

## A Note from the Grand Knight

Fellow Brother Knights,

It's finally summer and we are busy with some exciting functions coming up in July and August. On Saturday July 18, we are working the Beer Stand

at the "Steve Miller" Triple Play concert in the New Lenox Commons. If you're at the concert, stop by and say hello to your Brother Knights. On Friday, July 24 we are working the Proud America Days Entertainment Tent. If you're there, stop by again to say hello to your Brother Knights. You might check with Bob Madoch as we may have a couple of slots open for help. Come out and give Blood at our Blood Drive in the Gym at St. Jude on Thursday August 6 from 3-7pm. Call Roy Gesell if you'd like to help out or you want to donate blood.

As I mention every month, don't forget to visit your Council #10926 website at <a href="https://www.newlenoxknights.org">www.newlenoxknights.org</a> for the latest on what's happening with the Council. Make sure you have your correct email address on the site to be included in our monthly communications. I hope that you have given some thought to moving to the next Degree in our Order. If so, let me or one of the Officer's know if you're interested. As always, let me know if you have any questions, thoughts or comments and please consider asking one of your Catholic friends to join our Council.

Vivat Jesus.

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## Service Opportunities & Events

July 18 – NL Concert Work

July 24 - Proud American Days

Aug 22 - Running with Faith

Sept 11 - KofC Golf Outing

Sept 18 – ID Drive

Sept 19 – ID Drive

Sept 25 – Special Rec Dinner

## **Degree Ceremonials**

None Scheduled

# Special Occasions



### July Birthdays

Angelo Marasco, Edward Englert, John Sears, Robert Grossmayer, Kevin Ward, James Ferrill, Joseph Ballerini, Brian Moriarty, Gary Wingels, Timothy Branigan, Brian Kuess, Darrell Arvin, Michael Hickey, Robert Sagen, Derek Doorneweerd, Daniel Stanton, George Graske, Thomas Krol, Robert Montelongo, Joseph Murdie, Thomas Labanauskas, David Todorovich, Lewis Wolfe

## What's Coming Up in 2015

#### JULY

- 4 Independence Day
- 6 4th Degree Assembly Mtg
- 10 ACS Relay for Life Concessions
- 11 500 Club Bar
- 13 Council 10926 Meeting
- 18 NL Concert Work
- 23 Officers Meeting 7pm
- 24 PAD Bar Work

#### **AUGUST**

- 3 4th Degree Assembly Mtg
- 10 Council 10926 Meeting
- 12 Father McGivney Birthday
- 22 Run with the Faith
- 27 Officers Meeting

#### **SEPTEMBER**

- , Labor Day
- 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly Mtg
- Patriots Day
- KofC Golf Outing
- 14 Council 10926 Meeting
- 18 ID DRIVE
- 19 ID DRIVE
- 24 Officers Meeting
- 25 LWSRA Banquet





## MEET OUR CURRENT Squires

There are currently fourteen boys in our local Squires council with the possibility of two more wanting to join. Matt and Ed have done a tremendous job in reorganizing the group and providing outstanding leadership. The boys have decided to continue to meet throughout the summer, engaging in various team building activities.

Pictured in the background starting from the left are:

Andrew Englert, Luke Holuj, Ryan Purcell, Glenn Prynn, Nathan Purcell, Scott Riha, Jude Gaier, and Joey Glennon.

Pictured in the front from left to right are:

Jack Urbanciz, Zack Hoch, Charlie Rickerson, John Paul Berkshire, and Johnny Glennon.

2015/16 Council 10926 Officers

Our new 2015-16 Officers installed at St. Jude on June 13 by our District Deputy Jim Sniegowski.

