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MAJOR UPCOMING EVENTS:

PANCAKE BREAKFAST JAN 19
COME AND HELP—ESPECIALLY TO CLEAN UP

VALENTINE DINNER DANCE
FEBRUARY 15
COME TO THE DANCE WITH YOUR FRIENDS
HELP SELL TICKETS! (SEE THE BACK PAGE)

FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION
FEBRUARY 22
BECOME A FOURTH DEGREE KNIGHT OR
COME TO THE MASS AND BANQUET
(SEE PAGES 5 THROUGH 7 FOR MORE)

MONDAY JANUARY 6: ASSEMBLY MEETING: At the Council 4400 Hall, 7:30 PM.

SATURDAY JANUARY 11: MANGER DISASSEMBLY:

Come to the church at 8:30 AM to help take it all down. We have a new place to store everything in the church. Extra help will be needed for this. See the article on Page 2.

TUESDAY JANUARY 14: COUNCIL MEETING: In the Parish Hall at 7:00 PM.

SATURDAY JANUARY 18:

SOCIAL NIGHT: Come to Tim Cosgrove's house at 7:00 PM for a night of brotherly fun and poker. Tim lives at 1026 Stonegate Road in New Lenox—phone (815) 485 5599.

SUNDAY JANUARY 19: PANCAKE BREAKFAST: The first pancake breakfast of 2014! Come and help. Volunteers to clean up are most needed—call Rich Ciancio at 815 485 0896 or Joe Kral at 708 478 4543 to sign up.

TUESDAY JANUARY 21: OFFICER MEETING: In the church hall at 7:00 PM.

THE BIG MOVE

On Saturday December 14, eight brothers met to move all of our council stuff out of the rectory. There was a lot if it. Previously, Father Jim had the eight grade boys move everything to the rectory garage for us, which saved time and a lot of work since we did not have to carry things up or down stairs.

The loading was very fast and efficient. At about 9:00 AM five vehicles had been loaded and we headed to George Griffiths' barn to unload. We reached the barn without trouble but had to contend with about 6 inches of unplowed snow. During the unloading process, several vehicles became stuck in the snow but everyone made it out without incident.

We left George Griffiths' van at his house and returned with his large stake truck. The second trip involved loading the stake truck with all the large signs and such and loading the big barbeque onto Joe Sluis' pickup. This time two vehicles returned to the Griffiths barn to unload. Four of the original crew went to Dunkin Donuts on US 30 to wait for the four who were to unload at the barn.

The second unloading at the barn went well, but George Griffiths' stake truck got stuck. After significant effort the truck was moved out of the way and George's van was brought for unloading. It got stuck, too and had to be extricated by pulling it out of the snow with a chain and the large truck.

The whole project was completed at about 11:00 AM. When it was finished, the large items belonging to the council such as roadside signs, roadside crosses, bean bag games, tents, the large display board for council plaques and a lot of large miscellany was in the barn. Joe Sluis and George Griffiths are the only persons who have a key to the barn, which is not being used for other purposes.

Tim Cosgrove went to the rectory before the move and picked up the first degree robes, santa suit and boxes of plaques, which are at his house.

Joe Figliulo took the turtles and some associated stuff and will store them at his house.

At the January meeting we will discuss the storage and make a complete list detailing where everything is being stored.

TAKING DOWN THE PARISH NATIVITY

Storing the parish nativity will take more manpower than usual this year. Father Jim has given permission to store the nativity in the mechanical room behind the altar of the Church. The mechanical room is presently being used to store a lot of broken chairs and other items that will have to be removed before the crèche and the figurines can be placed there.

Joe Sluis is presently repairing 24 broken chairs. Removing them from the mechanical room at the time of taking down the nativity will be part of the job, Father will provide guidance on where he wants us to put the chairs.

When we place the nativity in the mechanical room, there will be some trial and error work while we find an efficient way to put everything into the room while keeping access to the power panels, exhaust fans, etc. that are in there. Come and help at 8:30 AM on Saturday January 11.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

This year's Christmas parties were a great success, as usual. Grand Knight Rich Ciancio did a wonderful job organizing and executing the council party after the 5 PM Mass on December 7. Jon Spansail was a wonderful Santa for the kids and everyone had a great time. The ladies brought wonderful food for the "potluck" and the council added chicken and mostaccioli to make a really great meal.

The Nun's Bingo was also wonderful. John O'Reilly provided the bagged beer that is always popular. Dan Michalak and Carol Baker did their usual superb job of buying gifts for the ladies. Pete Baker did a grand job calling bingo. Joe Sluis and Lino Sbragia led the caroling and the Sisters of St Francis made great cookies and punch. It was a great time for all.



The Cross of Honor

His Holiness the Pope sometimes authorizes the award of a special medal to lay people for their distinguished service to the Church. The award is "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice". Receiving the award is a great honor similar to the "Medal of Freedom" given to Americans by the President.

