonial Restaurant, Aurora 4pm—10pm
12/10/2015	1st Degree Exemplification	Holy Angels - Connor Hall at 7:30pm
12/13/2015	Council Christmas Party	Holy Angels—Connor Hall 12noon—4pm
12/15/2015	Assembly Christmas Party	Riverview Banquets—Batavia 6:30pm Cocktails, 7:30pm Buffet Dinner
12/22/2015	Planning Meeting	CANCELLED—Have a Merry Christmas!

Please visit the web for complete Calendar of events with updates: www.kofc4849.net

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DECEMBER 2015

Principles of the Order

Charity
Unity
Fraternity
Patriotism



Council Directors

<u>Membership Director</u>	<u>Program Director</u>	
Bill Laudando	Norb Rozanski	
<u>Recruitment</u>	<u>Church</u>	Bill Dugan
All Members	<u>Community</u>	Dean Myles
<u>Retention</u>	<u>Council</u>	Bill Dugan
Norb Rozanski (Chair)	<u>Family</u>	Stan Rocush
<u>Public Information Officer</u>	<u>Culture of Life</u>	Chuck Jones
Open	<u>Youth</u>	Russ Huggins

**Cardinal Bellarmine
Council 4849**

2015 - 2016 Officers

Grand Knight

Matt Guthrie

Chaplain

Rev. Michael G. Lavan

Assistant Chaplain

Deacon Tom Hawksworth

Deputy Grand Knight

Norb Rozanski

Chancellor

Stan Rocush

Recorder

Bill Dugan

Financial Secretary

Dean Myles

Treasurer

Ray Froehlich

Lecturer

Matt Gilmore

Advocate

Russ Huggins

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Outside Guard

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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

Grand Knight Line

Brother Knights,

Advent has started and our celebration to the birth of our Lord is underway. Remember to take the time to pray for those less fortunate and keep up the thanksgiving. This month is pretty busy in the beginning with several items. Our meeting the 1st of December, moving of tables for the St. Anne's fair, the St. Anne's Fair with our Poinsettia's, a 1st Degree on the 10th, and the Council Christmas Party on the 13th. Please RSVP to Chair Bill Laudando if you plan on attending the Christmas Party. Your help and participation in these events are part of being a Knight .

We have recently had some reductions in our roster because of non-contact and we re working on several ideas to help promote membership and recruitment. Our Drive last month did not result in any new members but the change n schedule for the Degree this month will hopefully bring some fruits to the table for those not available on Tuesday evenings. Our membership number will be difficult this year but with everyone's help we will make that goal and get the \$4.50 credit per member that has been re-instated by Supreme this year. Help me to make this Council better by adding to our Council. There are still more men in the Parish that could join our ranks and be assets with the Programs they are already part of. We need these men to help us grow and change for success and our future.

As a reminder we still have openings for the Council: 1) Public Information Officer (PIO) and 2) Uknight Market Center Chair. The PIO should be pretty simple for someone to undertake since the web and newsletter are part of this position and are already being taken care of. The biggest need would be the advertisement of the Council Events and submissions to the Observer, Columbia Magazine and even the local newspapers. In doing so, you would keep these items to help build a record to be used for the Council scrapbook at the next State Convention. The Uknight Market Center Chair would be the one to try and leverage members and their businesses to support our Council. Details are available on the Council website under Uknight Market Center tab or ask.

I want us to also continue to focus on the monthly theme of "Building the Domestic Church." If you haven't received your copy of the book, let us know and we can get one to you, or you can download a copy from the Supreme web at: [Building the Domestic Church](http://www.kofc.org/un/en/domestic-church/index.html)

Or visit:

<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/domestic-church/index.html>

*Because the family that prays together stays together,
we want to learn to pray as a family.*

Vivat Jesus!

Matthew Guthrie, Grand Knight

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Deacon's Beacon

Dear Brother Knights,

Welcome to another Advent Season. The following is a column written in December, 2007, but forever relevant. May it provide 'nourishment' for your journey in faith:

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 (my emphasis)** 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 (my emphasis).**

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

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Membership News



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DIOCESAN DERBY



Running of the Stars

Worthy Diocesan Chairmen, Assistants, District Deputies & Grand Knights

The Second Quarter of the Fraternal Year has begun! And so too the second quarter Illinois Jurisdiction incentive. The second quarter incentive is all about TEAM WORK (What works? Team work! Haven't I heard that somewhere in the past?).

