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FEBRUARY 2017

MONTHLY EVENTS

2/5/2017	Coat Drive for St. Vincent DePaul's Ends	Holy Angels - Collection boxes in the Narthex (Last Day)
2/7/2017	Council Business Meeting	Holy Angels - Connor Hall at 8:00pm
2/14/2017	1st Degree/Practice	Holy Angels - Connor Hall at 7:30pm
2/19/2017	Pancake Breakfast	Holy Angels - Connor Hall from 7:00am to 1:00pm
2/21/2017	Assembly Meeting	Riverview Banquets in Batavia 7:30pm
2/28/2017	Council Planning Meeting	Holy Angels - Connor Lounge at 8:00pm

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

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Principles of the Order

Charity
Unity
Fraternity
Patriotism



Council Directors

<u>Membership Director</u>	<u>Program Director</u>	
Rick Marsh	Rick Marsh	
<u>Recruitment</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Open Position</u>
All Members	<u>Community</u>	Dean Myles
<u>Retention</u>	<u>Council</u>	Pat Gengler
Rick Marsh (Chair)	<u>Family</u>	Stan Rocush
<u>Public Information Officer</u>	<u>Culture of Life</u>	Chuck Jones
Pat Gengler	<u>Youth</u>	Russ Huggins

Grand Knight Line

**Cardinal Bellarmine
Council 4849**

2016 - 2017 Officers

Grand Knight

Norb Rozanski

Chaplain

Rev. Michael G. Lavan

Assistant Chaplain

Deacon Tom Hawksworth

Deputy Grand Knight

Rick Marsh

Chancellor

Stan Rocush

Recorder

Phil Brink

Financial Secretary

Dean Myles

Treasurer

Ray Froehlich

Lecturer

Marty Wolding

Advocate

Joe Didier

Warden

Mike Orlando

Inside Guard

Darrel Bancroft

Outside Guard

Joe Peters

Council Greeter

Paul Fleming

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monthly for the
Cardinal Bellarmine Council.
The deadline for an article
submission is:
24th of the Month.
Please send articles to:
kofcmatt@gmail.com*

Brother Knights,

As we move into the second month of the New Year, we have some things to reflect on as Knights. While not trying to get political and strongly believing that, as Americans, our right to vote for whomever we wish is a right guaranteed by our Constitution, I ask you all to consider what we have as elected representatives not only on the national level but on the local level as well.

Do we have officials that truly care about us? Do we have officials that protect the rights of the unborn? If not, then we need to work to get officials who are supporting us and the rights of the unborn.

Fr. Canova had in his homily recently that perhaps we should change displaying the Ten Commandments in all schools and public buildings and we displayed the nine "Blesseds" of the Beatitudes in these places.

Just think how different our world would be if we were all "merciful" or all "peacemakers" or as he so well stated, "Imagine the church we would become if the ninth beatitude became our mission statement: Blessed are you when you are insulted and persecuted because of me...rejoice and be glad for your reward will be great in heaven."

Father Canova also spoke briefly in this same sermon on how important the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit are for all of us and told us, which I didn't know, that only about 50% of Catholics have been confirmed! That was shocking to me for a number of reasons but the most important reason for me was that I teach 7th Grade Religious Education here in the Parish. While the kids are great, I'm always concerned about how few of them know basic prayers and even know about the most important sacrament, the Eucharist. I believe it is our job as Knights to help all people, young and old, know more about their faith so that all of us will become better evangelizers.

As we continue to help one another, I would like to thank the Brothers who were recently involved in the Pasta for Priesthood, the Coat Drive, the Soccer contest, the Free throw Contest and the help and information I received from our District Deputy on the recent Essay Contest and "Keep Christ in Christmas" contest and to those who will be helping with the Lenten Fish Dinners. We need to continue to involve all the members of our Council in as many activities that they can handle.

You've received emails regarding the health of some of our members. Remember we all need prayers. We all try to do the best we can and we can only help to get better if we learn from the past and continue to try to do better in the future.

Our parish is one of the best in the Rockford Diocese and because of all the work that so many people do, whether Knights or not, we will need to be there for each other and especially for our young people who are growing up in a world that seems to be ignoring basic Christian values and respect for each other.

As one of the Popes had as his motto, "I am a first among equals". Let us work on helping each other use the various gifts we all have. No matter what we have done in the past, good or bad, we can make all our experiences "learning" experiences and do the best that Christ would have us do in our daily lives.

Respectfully,

GK Norb Rozanski

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Deacon's Beacon

Dear Brother Knights,

The following is a column written for our Church Bulletin in January 2010, and of course, still as relevant as ever; my hope is we will do some self-examination and respond as necessary:

In past columns I've shared with you how refreshing I find it to read something that is truly Christian, be it the Bible, the life or writing of a saint, prayers found in the liturgy of the hours, short inspirations or books written by those who have made some progress in their faith journey, whether lay or religious. Following is a short inspiration found in Mother Angelica's book, *Little Book of Life Lessons and Everyday Spirituality*, edited and with additional material by Raymond Arroyo, published by Doubleday.

The inspiration is entitled, **A Slow Fall:**

"All falls are gradual. Man is not like a stone rolling downhill. Man falls very slowly – almost unconsciously. He slips gradually, over a long period of time. We are creatures of habit, and if we have acquired a habit of goodness, it is difficult to fall quickly. The fall usually comes bit by bit. It's like daily prayer. Things crowd in on you, so you cut it short. The next day you skip it. You keep this up for days, and weeks, and months, and the first thing you know you have stopped praying altogether. It has been so gradual, and now you have so many things to do and so many places to go, prayer is a torture. If it isn't practiced regularly, sanctity can slip away in the same fashion."

I hope each of us has resolved to do more reading of inspirational material during this New Year; and let us not delay in beginning. We never know what the Holy Spirit might have for us. May you be refreshed and inspired. God bless you.

"When I found your words, I devoured them; they became my joy and the happiness of my heart," Jeremiah 15: 16

Deacon Tom Hawksworth

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Membership News

February

40 Cans for Lent Program & RCIA

Participate in the 40 Cans for Lent program and donate to food pantries. Speak to RCIA candidates; converts are often the most active members.

March

Orderwide Church Drive & Orderwide First Degree Week

Council participation in the second Orderwide Church Drive week. Participation in the Orderwide First Degree week.

April

Attend the State Convention for New Ideas

Councils should attend the State Convention to assess their progress, get re-energized & hear new ideas for membership, programming & charities.

Degree

Are you a Knighthood Degree member?
If not, you can easily become one by taking your Formation and Knighthood Degrees.

The next Degree(s) are scheduled:

For more details, www.illinoisknights.org

**2/19/2017 at St. Catherine's
#14294 in Genoa, IL
12:00 pm Admission Degree
3/5/2017 at the KC Hall
#690 in Dixon, IL
1:00 pm Admission Degree**

Training

KC Academy

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

Council Officer Training, Financial Officer Training, and Knight Mentoring

3/4/2017

**Council #4483
Arlington Heights, IL
FS Training**

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In Service to All*



We're on the Web:
www.kofc4849.net

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IS LIFE!**



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 April 20th - 23rd, 2017

February (Building the Domestic Church)

Psalm of the Month (Psalm 139)

O Lord, thou hast searched me and known me! Thou knowest when I sit down and when I rise up; thou discernest my thoughts from afar. Thou searchest out my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether. Thou dost beset me behind and before, and layest thy hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain it.

Whither shall I go from thy Spirit?

Or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

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 27th, 2017 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 #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 your member number to login, make your selections from the list. You can type up a reason for your choice and vote for one or 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