



Knights Lines Newsletter
February, 2017
Hoffman - Schaumburg Council 6964



"A reprint from the Knightlines Newsletter of November 2012. This may be of interest to a number of our newer Knights".

Dick AmRhein - 1977 Grand Knight
 Hoffman-Schaumburg Council
 35th Anniversary Remarks and Information



Early in 1977, Don Vincent and I, as Past Grand Knights of Holy Ghost Council in Palatine discussed the fact that a large number of the membership there lived in Hoffman Estates and Schaumburg and that it would be nice to have a council in our own area. We talked to a few more area Knights who were receptive to the idea. In the summer of 1977, we petitioned Fr. Bill Shields, Pastor of St. Hubert, to start a Knights of Columbus council in the parish. With Fr. Shields' permission, Don Vincent, who was a District Deputy at the time, started the wheels in motion. Formation meetings were held at my house with Don Vincent, Tom Christian, Al Goy, George Steiner, Harry Armstrong and a representative from the Supreme Council. The name Hoffman-Schaumburg Council was decided upon and we made a plan to recruit members. A notice was put in the St. Hubert's bulletin announcing that a meeting would be held at St.

Hubert Church for all of those interested. From this meeting and recruitment drives, we were able to sign up the minimum of 35 members and petitioned the Supreme Council for a charter to become a new council. By the time the charter was approved and issued, we were up to 47 members who were then designated as Charter Members. We officially became the Hoffman-Schaumburg Council, #6964, on August 10, 1977, serving the parishes of St Hubert, Church of the Holy Spirit and St. Matthew. The initial council newsletter, published by Dick AmRhein, presents these activities and events which took place and were planned for the first year of the council:

Council Family Communion, Red Cross Speaker & Blood Drive, Tootsie Roll Drive for the Intellectually disabled Children, Children's Christmas Party, Holiday Member Cocktail Party (cost \$1.50 per person for Hors D'Oeuvres, Cocktails and Beer), Village Government Speaker, Council Free-Throw Contest for Kids, Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) Drive, Insurance Speaker, Parish Clergy Recognition Night, Church of the Holy Spirit Spring Party, Cleaning & Fixing Up St. Hubert School Kitchen and Meeting Hall. The First Membership Directory had 62 council members listed - telephone numbers had no area codes. These 12 members from the first council directory are among the 212 members in our current directory: **Richard AmRhein Richard Chodor Albert Goy Frank Riche Thomas Binder**

Eugene Farrell Melvin Lynch George Steiner Joseph Brzezinski Guido (Guy) Franz Stan Przybylski David Walters

This is a little bit of History from the "Columbian" Friday, April 2, 1971." Deacon Larry Smith states that "this is a picture of my uncle John and his brother, my grandfather Paul, both Sir Knights". I am very proud of both of them as the caption writes 102 years of service. This might inspire others to do the same.

Thank you, Deacon and Sir Knight Larry Smith



It was with great sadness that we announced that Brother Sir Knight Richard Chodor had passed away. A funeral mass was said on January 13th. at St. Matthew Church. An Honor Guard for the wake and funeral were requested and honored.

May his soul and the soul of all the faithfully departed rest in peace.
 Past Grand Knight 1980 - 1981

PGK Dick Chodor 1935 - 2017

Taps were sounded and an American flag was solemnly presented to his daughter Rita by representatives from the U.S. Navy immediately after a funeral mass at St. Matthew Church. Many of our Knights said good-bye to a fond Past Grand Knight & Past Faithful Navigator in Dick Chodor. He was our Council 6964's Grand Knight from 1980 - 1981. Dick was also a lifelong member of our council. While he was in New Mexico for a while, he became a founding member & a Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus Council #12282 based at Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary in Albuquerque, NM. Dick was also a proud veteran of the Navy having served his country while in Okinawa, Japan. Ten Sir Knights in full regalia proudly attended his mass. They were Bill Gulik, Nick Bratt, John Vlnka, Deacon Larry Smith, Dick Kossack, Al Goy, Joe Tuccori, Dick Lambke, Ken Szott & Pierre Zermatten. Additionally at mass, there were many other of our council's knights, some with their wives in attendance to celebrate his life. He will be missed!



