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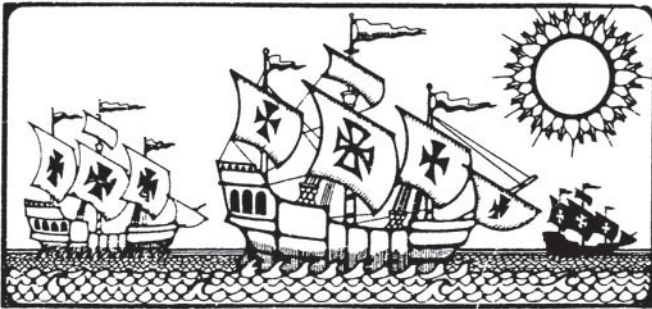


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March/April 2019

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Worthy Brother Knights and Families,

Easter comes late this year with Lent starting on Mar. 6th, Ash Wednesday. Consider putting some thought into the real meaning of sacrifice? It is easy to give up worldly things for Lent, but the most satisfying would be in doing something for the good of others, like our 40 cans for Lent drive to feed the hungry. Lent is a time to reflect on our Catholic background and our Christian way of life to see where we can improve to be a better person to all.

It was a pleasure for the Officers of 6090 to take the Bishop of Joliet the Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon to lunch on Feb. 9th. Those who attended were pleased to have personal time with the leader of the church of Joliet as well as gain insight to his thoughts about what the Knights can do for church and community.

Special thanks to all brother knights, who worked the Basketball Free Throw contest in conjunction with our fellow brothers from Christ the King, you made it a very successful event.

As part of our ongoing recruitment program we welcome new members

Eric Shoemith and Kevin Johnson

We are only four months from the start of our new 2019-2020 Fraternal Year. My hopes and wishes are that our newly soon to be elected officers and those continuing on into the next fraternal year will keep in mind the main goal of continued growth and success of our council.

I strongly believe in the philosophy that "Constant kindness can accomplish much, as the sun makes the ice melt, kindness causes misunderstanding mistrust and hostility to evaporate." from Carol (CC) Miller-positivefocus.com

NOTHING GREAT IS EVER ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT ENTHUSIASM

See the included March and April Calendars for specific Council Events, Dates and Locations.

I would like to thank all of my Brother Knights, your spouses and families for your service. Let's reflect on your accomplishments and take the lessons learned to do even greater things.

Wishing all of my Brother Knights the many blessings of the Easter Season.

*Yours in Christ,
Grand Knight #6090*

Joe Martinet

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**REMEMBER: EVERY ACTIVITY IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR RECRUITMENT-
RETENTION-REACTIVATION.**

Dues are Way Over Due



Great big **THANKS** to all members who have paid their dues. Second Notices have been sent to those members who have not yet paid. **A number of members have yet to respond to our call for dues.** Please return payment as soon as possible. Knight Alerts will be mailed to those members at the end of the month. Your prompt attention to this matter is appreciated and will eliminate additional expenses to the Council. Please keep in mind even though you haven't paid your dues the Council still has to pay per-capita tax on you.

Also, as in past years, we are asking for a donation to the Newman Fund. Our goal is 100% participation; we suggest a \$10 contribution but any donation will be appreciated.

Brothers, we urge you to pay your dues. Please take the time to drop your check in the mail, or even better, come to our meeting on Thursday, March 7th, get reacquainted with your Brother Knights, and hear first-hand what your Council is doing. If you have any questions or request assistance with the payment of your dues, please contact either Grand Knight Joe Martinet at 630-620-0295 or Financial Secretary Frank Birner at 630-816-5527.



TRACK MEET SCHEDULED

Our track and field coordinator Ray Morello advises us that this year's track meet (52nd) has been scheduled for Saturday, April 27, 2019 at Montini High School.



Ray requests that volunteer's report to either him or Mary Dee (near the scoring tent) on the field at 8:15 a.m. for the morning session and 11:45 a.m. for the afternoon session. There will be a sign-up sheet at the April 5th meeting or you may e-mail Ray at (raydormor@sbcglobal.net). You will have a chance to choose your assignment or take whatever is available. This will be a new and fun time especially for the new members.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Please keep all members, their families and friends in your prayers, especially for Dick Watts, Ray Seranko's wife Dorothy and his Grandson Brad Benes, Geraldine Cvach, D. Thurman's father Calvin his brother in law Danny Powers and friend Fred Crud, Ray Morello, Mike Wiedman's sister Kathy Turner, his mother Anne Marie and his youth minister at Corpus Christi Parish Mark Herwaldt, Joe and Jordan Lemens, Frank Birner & his wife Jean, John Plotke's aunt Marilyn Koss, Matt Koykar's Father Frank and friend Juan Gonzalez, Gerry Kramer's wife Betty, Field Agent Joe Spada, Al Treado's cousin's son Steve Strole, State Secretary Frank Swartz's son Scott and Grandson Aaron, for the repose of the soul of Erwin Stark and Sister Pauline, all those unemployed or underemployed, and all of our service men & women.

