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The Grand Knight's Corner



By Bruce Kleckler

Brothers,

As we are now 2 months into our new fraternal year, I am once again reflecting on the level of involvement we're seeing from the 194 current members of our council. Some of you have been very busy - Others, not so much. Last summer at our St Raphael 50th Anniversary Banquet, one of our brother knights introduced himself as possibly the least active knight in our council. I conceded that he was in the running, but he definitely has competition from several others.

As we recruit new members into our fraternity, we declare that we only ask for involvement in one event a year. I would call that an absolute minimum and most of us are at least living up to that commitment, but perhaps we could even do more. I am reminded of this bit of encouragement, which I've seen from a couple of different sources, one of them the Knights Supreme website.

All we ask is 24 hours a year! Here's an illustration of just how little time it takes to be an active part of

The Knights of Columbus- a 24 hours per year Knight:

- 12 Hours a year reading the weekly parish bulletin, the state and local council newsletters, Columbia magazine or surfing the state council websites
- 2 Hours a year volunteering at a council charity activity
- 2 Hours a year attending council religious activities with your family
- 2 Hours a year on a council-sponsored Church, community, council family or youth project of your choosing
- 2 Hours a year attending one council meeting
- 4 Hours a year enjoying (with your family) a council social function such as a dinner, dance, picnic, baseball game, etc.

Still think you are too busy? Can we start with the one event per year as a minimum, but work toward the 24 Hour Knight as a goal? Can we do it?

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Deputy Grand Knight's Corner



By Chris Prazak

Knights of Columbus Charity Golf Outing August 17

The weather was perfect for the Knights of Columbus charitable Golf Outing on August 17, 2013. The event was very successful for Elizabeth Seton and St. Raphael Councils, as well as the Ladies Auxiliary. Many of our local charity programs will benefit from the funds raised from this great activity. The net revenue from the event was \$8,489 to be split between the two councils and used for charitable purposes that each council deems appropriate. We deeply appreciate the support of all our sponsors, their kind donations, and the golfers that participated in this fundraiser for charity. We hope everyone enjoyed the day and will return to join us at next year's Knights Golf Outing. Thank you all for your generous support!

Intellectual Disabilities Drive

By Norm Bishop

September is the month of the intellectual Disabilities Drive and we also kick-off so many activities with the return of our children and grandchildren to school. It is month when we reconnect ourselves to volunteerism and charitable works. Father Michael McGivney showed us that our collective actions when doing good works, we could make a difference. There are prayers that we say throughout our day during quiet

reflection. However, when we also have opportunities to volunteer and we can dedicate our efforts and actions into prayers of action. Our good works can be prayers of action when we dedicate the activity to Jesus or seek the strength of a saint or quietly pray the rosary during the activity. We are confronted with so many things in our lives, work pressure, job loss, family pressures, financial pressures, sickness, emotional stress...the list is so long...Getting out and just doing for others can be a prayer of action.

Our "store fronts" portion of the drive was completed this past weekend from Friday, September 6th to Sunday, September 8th and \$10,300 was collected but our target is \$25,000

This coming weekend we cover the "street corners" and we need a strong effort to reach our target.

Remember talk to the Catholic Gentleman next to you in church and invite them to be a member of the Knights of Columbus. We can always use more helping hands.



Sara and Rick Przybylaski

Corporate Communion

By Lee Handwerker

Knights Family Mass Corporate Communion

You're invited!!!

Our next quarterly Knights Family Mass Corporate Communion will be on Sunday September 15 at the 10:45 am Mass at St. Raphael.

All are welcome to attend--including your wife, children, and grandchildren.

A special section to the right of the Altar will be reserved for us so that all of us may sit together.

This is a great way to show the unity and brotherhood of our St. Raphael Council as we worship together at Sunday Mass. It may also encourage others to join our Council.

Since this is also Donut Sunday, we will meet in the gym for Donut Sunday after Mass.

