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JANUARY 2017

MONTHLY EVENTS

1/1/2017	Coat Drive for St. Vincent DePaul's	Holy Angels - Collection boxes in the Narthex (All of January)
1/3/2017	Council Business Meeting	Holy Angels - Connor Hall at 8:00pm
1/10/2017	1st Degree/Practice	Holy Angels - Connor Hall at 7:30pm
1/21/2017	Pasta for Priesthood	Holy Angels - Connor Hall from 5:00pm to 7:00pm
1/24/2017	Council Planning Meeting	Holy Angels - Connor Lounge at 8:00pm
1/25/2017	Rockford Chapter Meeting	St. Mary's in Byron, IL 7:00pm

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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Ty Simmons, PGK

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Carl Christensen

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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,

The New Year is upon us! Last year had many things happen that were “different”. Too many ‘famous’ people died. Some of us had relatives pass away. Some of us will have a new job moving into 2017. We have a new president after probably the most negative campaign process ever seen in our country. Whether or not you were for who was finally elected it’s up to us as Knights to do all we can to help our country and our Church improve.

We can say, “It’s not my problem” but it IS. There’s an old saying, “If you’re not part of the solution, you’re part of the problem.” There’s some merit in this saying. None of us can do it all but if EACH of us does HIS part, we’ll have better conditions all around.

As our Council moves into 2017, I humbly ask that you do your best to attend our meetings. I humbly ask that YOU volunteer to help at as many events as you can in an active manner. I humbly ask that you please pray for me and for our council as we try to do our best and as we learn from our mistakes.

We have the following in our council:

13 Knights who are 80 or older

11 Knights who are 70 or older

7 Knights who are 60 or older

and very few Knights who are under the age of 40. We all know people who are 70 and above who have more energy than a lot of younger guys and who use this energy to help so many people!

The point is, we need the help of **every** Knight in our council whether it be by being physically present at meetings and events or keeping the council in your prayers.

Remember, the KC’s isn’t Burger King—you can’t have it YOUR way. True, there are procedures and rules we need to follow and we will be trying to do better with these rules. However, if you don’t like something and complain to others instead of to the person who might have upset you, how Christian are you being? Remember another old saying, “Praise in public; criticize in private.” If you haven’t been active, what is the real reason for this? None of us can use the excuse that we’re “too busy”. We all have 168 hours in a week. If you, for example, offer to help at the Lenten Fish dinners, that’s a MAXIMUM of 12 hours a year. If you offer to help at the ID drive that’s probably 2-3 hours of your time in a year. If you have suggestions for improvement in our council, let us know.

I personally think we have the potential to be even better than we have been. I have been privileged to work with a lot of you on various projects and those Knights use the talents they’ve been given and do their best when they do help. For those of you who have offered advice, thank you!

There will be a Parish Mission in March. I hope that we’ll all be able to attend as much as possible to help us in our faith.

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 2006, reminding us of the importance of spending daily quiet time with our Lord in order to help us grow in our relationship with Him; my hope, and prayer, is that we will respond to what is suggested and then be able to experience the love, peace and joy it can provide.

Welcome to a New Year, the year 2006! And isn't this the time we take a look at what we've done and what yet needs to be done? It's that common time for making, or at least thinking, about resolutions for the new year. I believe part of the reflection for Monday, December 26th (the Feast Day of St. Stephen, the first martyr), in *The Word Among Us*, provides some helpful suggestion for us in this task and so it follows:

"During this time after Christmas, which can be anti-climactic, we tend to consider resolutions of how we will change in the new year. Can we decide to stay close to the presence of God a little bit more next year? Can we resolve to spend time with him every day so that we will be open to his Spirit during whatever challenges or crises we may face? This may involve a decision to pray every day, but it also means inviting Jesus into our thoughts during the day. It means sharing with him the frustrations, guilt, and fears – as well as the joys and surprises – of the day. Like St. Stephen, the more we walk with Jesus in our everyday lives, the more powerfully we will experience him when we face a test."

None of us look forward to the "tests" that may come along, but most likely there will be some; hopefully they won't be too severe, and yet we seldom know what the future holds for us. Franciscan priest, Father Michael Scanlan, T.O.R., in his book, *Appointment With God*, begins the book by writing, "The most important thing in life is our relationship to God, and the most important means of nurturing that relationship is daily prayer." What better resolution could we possibly make than to spend some daily quiet time with our Lord, talking to Him and allowing Him to talk to us through Holy Scripture and/or inspirational reading, when, as Fr. Scanlan says, "the most important thing in life is our relationship to God?" Granted, this can be a tough resolution to implement in our busy lives but it's one that pays huge dividends.

May the Holy Spirit lead us to **make** some daily quiet time (chances are we won't be able to **find** the time, so we have to **make** the time) with Him in this New Year; and may we experience God's grace and blessings as a result of it.

"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be given you besides." Mt. 6:33

Wishing, and praying, a Happy & Blessed New Year 2017 for all of you.

Deacon Tom Hawksworth

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Membership News

January

Open House & Fraternal Benefits Night

Hold an Open House for Parish families; introduce them to the Knights of Columbus and the fraternal benefits available as members.

Lead Me, Guide Me, Lord

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.

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

**1/15/2017 at the KC Hall
#14649 in Downer's Grove, IL
12:00 pm Admission Degree
1/22/2017 at St. Mary's
#11666 in Huntley, 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

None scheduled for January

Plan one for the Council
Contact the Grand Knight

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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 April 20th - 23rd, 2017**

January (Building the Domestic Church)

Psalm of the Month (Psalm 51)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy steadfast love; according to thy abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in thy sight, so that thou art justified in thy sentence and blameless in thy judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Fill me with joy and gladness; let the bones which thou hast broken rejoice.

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,

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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