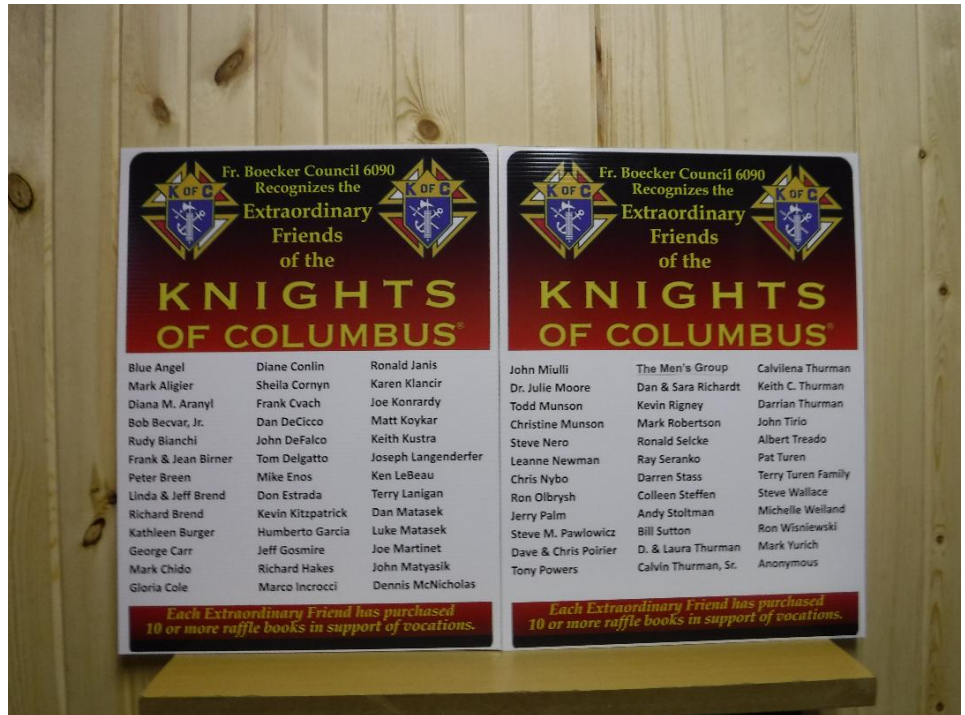


KNIGHTS OF THE MONTH

The Knight of the Month for the month of November was awarded by Grand Knight Joe Martinet and Deputy Grand Knight D. Thurman to Mike Mikulecky for his continued support of the Council. Although Mike didn't have 4th Degree Regalia at the time, he showed up for the wake of Brother Knight Bill Powers and was able to speak with the family for lengthy time. He also helped Warden John Plotke with setting up for our Christmas Social. Mike also attends Assembly Meetings on a regular basis.



The Knight of the Month for December was the recognition of all of the Vocation Raffle Contributors who were deemed Extraordinary Friends of the Knights for their support of the Vocation Raffle by contributing at least \$150.00. They all helped set another record for the Vocation Raffle Contributions by helping to raise over \$15,000.00 towards Vocations.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SPECIAL OLYMPICS



Northeast DuPage Special Recreation Association is again looking for volunteers to help at their local Special Olympics track & field meet to be held on Saturday, May 18, 2019 at Glenbard East High School. Report time is 8:45 am. Whether to participate or to just watch the athletes compete in the events is amazing. It is an experience you are not likely to forget! Please contact Past Grand Knight Dennis Jensen for a volunteer registration form or contact Senior Recreation and Meet Coordinator Beth Corso at 630-576-4030 with questions or for additional information. There will be an Honor Guard to escort the athletes onto the field. So if you have regalia please bring it with you.

St. Pius X Carnival

The parish will host Windy City Amusements for the weekend of June 27-30 for the 4th Annual carnival. The Knights have been asked to man the beer tent on these days. There are several 2 ½ hour shifts available to volunteer for. If you are interested we will have a sign-up sheet at the April 4th meeting or call Past Grand Knight Dennis Jensen 630-629-1518 for a time.

LILAC PARADE



Father Boecker Council will be marching in the Lilac Parade on May 19th, and will be wearing either 4th degree Regalia or Council/Assembly shirts. We will be requesting the Santa Maria again this year for those that are unable to march. We invite all members, their families and children to participate. As in past years, Gerrie Cvach has opened up her house and yard for us to use. We will gather before noon and provide a shuttle to the parade site. There will be a picnic at the Cvach's following the parade, so bring a dish to share and come join us for a little camaraderie and fellowship. Call GK Joe Martinet at 630-620-0295.

