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Grand Knight's Letter



By Tim Rogers

GRAND KNIGHT CORNER

Not too many showers during April while our Council continued on a torrid pace toward the completion of our fraternal year in May and June. The Nominating Committee is discerning recommendations of council officers for the upcoming fraternal year which begins on July 1. The slate will be presented at the May meeting and elections at the June meeting. We took a brief breather after the six Fellowship Fridays finished but we must now get real focused on Baseball Mania, the Blood drive and the upcoming golf outing in late July, just to name a few.

Our council now numbers one hundred twenty two Knights and growing. Our goal is to finish this fraternal year in June at one hundred thirty. We need your help to be successful. All you have to do is just ask one of your Catholic buddies to join in on our journey. We continue to do a lot of good things and have a lot of fun at the same time. So let's make it happen!

KNIGHT OF MONTH MARCH 2010

This Knight stepped up in a huge way during Lent and helped take the Parish Fish Fry to a new level. He accepted a very large responsibility by assuming the role

of manpower coordinator, working with all the various parish ministries to staff the fish fry each Friday during Lent. It also required being responsible for set up, hosting and insuring our guests had an enjoyable experience. There was also a lot that went on behind the scenes making sure things came off as well as they did. **Bryan**, thank you for taking on this project and playing such a big part in another successful Lenten Fish Fry. Congratulations to **Bryan Gum** on a well deserved March Knight of the Month!

FAMILY OF THE MONTH MARCH 2010

This family is becoming well known among the Knights although already very well known in the parish. They were a major contributing family to the fish fry this year so we are very grateful for their energy and involvement, especially the night they recruited all the scouts to assist. They were a very nice and enjoyable group of kids. **Liz** is not only a full time mom but is one of St Raphael's finest Cantors at the Masses. **Bruce** has been a Knight almost a year and has really stepped up. He is our Council Director, a Shining Armor Award recipient and already a Fourth Degree Knight. Bruce is also very active in the parish and with the scouts. Let's all congratulate **Bruce and Liz Kleckler** as March Family of the Month!!

TWO SHINING ARMOR AWARDS IN APRIL

Bruce Kleckler and **Ted Schultz** met the requirements for **the Shining Armor Award** in April. To achieve this award during your first year you must:

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- Attend at least three business meetings
- Participate in at least three programs
- Meet with our field agent
- Achieve you Third Degree
- Recruit one new member

All first year Knights should strive to achieve this goal as Bruce and Ted. Congratulations men and thank you!

FIRST DEGREE TEAM HARD AT WORK

Our First Degree Team has been real busy lately bringing in a total of twenty-nine new Knights with Degrees at the following places:

- St Raphael March 23
- Our Lady of Good Counsel- Homer Glen April 15 and April 21

Two more are scheduled for Naperville Council 1369 and at Holy Spirit where they are forming a new council!

That will bring it to four councils in Naperville. Things are on fire at Holy Spirit with forty men signing up the first week end. Many Knights from our council were lending a helping hand to State New Council Development Director **Jim Russell**.

It appears we will have at least two more First Degrees in assisting forming the new council in Naperville. Your First Degree Team is comprised of:

Tom Casey- Council Captain and plays the Grand Knight, **Terry Fenelon**- Deputy Grand Knight, **Tim Rogers**- Chancellor, **Chris Prazak**-Warden, **John Lamb**- Financial Secretary, **Nick Tsigaris**- Inside Guard, **Andre Zavala**-Warden and Inside Guard and Music Man- **Mark Melsa**. These guys have been busy!!

STATE CONVENTION END OF THE MONTH

The State Convention will take place in **Peoria** this year the weekend of **April 30 to May 2** with over four hundred councils in the state. Our council will be represented by Grand Knight **Tim Rogers** and Delegate and Deputy Grand Knight **Tom Casey**. Several resolutions will be voted on, business sessions and awards. Our council has submitted two Programs of the Year nominations: Our Blood Drive and Breakfast with Santa...both programs very worthy selections! More to come in the next issue.

KC ACADEMY

The KC Academy is the educational arm of the Order sponsored by the Joliet Chapter. These sessions are devoted to council activities like programs, financial controls, and fundraising just to name a few. There was a session this past Saturday April 17 at St Irene's in Warrenville attended by **Rick Peabody** and **Tim Rogers** who are now financial wizards on Knight's business.

LUKE E. HART BOOKLETS

This a series of Catholic educational booklets published by the Knights of Columbus/Catholic Information Services. These are extremely well done covering a wide spectrum of subjects, thirty two in all. We have donated several to our parish to help support "Catholics Come Home" and our parishioners in General. You will find booklets at the new welcoming desk and in the library. These are excellent reading. We will be keeping a supply on hand.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Our newest First Degree members are:

Mark Senal	Sean Hagen
Dan Ryan	Bill Foye

Congratulations on achieving your first Degree and welcome to the Order. We look forward to getting to know you and working with you as you get involved with our council. Enjoy the journey!