PGK Al Goy Deacon Larry Smith Dick Lambke PGK Nick Bratt PGK Dick Kossack Bill Gulik PGK Ken Szott PGK Joe Tuccori DGK John Vlnka PGK Pierre Zermatten

Memorial Mass at St. Matthew: Our council held its annual memorial mass at St Matthew Church on Saturday January 21st. at the 5:00 PM mass. Afterwards we honored the knights of our council that had passed on to their reward with Christ this past year. Remembered were: **PGK Lauren Reid, PGK Dick Chodor, Thomas McCoy & Joseph Coffey.** PGK Al Goy, GK Rick Froelich and Deacon Larry Smith read the prayers in memoriam to remember our deceased brethren. Attending in regalia were PGK's Nick Bratt, Joe Tuccori, Dick Kossack, Gene Niewiadomski, Sir Knights Kevin Thomas, Deacon Larry Smith, John Vlnka, Pete Munnich and Commander Pete Skinder. There in attendance were many knights, some with their spouses, attending the mass and post mass ceremonies. A dinner followed immediately at Riccardo's Restaurant.



Praying for and remembering our Council's Knights that have left us this past year were GK Rick Froelich, Deacon Larry Smith and PGK Al Goy. Below are pictures from dinner.



Eileen Clark & Patty Munnich Dick Kossack, Nick Bratt, Pete Skinder and GK Rick Froelich Nancy Froelich, Larry Smith, Barbara Bratt & Betty Patty and Pete Munnich



Tony & Grace Pietramale, Nick Caldarella & Jim Bamberger Daughter of Dick Chodor Rita Elena on the right PGK's Dick Amrhein and George Steiner PGK/PFN Al Goy and his wife Carol



Jon Mucker, Barbara Nies and Ken Szott Debra & PGK Joe Tuccori (sorry for the bad picture) Susan Steiner, Kevin Thomas



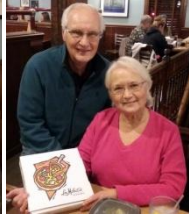
Dean and Paulette Hoppesch John Vlnka, PGK's Gene Niewiadomski and Bill Clark Tom & Marilee Van Havermaet

Please try to remember to Check & Update your Picture, Email Address and Phone Number in the "members only" section of the UKnights website at kofcknights.org to make sure they are **CORRECT**. If you can't or don't know how to, just let me know and I will fix it up.

Dine to Donate at Lou Malnati's: Final totals are not in yet but all indicators seem to point to a generous dollar amount raised for the "Feed my Starving Children" program. Three different Councils participated in this event, St Marcelline Council, Holy Ghost Council and our very own Hoffman/Schaumburg Council. Everyone's like of Lou Malnati's pizza didn't hurt the cause. Pictured below are a few pictures of some of our friends that attended the food feast. Thanks to everyone for their great response



Jim & Joyce Manfre



Ken Szott & Barbara Nies



A whole bunch of St Hubert parishioners



Deacon Larry Smith



Nick Caldarola & Jim Bamberger



Dean & Paulette Hoppesch



Joe Tuccori & Barbara Nies



Charlene, a Cantor from St. Hubert & friends



Audrey & Bob Palmer, George & Mary Ann Noonan
Stephen & Johanna O'Donoghue



Charlene & Bill Gulik and Jan & Mark Steece The irrepressible Jerry Bromley

A "Major Degree": was held on Sunday January 29th in Arlington Heights at the Holy Rosary Council # 4483 Hall. Our council had Four candidates advancing up to the "Knighthood Degree" formerly the 3rd. degree. We congratulate Roger Malinski, David Sertich, Brent Murphy and Robert Baldini. They now are all fully fledged Knights of Columbus and as such, have attained full "Knighthood" status in our council with all rights and privileges. We finished the day with a turkey dinner in their hall. They were escorted by PGK Joe Tuccori, GK Rick Froelich, Tom VanHavermaet, Kevin Thomas and Me, DGK John Vlnka.