Don't forget to wear your K of C shirt and membership pin. If you are a Sir Knight, wear your regalia. Sir Knights will meet in the bride's room to prepare prior to Mass.

Highway Clean Up

By Alan Francis

The third Highway Clean Up session for 2013 will be held on Saturday morning, September 28th.

The participants clean both sides of 75th Street between Gartner and Olympus.

If we can get a good solid effort of about twelve people, the project should be completed in about an hour and a half. We gather up about a half dozen black garbage bags of trash

Since we clean the roadside regularly it is in very good shape at this point after about four years of our K of C community service efforts.

Come join us for this very worthy project. We will have some more Pick Up Sticks for this session in September and we hope to have a good turn out to make the project easier and faster.

Celebrate Life Concert

By Dan Gallagher

Dear Knights --

Promoting a culture of Life is a priority for us. But how can we do this?

Mark your calendars for the Celebrate Life with Gavin Coyle on Respect Life Sunday October 6th at 3:30 pm at St. Raphael's Church.

In his homily, Fr. Jason mentioned a need to develop our faith and deepen it by taking concrete actions. We can't just cheer from the stands -- we need to play in the game.

Anne Hillebrand, our St. Raphael Service Ministry Director, is working on bulletin and other announcements within our parish, and will be forwarding the flyer to other parishes.

Tim Rogers, our District Deputy, will be distributing the flyer to other Knights of Columbus councils.

Gavin Coyle is gearing up to perform an enjoyable and uplifting concert.

Kelly Gorsky is excited to speak to us about the work that she and her staff are doing at Waterleaf.

Let's support Kelly!

Each of us can make a contribution.

Please make plans to attend!

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Insurance Rep Update

By Frank Kerkemeyer

Raising Awareness About Life Insurance

Each September since 2003 has been designated as Life Insurance Awareness Month. Like most awareness-raising campaigns, Life Insurance Awareness Month was created because there is an overwhelming lack of understanding of the product among the general public. Each year, the Life Insurance Market Research Association puts out the results from a recent survey, and unfortunately, the numbers they report continue to be discouraging.

A recent survey found that 76 percent of people polled did not have a personal financial advisor. Sixty-eight percent of that same survey group said their opinion of the current economic conditions was somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable.

In other words, a majority of those surveyed were uncomfortable with the economy and the uncertainty it brings; yet they did not seek professional assistance. Maybe they spoke with their friends and family. Maybe they hoped the instability would go away. Maybe they did not know to whom to turn.

If you fall into this category, please remember that as a member of the Knights of Columbus, you have a full-time, professional agent you can call your own. My primary responsibility is the care and service of your family's life insurance, retirement and long-term care needs. I'll answer your questions because I want your decisions to be informed ones. I want to help.

Another LIMRA statistic said 43 percent of people did not buy life insurance because they worry about "making the wrong decision." Talk with your agent,

and, afterwards, you'll understand that the only wrong decision was not purchasing sooner to protect your family's future.

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Labor Day Parade

By Ted Schultz

It was a great day for a parade and this year, as is case every year the Knights of Columbus and the Sir Knights from our Assembly and around the area took great pride in participating in the Naperville Labor Day Parade. This year's the turnout was fantastic as evidenced by the photos taken below.



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Following the Parade, our Council hosted a picnic for the Knights and their families at the VFW.



Note from Your Editor--- We really need Your Articles and Photos on Time. .

Please send your pictures, news and articles to me by the 4th Monday of each month!

Thanks,

Ted Schultz

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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 prayer:

July and August Good of the Order was performed verbally so no listing of names are provided in the Newsletter.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mark your calendar for the following dates!

More to come on future activities


Intellectual Disabilities Drive-street corners	September 13-14, 2013
Corporate communion Mass 10:45 AM Mass	September 15, 2013
Respect Life Concert-Gavin Coyle	October 6, 2013
Blood Drive-St. Raphael's	December 15, 2013
Corporate Communion Mass 9:00 AM Mass	January 12, 2014
Corporate Communion Mass 10:45 AM Mass	April 6, 2014

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