In late November, Deacon Bob Kaminsky was honored with the award at a special ceremony conducted by Bishop Conlon. The award is sometimes called the Cross of Honor.



Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice



Deacon Kaminski and Mary Ann

Deacon Bob has been a Third Degree Knight of Columbus since 1970 and is a member of our council. He is also the owner of Continental Midland Group, a conglomerate that manufactures fasteners. Bob supports Catholic Education through his charitable foundation. He supports single parents and is very active in quiet ways to support the needy, the disabled and the poor. His work in support of the cause of Jesus Christ should be a source of pride to all knights. He is generally very busy but still makes time for his duties as an ordained Deacon. His wife Mary Ann provides strength and support

Thank you Brother Knight, Deacon Robert S. Kaminski, for your wonderful example.
Vivat Jesus

Dan Michalak, Celebrity



Brother Knight Dan Michalak has become known to many of us as a collector of Civil War Memorabilia. Dan has displayed his collection at various shows and museums over the years. Now, however, Dan has reached a high plateau of recognition by having his material displayed at the Abraham Lincoln Library and Museum in Springfield. Dan's recognition in this way is a testament to the quality of his effort. Dan's collection should be on display through February. Congratulations, Dan!



THE LATIN PATRIARCH OF JERUSALEM



Patriarch Twal addresses the pilgrims

The Bishop's pilgrimage to The Footsteps of St Paul last November included the great honor of an audience with His Eminence Fouad Twal, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem. The Patriarch is the Archbishop of the Roman Catholic Church for Palestine, Syria, Jordan and other parts of the Middle East. He is also the Supreme Knight of the Order of the Knights of the Holy Sepulcher.

Bishop Conlon is a member of the Knights of the Holy Sepulcher and also a Sir Knight in the Joliet Assembly of the Fourth Degree. The audience was requested by our Bishop.

The Christian Church began in Jerusalem and Antioch, Syria. Patriarch Twal heads the oldest church in the world. He spoke to our pilgrimage group for almost half an hour about the church he heads. In fluent English he explained that his church is in trouble.

Catholics in the Palestinian and Jewish areas of Palestine are poorly treated. Jordan has protected its Christians but there are problems there. There have been many atrocities in Syria in the past several years.

Patriarch Twal told us of the only town in the world where Aramaic, the language of Jesus, is still spoken. The town is Maalula located North of Damascus in Syria. It has some of the oldest churches in the world and is one of the places where Christianity first began. The town was in the hands of Sunni Muslims from Al Qaeda when we visited. Churches had been vandalized and nuns abducted. The Patriarch asked us to pray and to find ways to support his suffering people. He made the point that diplomats have been trying to end suffering in the Middle East for centuries and have failed. He told us that the most powerful weapon we can use to bring peace and an end to suffering is prayer.

I asked if Christians from Jordan and Syria could visit the holy places in Jerusalem. Our Deacon Nabil Halaby had told me he could not visit Israel because he had a Jordanian passport before he became an American Citizen. The Patriarch told us that those people could visit if they were able to obtain a special visa. When I asked him about Nabil's status, he confirmed that persons with a Jordanian passport that identified them as refugees could not obtain such a visa. I used Nabil's name and the Patriarch corrected my pronunciation, explaining that the Halaby family is well known to him and highly respected in Jerusalem.

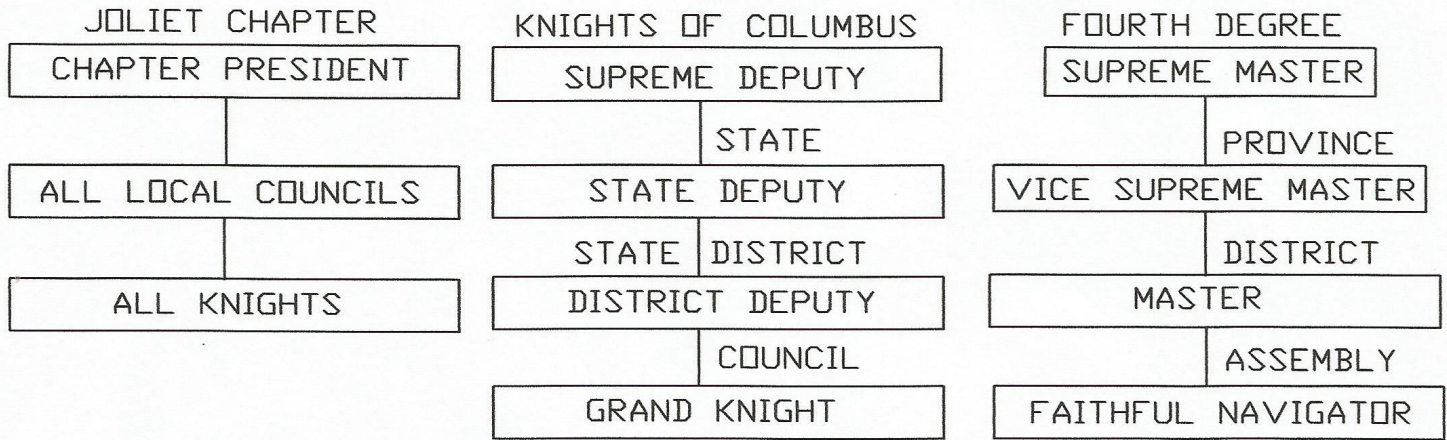
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.