Hearty congratulations to **Jerry Lietz** having achieved his Third Degree on March 28!

Will Jerry be our next Shining Armor? Rumor has it he is developing his first new prospect! Go for it Jerry and way to go on your Third!

COMMUNITY DIRECTOR'S CORNER

75th Street Has Never Been So Clean

We did it again. On Saturday, March 27, we had our first 2010 Highway Clean Up. The turnout was very strong with 27 volunteers. Nine were Knights, two were spouses of Knights, and 16 were teens from Boy Scout Troop 510 and the Lynch Confirmation Group. Our thanks to Pat and Sheila Lynch for doing all the busy work to have their Confirmation group help the Knights. In addition, Bruce Kleckler once again brought his scouts to assist. Thank goodness for all these folks who sacrificed their personal time to help clean up 75th street.

As Allen Ciesiel pointed out, along the pond, he found 11 balls: 8 tennis balls, 2 rubber balls, and 1 golf ball. He also came across a deer. Basically, it was just a rib cage and two hairy hooves. There is always something different to find during the cleanup. Now this is a man who focuses on his work. Allen thanks for sharing. It also appears that Corona was the number one beer bottle disposed of on 75th. Look out Bud Light and Miller Lite!

This first clean up, which is usually the most challenging, took 3 hours. Remember, it has been 4 months of thousands of passing cars tossing garbage out their windows.

Again thank you all for your support. We hope to see more Knights and their families on our next clean up scheduled for June 12.

Fling Into Spring with the Gift of Life

Yes it is that wonderful time of giving the gift of life at St. Raphael. Our first blood drive of the St. Raphael / Saints Peter and Paul Blood Drive is Saturday, June 5, from 7:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Be on the look for "Charlie Corpuscle" or one of his supporting Knights of Columbus. They will be looking for you after all

weekend masses on May 29 / 30 and May 22 / 23. Additionally, Charlie's Knight Supporters will be calling all 536 of you donors to see if you are willing to help those in our community who need your whole blood, platelets, red blood cells, or plasma. Please help those who need your support and say yes to Charlie or one of his helpers. Remember, it could be one of us or our family members who need blood some day. Trust me if it is me or a family member I surely would want you to give blood.

Our fellow Knights at Saints Peter and Paul exceeded their goal by having 197 units of blood donated during their March 2010 drive. It is wonderful to see all these tremendous increases in people donating the gift that keeps on giving.

Average donors over the past years have been about 90 at St. Raphael. At our last drive on December 19, 2009, we had 303 donors with 35 deferrals. Our goal was 225 units donated. That is a turnout of 338 potential donors. This was the largest number of donors on record since the blood drive originated in 1982! It is also a 236% increase over the 90 unit drives. Do you know what our goal is for this June drive? Wait and see in the May newsletter! Only you can make it happen.

We will be in need of Knights to help register donors after the May weekend masses. Additionally, Charlie Corpuscle needs his brothers to join him in uniform during these same weekends. Please contact Marty Mazurek if you feel so moved.

All the patients who lived because of your blood thank you from the bottom of their hearts. Thank you and God Bless.

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Brother Knights, Baseball has started but we must continue to sell those tickets!

The deadline June 7th!

Sell as many tickets as possible to your family, friends and co-workers. Don't forget to buy at least one yourself. When you need more tickets contact me at:

Home: 630-375-0551

Work: 773-823-3069

E-mail: glennodomovic@comcast.net

Thank you,

You're Brother Knight, Glenn

TEEN WORK CAMP FUNDRAISER

Are you aware that each summer St. Raphael's teens participate in a mission trip to various small communities to repair needy and elderly people's houses, clean their yards, paint, and many other chores? The Mission is fully chaperoned and through a little work, sweat and prayer, our teenagers get a worthwhile spiritual growth experience. Love Out Loud Mission Trip Garage Sale Fundraiser to be held Friday, May 21 from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM and Saturday, May 22 from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Dave and Linda Bedel's home on 471 Prairie Knoll Drive, Winding Creek Subdivision. This fundraiser will benefit the youth and adult volunteers who will attend the work camp in Rushville, IN this summer from June 13-19. Six of the youth involved are children of your fellow knights from the following families: Bedel, Bishop, Fonte, and Kleckler. Please come out and support the garage sale or bring your donations to the Bedel home on Friday, May 14 from 4-8 p.m. or Saturday, May 15 from 9-2 p.m. Thank you,