Financial Secretary John Murphy, Grand Knight Craig Lyons, Deputy Grand Knight Jim Werner, Recorder Mark Mikenis, Outside Guard Ed Andrade, Chancellor Tim Pastern, Warden Charles Ryl-Kuchar, Inside Guard Pat Murphy, Lecturer Bill Ruane, Treasurer Tom Cousins, 1yr Trustee Matt Prynn, 2yr Trustee Paul Hammerton, 3yr Trustee Bob Madoch (not pictured)



### Father Friedel 50 Yr Celebration



There was a nice turnout for Father Friedel's 50 year anniversary as a priest. There were lots of smiles and happy people, including Father Friedel. Light snacks and cake were served after the 11AM mass to family and friends. Thanks to all who help host the special event!

## For the Good of the Order

Please keep our Brother Knights, Priests, Deacons, the sick, homeless, family, and friends in your thoughts and prayers.



## KNIGHT MONTH

## May 2015 - Brian Karneboge



Brian is May Knight of the Month for his tireless work helping out at many events. Brian is always there early and stays until the work is done. Brian also volunteers in the community at the Soup Kitchen in Joliet and gives his personal time over and over. He joined the Knights in August 2003, did his 2nd/3rd Degree in January 2005 and his 4th Degree in February 2014. Thanks for all you do, Brian!



#### Illinois Knights of Columbus Help Set New K of C Charity Record

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NEW HAVEN, Conn., June 24, 2015 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- As Catholics throughout the United States prepare for Pope Francis' visit this summer, the Knights of Columbus has been preparing in a special way, with record-setting charity.

With Illinois helping to lead the way, the Knights of Columbus set a new all-time record in 2014 for charitable donations and service hours with \$173,550,680 in donations and more than 71.5 million hours of service. Illinois Knights raised more than \$7.8 million and notched over 3 million hours of service. Illinois' donations were second only to Texas in the United States with hours of service the fourth highest total among U.S. states.

Worldwide, the number of service hours contributed by members rose last year by more than a million hours over the 2013 total with each member donating nearly a full work week on average.

"Charity has been at the heart of the Knights' mission for the past 133 years," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "In America, Pope Francis will find a Church that is alive with the love of God and love of neighbor, and the Knights of Columbus are excellent examples of this reality."

According to the K of C's Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity for the year endingDec. 31, 2014, donations worldwide grew by more than \$3.4 million over 2013, achieving an increase in giving for the 15th consecutive year.

Among its major donations in 2014, the Knights of Columbus made a gift of \$1.4 million to directly support athletes who will take part in this summer's Special Olympics World Games in Los Angeles. The funds will cover the cost of transportation, housing and meals for the athletes as they travel to the games, stay there during the competition, and return home. Supreme Knight Anderson also asked the K of C state jurisdiction to step up their already strong support for Special Olympics athletes.

Another unique initiative in 2014 was the Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Fund, which has contributed \$2.6 million for humanitarian assistance to those suffering persecution and dislocation in Iraq and the surrounding region.

"It has shocked the conscience of the world that people are systematically being purged from the region where their families have lived for millennia - simply for their faith," said Mr. Anderson at the program's inception in August. "It is imperative that we stand in solidarity with them."

Gifts by the Knights of \$200,000 each were also made to the Greek and Latin Rite Catholic communities of wartorn Ukraine for humanitarian relief, supporting projects that feed and aid homeless children and refugees living on the streets of the capital city of Kiev.

The Knights continued to support their local communities in 2014 through such programs as the Black Friday Coats for Kids program, Food for Families, and blood drives. Knights also gave assistance to such organizations as Habitat for Humanity and the American Wheelchair Mission.

During the past decade the Knights of Columbus has donated nearly \$1.55 billion to charity and 691 million hours of volunteer service in support of charitable initiatives.

The K of C was founded by Venerable Servant of God Father Michael McGivney, a New Haven parish priest, in 1882. The organization was formed to provide charitable outreach and care for the financial well-being of Catholic families, focusing on the protection of widows and orphans, and on strengthening the faith of its members. It has grown to include 1.8 million members throughout North and Central America, the Philippines, the Caribbean and Europe.

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