Our Council's group from left to right, Kevin Thomas Dave Sertich
Brent Murphy, Roger Malinski, PGK Joe Tuccori,
Tom VanHavermaet, Robert Baldini & John Vlnka



Dave Sertich & Brent Murphy
Both are new 3rd. Degree Knights



PGK Joe Tuccori, Roger Malinski & GK Rick Froelich



Simulating a "secret hand shake" are Roger Malinski & Joe Tuccori

Sup(p)er Bowl Party: February 5th. is the date of our Sup(p)er Bowl party. Come join us to watch the BIG GAME located in the "club room" inside the **St Hubert's Ministry Center**. Doors will open at 4:30P.M. Snacks, appetizers, and food will be provided along with soft drinks and beer. There will be a football squares sheet available, a 50/50 raffle and additional raffle prizes for your entertainment. Tickets are only \$15.00 per person, payable at the door. Knights and their spouses, friends & neighbors are all invited. so please feel free to come and have a good time. Please sign up on line if you plan on attending (so that we have an idea of how much food to prepare).

Mountain Bike Donation: A mountain bike was generously donated to our council by Jim Childress's son so that we may raise money through a silent auction or raffle, as we see fit at the St. Patty's party. We all thank Jim & his son Phil for their generosity.



Pictured to your right are DGK John Vluka, GK Rick Froelich, Jim Childress and his Son Phil

Windy City Bulls Game: On Saturday, January 21, 2017, there were 54 Knights and friends that went to the Sears Centre to attend the "Windy City Bulls" game. we needed to sell 50 tickets in order to get a \$400.00 refund check for our council. The knights bought 54 tickets so we received a check for \$432.00 as shown in the picture below. It will be put to good use. It was "Faith Night" at the game and our council presented the colors with an honor guard in the presence of Sir Knights Paul Kutyló, Bill Gulik & Kevin Thomas. They did an outstanding job and made us all proud as they presented the flag for the singing of the National Anthem! The Bulls also won the game by over 100 points, so we all got Free Big Macs on behalf of their scoring effort. We had a lot of fun out there. Easy in & out parking. Clean stadium and parking lot and sitting in the same general area. If we do this again, you really wouldn't want to miss it.



Larry Arquilla, his wife Barbara & Fr. John Dearhammer & a friend



Pete Skinder, Rick Froelich Kevin Thomas & Larry Arquilla



Larry, Kevin, Rick & Pete on the Big Screen



The Honor Guard on the Big Screen



Singing of the National Anthem



The Honor Guard in Paul Kutyló, Kevin Thomas & Bill Gulik at Center Court



A Happy Hector Ruiz & his daughter



Dave Sertich, Our new 3rd. Degree Knight



GK Rick & Nancy Froelich



Bruce Huchro relaxing



Cory Linnane watching intently



John Pierre Ngoy & his son Nick



The Beautiful Beth Varchetto & PGK Tony Varchetto



Tim Sweeney and a very excited Jim Manfre found the beer vendor



Pete and Pretty Patty Munnich & friends



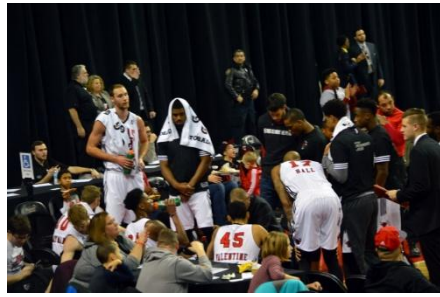
Pete Skinder & Tom VanHavermaet having a good time



Patty in Deep thought when the game was close



The Rest of the Ngoy Family Both of these young men advanced in the Free Throw Contest



The Windy City Bulls



Joyce Vlnka & Deb Tuccori excited to have their picture taken

Chili Cook Off: Will happen on February 23rd. starting at 6:30PM at Church of the Holy Spirit. More details as they become available. Please check the Events Calendar on the Uknights Website for updates to this and other events. Remember, the doors open at 630 PM. Serving at 7:00PM. The Cost is \$7 per person. Knights bringing Chili Entrants are free.

Women at the Well: This ever popular event is coming back again after a short absence. We will be serving the women that attend this event Coffee, Tea and a Chicken Salad. The ladies love us and they are fun to wait on. This is an easy event to do and fun at the same time. It all happens on March 7th., 2017 at Church of the Holy Spirit starting at 6:45PM until about 8PM.