St. Raphael Work Campers/Knights Families

TEEN WORK CAMP DONATION

Every Knight realizes that charity is first and foremost in our brotherhood, and each year we look for programs where we can expand our charitable efforts by involving others, and sometimes you really get a chance to multiply the Knights charity with other parish organizations, so our charity is multiplied exponentially. This year, our officers and council decided to give the teenage work campers a donation of \$500. This donation combined with other parish organizations, individual parishioners, and other work camper fund raising efforts will go to co-fund a group of highly energetic St. Raphael parish teenagers and their chaperones to travel to Indiana June 13th through 19th help the elderly and some low income families that need home repairs, yard clean-up, painting and many other physical chores and acts of charity. The Catholic fellowship, the unity and common purpose that will be created in this parish teenage group will be blessed because they will be doing the Lord's work. Yes there will be some fun and some laughter but there will also be hard work, a little sweat, sleeping on floors and a few blisters...and lots of Charity! This work camp experience will hopefully develop a life-long interest and satisfaction for charity and other acts of kindness, and just think we had a small part in making this parish teenage activity happen. Oh by the way many of the chaperones are Knights and their Spouses (Bruce Kleckler, Linda Bedel, Diane Fonte and Eva Bishop and possibly others as we continue to welcome and recruit new members). We will be sure to get some action pictures for a future newsletter. Truly, this is another example of Knights and their families in action!

Norm Bishop
Membership Director

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NEW FIRST DEGREE KNIGHTS

Congratulations to Mark Senal and Dan Ryan on becoming First Degree Knights in our Council



2009 FAMILY OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Barb and Marty Mazurek on receiving the Council Family of the Year Award for 2009. Marty and Barb are continuously involved in the work of our Council and St Raphael's.



REACH MASS ENDS YEAR

Another beautiful Mass concluded the REACH year on Saturday, April 24th. Several Knights participated in an honor guard and were invited to a social with the REACH students, parents and volunteers. This is the biggest charity that the Council supports with proceeds from our Tootsie Roll Drive. The kids are beautiful and the parents so grateful for our support. It was very fulfilling to be in attendance. Below is a photo of the honor guard.



Flanking REACH Chaplain Fr Mark from left to right: Chris Prazak, John Lamb, Ray Myers, Terry Fenelon, Jim Russell, Norm Bishop, Dennis Kiraly and Tim Rogers

HONORS NIGHT

Saturday night April 24th was Honors Night and many of our members participated in support of our Grand Knight, Tim Rogers who was one of the ten Honorees. It was a special time for Tim and his wife Elaine to have such a cheering section when he received the coveted Victor Cardosi Award from the Joliet Chapter which is comprised of over fifty councils and ten thousand Knights. Our council gave Tim a photo of John Paul II and a statue of St Raphael! The event was held in Joliet at Council 382 with over two hundred in attendance. Below are some photos of Tim and Elaine and the group. It was an awesome celebration!

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Note from Your Editor— We really need Your Articles and Photos on Time. . Please send your pictures, news and articles to me by the 3rd Tuesday of each month! Thanks,

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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

I will be returning to IL on May 25th and the week prior to our departure will be a busy time because we need to close up the house before departing. In order for the May Newsletter to have a chance of getting out on time, I would appreciate everybody working hard to get me all articles and pictures by our normal deadline of the 3rd Tuesday of the Month which is May 18th. Thanks for your help. I am looking forward to seeing all of you in June and participating in the programs and events this summer and fall.

Ted Schultz

Please Pray For

As we go to the Lord and place these petitions before Him, let us do so with optimism, hope and faith.

Please remember in your prayers:

Bud Miller

Howard Prazak

Carrie Stanton

Tom Welsh

John Janus

Joy Houk

Catherine Henry

Rom Lamb

Karen Verendal

Mary Kay Kudulis

Florence Schumacher

Walburga Gagne

Justin Butterfield

Carol York

Don Clink

Frank Nalargo

Hope Allen

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Mark your calendar for the following dates!
More to come on future activities

State Convention	April 3 to May2, 2010
First Degree Sox Baseball	May 19, 2010
LOL Mission Tip Fund Raiser	May 21 and May 22, 2010
St. Raphael Blood Dr	June 5, 2010
Baseball Mania	Prior to Jun 7, 2010
Highway Cleanup	June 12, 2010
Kane County Cougar's Game	June 18, 2010
Annual golf Outing	July 24, 2010
Highway Cleanup	Sept 11, 2010

PRAYERS FOR A KNIGHT'S DAILY LIFE

There are some prayers that can become a part of a Knights Daily life, like Mass and the Rosary. They have been called the daily prayers. Instead of needing an Act of Contrition while in traffic consider an Act of Spiritual Communion:

1. Morning Offering

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer You my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of all our associates, and in particular for all the intentions of this month. (This is a good spot to insert the Holy Fathers monthly intention; yours or your family intention; and remember Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. I frequently pray for my children and grandchildren.) It's a really good way to start conduct and end your day.

2. Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I know You have already come. I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You.

3. Blessing before Meals

Bless us, O Lord, and these Your gifts, which we are about to receive from your bounty, through Christ our Lord. Amen

4. Grace after Meals

We give You thanks for all Your benefits, O Almighty God, Who live and reign forever. Amen. May the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

5. Evening Prayer

O my God, I adore You, and I love You with all my heart. I thank You for having created me, having saved me by your grace, and for having preserved me during this day. I pray the You will take for Yourself whatever good I might have done this day, and that You will forgive me whatever evil I might have done. Protect me this night, and may Your grace be with me always and with those I love.