The Cathedra of Jerusalem

Vivat Jesus

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ORGANIZATION



The chart above shows the organizational structure of the Joliet Diocese Knights of Columbus.

The Joliet Chapter is an organization that ties together all the councils of the diocese in one group that exists to further mutual goals. Small annual dues from each knight are sent by each council to support the Chapter’s activities such as the annual “Bishop’s Burse”. All knights in the Diocese are members of the Chapter and can attend meetings. Each council has three votes.

The Knights of Columbus is a world wide organization of about 1.8 million Catholic men in over 14,000 local councils. The order is headed by a Supreme knight who is assisted by Regional or State Deputies. State deputies are assisted by District Deputies to oversee local councils. The Joliet Diocese has 73 local councils, each of which is headed by an elected Grand Knight and a slate of elected officers. The highest level of membership in the Knights of Columbus is membership in the Third Degree, which signifies completion of the three step initiation process of the order. Membership is restricted to Catholic men in good standing with the Roman Catholic Church. Knights do not have a uniform but sometimes wear a distinctive ball cap or shirt.

There was considerable interest among the early knights to have a uniformed group. In 1900 the order created a separate patriotic organization known as the Fourth Degree. The Fourth Degree presently has about 300,000 members worldwide in its own separate organization from that of the Knights of Columbus. Fourth Degree knights wear the distinctive uniform that identifies the Knights of Columbus to most people. A Fourth Degree Knight, called a Sir Knight, is not senior to a Third Degree Knight but simply a part of the “Patriotic Order” of the Knights of Columbus. Any Third Degree knight can apply for membership in the Fourth Degree—there are no minimum time requirements. The Fourth Degree is headed by a Supreme Master who has Vice Supreme Masters in charge of Provinces, The Vice Supreme Masters are then in charge of District Masters who supervise the local groups called Assemblies, each headed by an elected Faithful Navigator. Our local Assembly is Joliet Assembly 0204, which is part of the Northern Illinois District, which belongs to the Marquette Province. There are other Assemblies in the Diocese.

Fourth Degree Assemblies draw members from local councils. The Joliet Assembly has about 385 members from twelve councils in the Joliet area. Sir Knight Peter Baker of Council 6993, St Mary, Mokena is the present Faithful Navigator.

Those interested in more information about the Fourth Degree should contact Sir Knight Peter Baker at (815) 806 1499 or Sir Knight Tim Cosgrove at (815) 485 5599. Candidates will need to obtain a tuxedo and additional information before they can join the Assembly. Inductions into the Fourth Degree are held once per year. The 2014 induction, called an exemplification, will be on February 22 in Lisle.

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HONOR NEW FOURTH DEGREE KNIGHTS

Come to the Mass and Banquet of the Fourth Degree on Saturday February 22 at the Sheraton Hotel, (formerly the Wyndham Hotel) at 3000 Warrenville Road, Lisle, IL. The Mass is at 4:30 PM followed by a banquet for about 500 people at 7:30PM. This great annual event is formal (suit and tie). You don't need to be a knight to attend.

Those wishing to join the Fourth Degree should contact Tim Cosgrove first.

Joliet Assembly #0204

RESERVATION FORM

DUE DATE FEBRUARY 7, 2014

Assembly Number: **0204** Council Number _____

Reservations:

Candidates Fee*	\$70.00	\$	_____.
Priests Fee*	\$50.00	\$	_____.
Ladies/Sir Knights/Guest	\$45.00 Banquet Ticket	\$	_____.
Ladies Luncheon	\$23.00	\$	_____.
Check Number	Total Amount	\$	_____.

*includes the following: Initiation into the Fourth Degree, a social baldric, a Fourth Degree lapel pin, and one ticket to the Fourth Degree Banquet

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Name _____, Spouse Name _____

Address _____

City/Zip _____

Home Phone Number _____, Cell _____

E-mail _____

Menu: 8 oz. Sirloin Steak and 4 oz. Chicken _____, Salmon _____

Special Meal Request (Medical or Vegetarian) _____

(Please indicate each dinner choice with a number)

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St. Mary Knights of Columbus Council #6993 Present:

The Inaugural St. Valentine Dinner & Dance

At the American Legion Banquet Hall 14414 W. Ford Dr. in New Lenox

Saturday, February 15, 2014

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