The second quarter incentive is a Diocesan Team Incentive. The Diocese with the highest (based on percentage) Membership Intake wins the Diocesan Derby! It's that simple. Or is it? To win the Diocesan Derby will take the Team Work and recruitment efforts of the entire Diocese. The Derby challenges every Diocesan Chairman, Assistant, General & Field Agent, District Deputy and Grand Knight & Membership Director to make Every Council Active! And in doing so, to help our Councils "Run for the Stars." So, it's time to jockey for position, because the gate is Open! And, they're Off!

- ★ The Diocese with Highest Membership Intake (based on percentage) wins the Diocesan Derby.
- ★ The Purse for the Derby is a \$400 donation to their Bishop's favorite charity.
- ★ The Diocesan Derby ends December 31st.

The Diocesan Derby is about helping our Order & Jurisdiction to Grow!
 It is about offering Catholic gentlemen the opportunity to help us support our Church, Priests, Parishes, Communities, Families & Youth.
 Won't you offer him the opportunity to Join Us!

One First Degree, Per Month, Per District can lead to STAR Council.



Lead Me, Guide Me, Lord

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(s) scheduled:

For more details, www.illinoisknights.org

12/6/2015 #12497 1:00pm

St. Charles, IL (St. John Neumann)

Training

KC Academy

The K.C. Academy is proud to present a training session on:

Council Officer Training, Financial Officer Training, and Knight Mentoring

Be on the lookout for our session in Connor Hall coming in April next year.

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In Service to All*



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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 2016 - April 7th - 10th

December (Building the Domestic Church)

Psalm of the Month (Psalm 84)

How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, yea, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God. Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in thy house, ever singing thy praise!

ADORATION AT HOLY ANGELS

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

Contact Flo Askew, Call 630-844-9370

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4th Degree - Marquette Assembly #0188

Meetings are held on the Third Tuesday of each month at
Riverview Banquets, 1117 N Washington Ave, Batavia, IL

Time: 7:30pm

Color Corp Training is held twice monthly

- 1) 1st session is the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm in the Dining Hall at Marmion Academy 1000 Butterfield Road, Aurora
- 2) 2nd session is preceding the monthly member meetings on the Third Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm

Check out our new website at:

www.marquetteassembly188.org

Uniform and Supplies for Assembly
<http://www.kofcsupplies.com>

<http://www.lynchkelly.com>



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.

Next Roundtable dinner is September 28th, 2016 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

Long Sleeve Shirt \$39

Screenprint T-Shirt \$9

Contact: John Schreiber, john@theschreibers.com

or 630-779-7695



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Squires Circle

Under the guidance of Christian Brother Barnabas McDonald (1865-1929), the first Columbian Squires circle was instituted in 1925. Membership in the Squires is for Catholic boys between the ages of 10 and 18. Squires' activities are many, varying from spiritual to active service for the Church and community. Each circle elects officer members from their own rank, teaching skills of leadership and responsibility.

Our Circle is now official #5658,

For more information contact: Stan Rocush, sfrocush@msn.com

Business Meeting

2nd Tuesday of the Month

Advancement Meeting

3rd Tuesday of the Month

Social Meeting

Last Friday of the Month

This may be postponed during the summer sessions



Family and Knights

Let's recognize our Brother Knights and their Families!

We have renewed our Knight of the Month/Year and Family of the Month/Year program.

We need your recommendation for the Knight and/or the family that has made significant contributions to the church, community, and/or council.

We now only require that you visit the new website at:

www.kofc4849.net

The next step is to scroll down to the bottom of the page and click this link.

[MAKE YOUR NOMINATIONS
FOR FAMILY & KNIGHT OF THE MONTH](#)

Then using you member Number login and make your selections from the list. You can type up a reason for your choice but must vote for both Knight and Family of the Month.

Please try to do this monthly to help make this program a success.

Stan Rocush, Family Director - sfrocush@msn.com