4th Degree Report

The next meetings of Dr. Dooley Assembly will be on Mar. 13 at St. James the Apostle, 480 S. Park Blvd, Glen Ellyn and Apr. 1 at St. Philip the Apostle, 1223 Holtz Ave., Addison. Dinner is served at 6:30pm and the meetings start at 7:30. Honor Guard requests can be found at drdooleyassembly.com



Congratulations to Matt Koykar and Andrew Cole for becoming 4th degree Sir Knights at the February 16th Exemplification.



From the Chaplain's Desk

Lent 2019

Remember the good old days, before 325 A.D.? No? Well that's when Lent came to be officially 40 days by the Council of Nicaea. Prior to that time, there was a two-day fast and even a six-day fast before Easter and before you were baptized.



You can Google *History of Lent* or check out this from Baylor University in Texas (not Catholic, but Christian):

<https://www.baylor.edu/content/services/document.php/193181.pdf>

Well, here we are 1,694 years later and it's our Lenten time. No meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (lobster and clam chowder versus yummy generic fish sticks?) and fasting on the other days for those 18 through 59 (for once being over 60 pays off).

Warning: Giving up a bad habit, which you should have done anyway, does not count.

Lent is not just a time to give something up, it's a time to reflect on your life, your relationship with Jesus, and what the Resurrection means to you. It's a time to start doing positive acts, increasing your prayer life, seeing the good in others.

So, eat that chocolate bar, while praying or going off to volunteer, etc.

BISHOP VISITS ST. PIUS X

Diocese Bishop of Joliet Most Rev. R. Daniel Conlon spent the weekend of February 8-10 visting with the many ministries at St. Pius X. Pictured here the Bishop enjoys lunch with Father George and a few of the Officer's of Father Boecker Council 6090. The Knights discussed with the Bishop how the Council can better serve the various ministries supported by the Diocese.



“KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS” POSTER CONTEST WINNERS



Grand Knight Joe Martinet and Poster Contest Chairman Fred Kaefer presented awards to the St. Pius X “Keep Christ in Christmas” Poster Contest winners for 2019.

Sarah 1st Place age 8-10

Joey 2nd Place age 8-10

Grand Knight Joe Martinet and Poster Contest Chairman Fred Kaefer presented awards to the Sacred Heart Parish “Keep Christ in Christmas” Poster Contest winners for 2019.

Conner 1st Place age 11-14

Maggie 2nd Place age 11-14

Max 2nd Place age 5-7



Deputy Grand Knight D. Thurman and Financial Secretary Frank Birner presented the award to the Religious Education winner, a student at Sacred Heart School in the “Keep Christ in Christmas” Poster Contest for 2019.

Melissa 1st Place age 5-7

St. Pius X Simple Supper

Father Boecker Council has been asked to host a Simple Supper one Friday evening during Lent. Following the Stations of the Cross, the Knights will be serving Simple Supper on Friday, March 8, 2019 in the Martha Room from 7:00-8:00pm, please arrive by 6:00pm. If you can help, email John Plotke at turbojets84@yahoo.com Thank you for your time.



Father Boecker Council 6090 in conjunction with the St. Vincent DePaul Food pantry will be having their 2nd Annual Food Collection, which is designed to help fight hunger. It is a small sacrifice that turns into a big difference in the lives of others. All that is required is the desire to help others. As you prepare for Easter during Lent, remember the 40 days and nights that Christ spent in the desert, without food or water, praying and preparing for his sacrifice on behalf of mankind. We are asking that you collect one can of food per day during the 40 days of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, and then drop them off at church on the designated weekend in the container provided. Get your family involved and join the effort to make Easter season even more meaningful this year. All donations will go to your Parish food pantry to aid the less fortunate throughout the year. Thank you for your help.

Pasta Dinner ≈ Festa Italiana

The 36th Annual Pasta Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, March 30, 2019 beginning at 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. in the St. Pius X Church Social Center.

Proceeds to benefit Sacred Heart and St. Pius X Schools

If you are able to volunteer for this very special event please contact John Plotke at 630-217-0104 or email John at turbojets84@yahoo.com

Please **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**, we want and need you to attend and to work this event. We will be serving beginning at 5:00 P.M. and for those of you working the event this would be a great time to eat before serving, etc. If either you or your spouse has the gift of baking, (PLEASE NOTE) we will be having a sweets table again this year so that we do not have a single dessert. We are also asking for donations of small gift baskets or other types of gifts for the blind raffle. We are also looking for Knights to sell tickets before and after all masses at both parishes on a designated Saturday/Sunday in March. See calendar for dates and mass times.

