



Knighly News

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#14171



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The Grand Knight's Corner



By Bruce Kleckler

Brothers,

As most of you realize, this is a very busy council, and of course is part of an even busier organization. Every time I start to think we've got a slow period ahead, something new comes up. But as many things as our council does, as many programs as we participate in, as Grand Knight, I get information in the mail every week from the State and Supreme councils about programs we do not regularly participate in. There are programs such as Food for Families, Habitat for Humanity, and the Global Wheelchair Mission, which we don't really participate in, or participate on a very limited basis, but are considered "Featured" programs by the Supreme council. I get letters encouraging us to hold more membership campaigns, organize more programs for vocations support and pro-life initiatives, start a Columbian Squires program, and even participate in more fraternal events such as bowling, softball, bag toss tournaments, etc.

Obviously we can't do it all, but there are probably more things we *could* be doing. At mass this past weekend, we put out a plea for more members to

join us. In that plea, we emphasized that all we ask is for each member to participate in at least one program a year. Maybe that program is not even one that we are currently organizing or participating in. Maybe you, Brother Knight, have an idea or an interest in doing something that our council currently isn't doing. If so, I would welcome your input. I would enjoy hearing from you, and would likely be willing to help you promote your idea and get your program off the ground. All you really need is an idea, a plan, and a willingness to take the ball and run with it. I am sure that with a council of 186 members and growing, we could supply the manpower to make it happen.

Vivat Jesus!

Deputy Grand Knight's Corner



By Chris Prazak

St. Raphael Knight Honored

On Saturday April 20, 2013, the Joliet Chapter of the Knights of Columbus honored Brother Sir Knight Norm Bishop with the Victor Cardosi Award. Norm

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was one of ten Knights honored from the Joliet Diocese class of 2013, which also included 4 more members from our Romeo Blanchette Assembly #3044. Twenty-four friends representing council #14171 attended the Awards Banquet in support of Brother Norm receiving this well deserved honor, for all his dedicated service to the advancement of our Order. Mr. Bishop wears many hats, as a husband, father, and business professional and still takes on a huge load for the Knights of Columbus. Norm is our Membership Director, our Intellectual Disabilities Tootsie Roll Drive Chairman, and the beloved "Jolly Old Elf "at Breakfast With Santa, just to name a few. Norm continues to promote the rewards and benefits of being a Brother Knight, and truly leads by example through charity and compassion for others in need. Congratulations to Norm, and thank you to Eva, and Alexi Bishop for their total family involvement in helping to make our St. Raphael Council one of the best in the state!



Photo of Norm Bishop with his family receiving the Victor Cardosi Award

Membership Director

By Norm Bishop

Membership Information

One of the many benefits of being a member of the Knights of Columbus is having access to a great world accessible website with so many cool things to help us as men, fathers, grandfathers and Catholic gentlemen. Did you know that our Supreme Website has some excellent information about our Catholic Faith? It's called Catholic Information Services (CIS), and CIS booklets and training are available on-line at "www.kofc.org/un/en/cis/index.html". What is really great is that CIS pamphlets can be downloaded for free. In fact one pamphlet offered has all of the common Catholic prayers. Every time I visit the Supreme website (www.kofc.org), I always discover something new. In this year of evangelism, this is a good way to refresh us and to pray with our children and grand children. Family prayer is a powerful way to begin meals or an activity. Take a look!

Remember to ask a friend or family member or the fellow next to you at church to consider joining the Knights of Columbus. As always please don't hesitate to send me an email (nbishop@knightpiesold.com) or call me ([303-475-0608](tel:303-475-0608)), if you want me to assist with a prospective member, or if you have a question.

Membership Drive Results

During the month of April, the council completed a Membership Blitz with announcements at all Masses in the month and notices in the Bulletin. The Drive ended on April 21, 2013.

As the conclusion of the Masses on April 21st, at

the membership table after masses, we received five Form 100s. Unfortunately during my follow-up phone conversations with these men this evening, one of them told me he is not Catholic, so we're down to four. One of these four will be a transfer from another council, and three will be new members welcomed at our First Degree ceremony tomorrow evening.

At our First Degree on initiation on April 23rd, we welcomed Cyrus Perez and Rob Brunetti into our council. In addition, this past week I submitted a Form 100 for Justin Thomas who is transferring into our council from Holy Spirit. So we welcome 3 new members this month from the membership drive.

Supporting Pro Life...

By Dan Gallagher

Hi All! We have three pro-life events planned:

- 1) Tuesday May 14th at 7:00pm – Talk by Kelly Gorsky of Waterleaf Women’s Center!
 - 2) Sunday October 6th at 4:00pm – “Celebrate Life Concert” with Gavin Coyle!
 - 3) All weekends in October – “Respect Life Baby Shower” for Respect Life Month!
- 1) On Tuesday May 14th at 7:00pm, Kelly Gorsky will speak to us about Waterleaf Women’s Center! Kelly is the Executive Director, and she will share her perspective on the life-saving and life-affirming work being done there – work which our St. Raphael Knights of Columbus council has been instrumental in supporting.

Kelly’s talk will take place in the DeLaSalle room, a half-hour before our regularly scheduled Tuesday business meeting. If you can do it, please plan to arrive by 6:50 or so.

Other parish groups will also be invited to hear Kelly’s presentation on May 14th. Therefore, it will be “family hold back” on seating – please be ready to give up your seat to any non-Knight guests. When Kelly concludes at 7:30, we will hold our regular meeting. Again, please try to arrive on Tuesday May 14th by 6:50.