Blood Drive: This will occur on March 5th. in the church basement of St. Hubert. Volunteers are needed to help set up and help take down as well as volunteers to donate blood. Please check the Events Calendar for more info.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest: Dean Hoppesch organized and started off this year's Free Throw Contest with the help of at least 12 other knights on Saturday, January 21st. Attendance was way down from last year even though Dean had promoted the event quite a bit at schools & churches. We had 18 young girls & boys competing in their respective age groups. Some of the kids will be moving on to the next level of regional competition in Wauconda. Included in that group was 2X state champion, Eli Aldana from our council going for a Three-Peat.



No, This is not the Knights of Columbus All Star Basketball Team.

Bottom row helping out were Dean Hoppesch, Joe Tuccori, Kevin Thomas, Nick Bratt Dave Sertich & George Noonan. Top row was Pete Stresino, Tim Figiel, Tom Van Havermaet, GK Rick Froelich, John Vlnka and Bill Clark

Sick Call: Joe Pruetting, Dick Lambke and DGK John Vlnka

I (John Vlnka) was released after a brief stay in the hospital last week after a severe infection from a kidney stone removal. I am home and doing fine. Dick Lambke was also released and received some very welcome news regarding his former prostate condition. He too is doing very well right now and is at home. We are still waiting for some good news on Joe Pruetting, it hasn't been bad but we expect better. Visitors to Joe would be welcome.

Thank You: I want to personally thank all those that pitched in with stories or pictures while I was indisposed with an illness this past month. Joe Tuccori, John Norkus, Larry Arquilla & Rick Froelich, Thanks so very much.

Feed My Starving Children Update: We had a second FMSC event on January 18th. and just like the first one, it was very successful. These pictures are courtesy of GK Rick Froelich. As you can see, they packed 104 Boxes of food good enough for 22,464 meals. This is good enough to 61 kids for one year. Take a look at the picture and you will see some new faces like John Hindenburg, John & Sandy Heavey, Patty Munnich and Barbara Nies. They all did a Great job and should be congratulated! Maybe the next time, we will have a contest to see who looks the best in their "Hairnet".



Dine to Donate at IHop: Remember the date, February 22, 2017 for the next Dine to Donate Event! More Coming!

**You have an Outstanding Opportunity to Support
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St. Patrick's Day Party: On Sunday, March 11, 2017 our Knights of Columbus Council 6964 will be hosting their annual St. Patrick's Day Party at St. Hubert's in the Ministry Center (GYM). Starts at 5:30 PM and Power permitting, lasts until 10:30 PM. This is our second largest event of the year. The Cost for Adults is \$25.00 per person, children under 12 is only \$10.00 per child. This is a pre-sale ticket only event. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

 **St. Patrick's Day Party** 

Sponsored by the Hoffman-Schaumburg Knights of Columbus #6964

When: Saturday, March 11, 2017

Where: St. Hubert's Parish Ministry Center (GYM)
Hoffman Estates

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Traditional Corned Beef buffet dinner
Hot dogs available for children
Beer, Wine, Pop and Specialty drinks
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Entertainment
Irish Entertainment and Music
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 **Larry Arquilla – 847-373-6075** **arkwood@ameritech.net**
Nick Bratt – 847-985-1974 **nbratt@att.net**
Vince Wroblewski – 847-891-2821 **vcwroblewski@aol.com**

Wolves Hockey Game: The next game that our council has set up to see the Wolves is "Matinee" game on Sunday, February 26, 2017 at 3:00PM. Tickets are available at \$25.00 each hot/soda vouchers are \$6.00 each. All money must be received by the Feb. 9, 2017 business meeting. Please return all payments to Vince Wroblewski or Larry Bretz. Please make all checks payable to the Hoffman/Schaumburg Council #6964. See the attached flyer below for more information.

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From Pierre:

Ask Eligible Men to Join

by Pierre Zermatten - Field Agent

Today, I want to address the growth of the Order. Membership growth is the fuel that keeps this great fraternal engine running. All of our charitable works at the council, state, national and international level are thanks to our hard-working members. And more members equals more charity.

We know that the membership blitz is a tried and true way for councils to get more men to join. We see these pushes often in April, and again later in the year. These drives are successful because brother Knights have increased visibility speaking or presenting during and after Masses and at special events. We must remember that we have a duty to ask each and every Catholic gentleman to join our ranks for the good of the Church, the community and the Order.