We are still in need of volunteers to help at the event with the following:

- Set up and take down tables and chairs.
- Serving the meal, and will also assist in clean up including the kitchen.
- Selling tickets at the door, including split the pot and the blind raffle.
- Pre-cooking which will occur on March 29.
- Cooking on the day of the event.
- Advertising/sponsor sales as many as we can get.

PLEASE ATTEND THE EVENT AND SUPPORT YOUR COUNCIL.

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Festa Italiana

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Contact: John Plotke for advance tickets or sponsorship opportunities

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MEMBER NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS - MARCH HAPPENINGS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

03 Kevin J Johnson	
04 William P Sutton	
12 Anthony J Anton	
14 Richard A Watts	
15 Rev Mr. Larry Lissak	
15 Rev Arthur R Lapore	
18 Donald L Banks	
23 Gabreal L Monreal	
25 Bro Rapheal Mieszala	
25 Kevin J Rigney	
29 Joseph L Lemens II	29 Founding of our Order
30 Harold P Stricher	

Please contact Frank Birner 630-816-5527, if there are any additions, deletions or corrections to this list.



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CONGRATULATIONS - APRIL HAPPENINGS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

01 C Patrick Whitehead	
09 Anthony R. Maroney	
12 Mark J Yurich	
14 Eric R Shoesmith	
15 John J. Walsh	
	16 Gerald & Elizabeth Kramer
	17 Michael & Regina Wiedman
19 Ken Lebeau	
	22 Frank & Jean Birner
30 John P. Sikorski	30 Peter & Margie Breen

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March 2019

◀ February

April ▶

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 7:30 PM CTK Fr. Damien Play Christ the King
3 11:00 AM SH Corporate Communion	4	5	6	7 7:30 PM Council Business Meeting	8 6:30 PM SPX Simple Supper	9
10 10:00 AM St. Joseph's Table Honor Guard	11	12	13 6:30 PM Assembly Mtg. St. James the Apostle/GlenEllyn	14	15	16 SPX All Masses/ Festa Italiana Ticket pre-sales
17 SPX All Masses/ Festa Italiana Ticket pre-sales	18	19	20	21 7:30 PM Council Planning Meeting	22	23 SPX All Masses/ Festa Italiana ticket pre-sales
24 SPX All Masses/ Festa Italiana ticket pre-sales	25	26	27	28	29 4:00 PM Festa Italiana Set-up	30 5:00-9:00 PM SPX Festa Italiana
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April 2019

◀ March

May ▶

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 7:30 PM Council Busines Meeting	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 10:00 AM SPX Corporate Communion	15	16	17	18 7:30 PM Council Planning Meeting	19 Good Friday	20
21 Easter	22	23	24	25	26 Illinois State Convention	27 Illinois State <u>Convention</u> Track Meet Montini H.S. 8:45a & 11:45a
28 Illinois State Convention	29	30				



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January 17, 2019

Worthy Grand Knight: **PLEASE READ THIS AT YOUR NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Brothers:

Through my years as a leader in the Knights of Columbus, the thing I liked the least was the constant mantra of recruiting more members. It seemed the State and Supreme councils were only interested in how many men we degreed each year. So when I became a state officer, I tried to emphasize that our programs and charitable works were the keys to encouraging men to want to join us. Unfortunately, our membership numbers may be proving me wrong.

Since I assumed the position of State Deputy in July 2017, the total membership in Illinois has decreased by over 1000. You have likely experienced fewer members at your council meetings. My own council used to have 60-70 members at meetings as recently as the early 2000s. Now we have about 20-25. Our state convention is drawing hundreds fewer than we used to see 20-25 years ago.

I told the District Deputies at our organizational meeting in December that my focus is no longer whether we can make our goal, or win an award. I'm much more concerned about the health and survival of the Knights of Columbus in Illinois. We all have opinions why our numbers are dropping; fewer men at Mass on Sunday; the crisis in the Church; people leaving Illinois, etc. But the bottom line is if we don't start replacing brothers that have gone to their heavenly reward, in time the Order in Illinois will cease to exist.

Therefore, I respectfully request every Brother Knight make an effort to recruit a member before the end of this fraternal year. I further ask that every council in Illinois conduct a first degree every month for the rest of the year. This is not a plea to help the State Council make its goals and look good for the Supreme Council. This is, as I stated earlier, about our survival as a key organization in the Church in Illinois. The Knights of Columbus are needed more than ever to be a stabilizing force against the current social attitudes in our world, and a beacon of hope for Catholics that might be struggling with the recent allegations against the clergy.

Please join me and the State Officers to try and strengthen our membership rolls so that we can continue to be a significant and important Catholic organization in Illinois for years to come.

Vivat Jesus!

Theodore A. Stites, Jr.
State Deputy

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