2) On Sunday October 6th at 4:00pm in the church, Gavin Coyle will perform a concert!

The Bears play at noon that day.

Many of you remember Gavin from the fundraiser for the ultrasound machine. It was Brother Ian Wylie’s idea to ask him again. Gavin is a phenomenal singer, and the people of St. Raphael and throughout the area love him! About 800 people came to see him at a recent St. Patrick's Day concert at St. Raphael. Gavin is a humble and wonderful person, who is excited to make this huge contribution in our efforts to promote a culture of life.

We will have lots of publicity leading up to this concert, with announcements at all of the masses on October 5th and 6th. This concert is sure to be a beautiful and uplifting event.

3) On all of the 4 weekends in October, which is “Respect Life Month”, we will have a “Respect Life Baby Shower”.

We will have a display in the narthex with a crib, signs, and literature. People will be asked to donate specific items that support women both during and after their pregnancy. I believe that the Holy Spirit will be with us and that people will be very generous.

Just one other note:

If you would like to receive a weekly email from lifenews.com, you can visit <http://www.listcast.com/x?oid=209460> and simply enter your email address.

Highway Clean Up

By Alan Francis

St Raphael Knight's of Columbus Council 14171 had the first Highway Clean Up project for 2013 on Saturday April 27th. We had a great turnout of Knights and about a dozen Cub Scouts along with some of their Fathers and our group was approximately 25 participants strong. With the big turn out, we were able to split into four groups and cover both sides of 75th Street at the same time. The volume of trash was above average since there had not been any roadside clean ups since last Fall. We collected 10-12 bags of trash and we were able to complete the project in an hour and 15 minutes overall which is a very good pace. Having the extra workers and the Cub Scouts made a huge difference allowing us to get the job done smoothly and quickly.

Special Olympics

By Ted Schultz

The Special Olympics Track and Field event was scheduled to take place at North Central College on April 21st has been postponed until April 28th due to the flooding. Joe Hlava coordinated the event.

We had at least ten volunteers at the Special Olympics Track and Field event on Sunday the 28th, at Hinsdale South High School. Below is a photo of the group of volunteers. You notice we still had cloudy and rainy weather for the event.



Sox Game to Benefit Special Olympics...

The Knights of Columbus Night at the Sox Game Wednesday is June 26th at 7:05 when the Sox play the Mets. Tickets are \$14.00 and Special Olympics gets \$4.00 for every ticket we purchase. The deadline to order tickets is Tuesday, May 14th, the day of our council meeting. Glenn Domovic will order our tickets on May 15th. You can see Glenn at the meeting or contact him at glennodomovic@comcast.net to order a ticket. Let's make this a fun event while at the same time helping the Special Olympics.

Important Upcoming Events

Blood Drive

By Ted Schultz

The semi-annual Blood Drive is fast approaching. The date for the drive is Saturday, June 15, 2013 at St Raphael's. Please mark your calendars to not only donating the gift of life but by helping your fellow Knights on the day of the drive. Jeff Craney is the chair for the event and volunteers are needed. Please contact Jeff at (815) 715-2340 or thomasjcraney@aol.com if you would like to volunteer. See you on the 15th!

Intellectual Disabilities (Tootsie Roll) Drive

By Norm Bishop

This year the Intellectual Disabilities (Tootsie Roll) Drive is planned as follows:

September 6, 7 and 8, 2013 are store front weekend and church drive weekend.

September 13 & 14, 2013 is street drive weekend.

We have begun our planning and will provide more details as these dates approach. Thanks for your support with this fundraiser, and as you know we support so many worthwhile programs and activities with money raised. So mark these weekends on your calendar.

One very shrewd parish lady asked me if we get a financial incentive from the dental services that

result from the tootsie roll campaign, I replied no, but it could enhance our Corporate donations and sponsorship...Seriously, mark the dates on your calendars as this fund raiser always kicks off our fraternal year's Charitable works! Bruce, perhaps we need to recruit some prospective members who are dentists.

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:

April Good of the Order:

Justin Feydasz	Carroll Treacy
Marvin Dverstock	Bob Pieranunzi
Mary Kay Kudulis	Anne Hillenbrand
Leona Obrugewitsch	Joe Hlava
Art Schoembs	Phil Kapela
Maureen Milano	Sam DiGiovanni
Barb DiGiovanni	Perry DiGiovanni

March Good of the Order:

Gail Grauer	Paul Nistler
Maria Karl	Sam DiGiovanni
Barb DiGiovanni	Paul Isherwood
Joe Hlava	Maureen Milano
Ron Mazurek	Dave Gotowko
Adam S	

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

May Officers and Directors meeting	May 1, 2013
State Convention-Lombard, IL	May 3-5, 2013
May Assembly meeting	May 8, 2013
May Business meeting	May 14, 2013
Special Olympics-Bowling tournament	June 2, 2013
Corporate communion Mass	June 9, 2013
Blood Drive-St. Raphael's	June 15, 2013
White Sox Knights of Columbus game	June 26, 2013
Installation of Officers-Holy Spirit	June 29, 2013
Council Golf Outing-Carillon	August 17, 2013
Labor Day Parade/Last Fling	September 1-2, 2013
Intellectual Disabilities Drive-store fronts	September 6-8, 2013
Intellectual Disabilities Drive-street corners	September 13-14, 2013
Corporate communion Mass	September 15, 2013
Blood Drive-St. Raphael's	December 15, 2013

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