During the rest of the year, we often “forget” to ask men to join and to bring their families into the Knights of Columbus family. You probably know an eligible Catholic man you could ask today. What if the only reason he hasn’t joined is because no one has asked him yet?

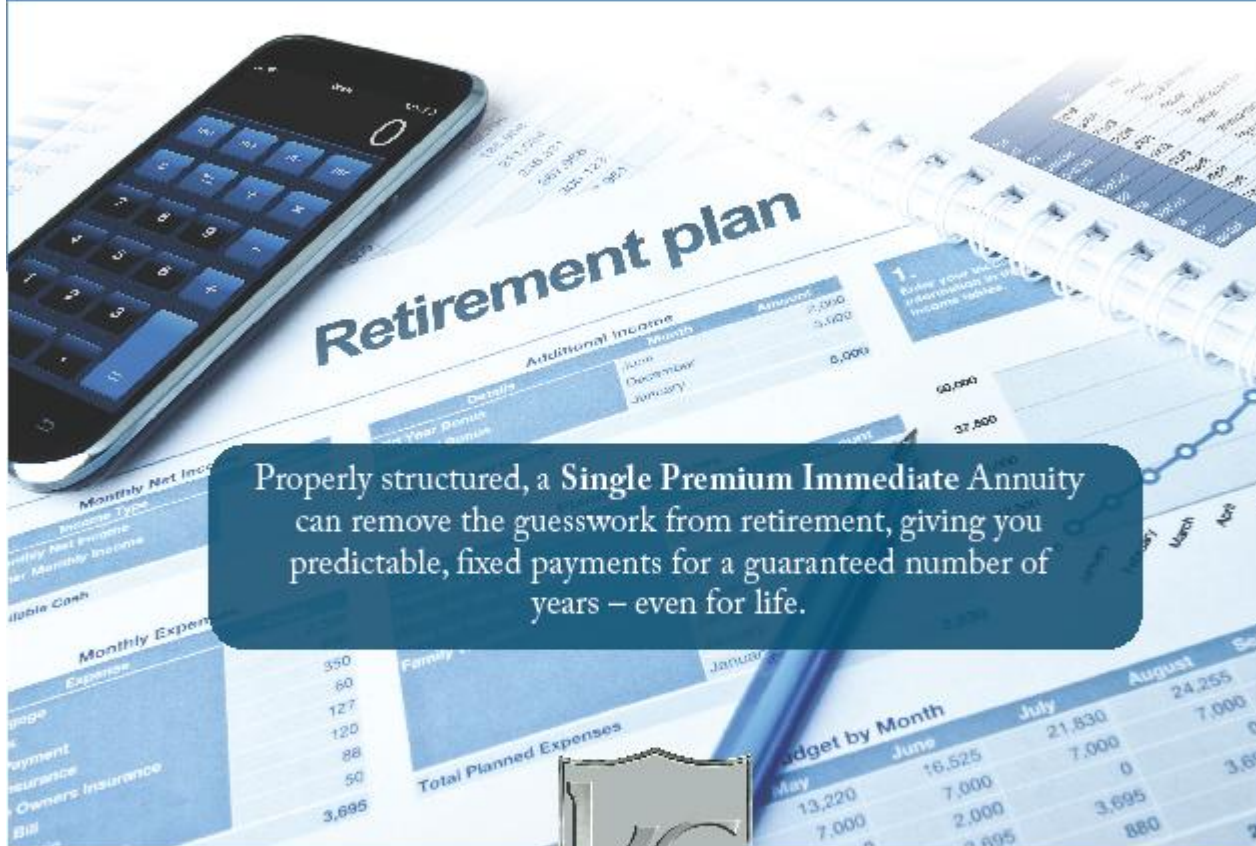
When telling a prospect about the strengths of the Order, don’t forget our greatest fraternal benefit: our insurance program. This is often a “selling point” to a potential member who is on the fence. Many members become Knights simply to be able to buy coverage to protect their family. Soon after, they realize the good our charitable works do for their community, and they are proud to be members.

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Vivat Jesus,
Pierre Zermatten, Field Agent

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