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The Grand Knight's Corner



By Tom Casey

Greetings Brothers;

As we approach the middle of the calendar year, we also approach the end of our Fraternal Year. We are busy putting the finishing touches on what has been a year filled with great events, programs, changes, and honors. However, we are also looking ahead to the next Fraternal Year (2012-2013) and planning programs and finances for the coming year. Our Council is strong and on a sound footing. Our membership has grown this year to 175 brothers as of May 31. We began the year with slightly over 150 brothers. This put us into a new Class (Class AA) together with some very populous Councils. I am sure we will do well in the future.

Our Elections of Officers for the coming Fraternal Year took place at our June Business Meeting on June 12. The new Officers and Directors will take over, officially, on July 1. The Nominating Committee has approved a slate that was presented to the Council by e-mail in early May. The slate was unanimously approved at the June 12th meeting. Below are our newly elected officers- please welcome them:

- Grand Knight.....Bruce Kleckler
- Deputy Grand Knight.....Chris Prazak
- Chancellor.....Dave Gotowko

- Warden.....Andre Zavala
- Secretary.....Dan Schwartz
- Financial Secretary.....Dave Bedel
- Treasurer.....Dennis Kiraly
- Advocate.....Mike Manly
- Guard.....Jim Williamson
- Guard.....Mike Davis
- 3 Year Trustee.....Tom Casey

May was a busy month in the Knight's world, beginning the month with the State Convention and ending with the Memorial Day Parade.

The Council was honored at the Convention for having won not only the 1st Quarter Membership growth Award, and, the 2nd Quarter Membership growth Award, but also achieving an award for attaining 100% of our annual membership quota in the 3rd Quarter. We also finished in 2nd place for the 1st Annual State Deputy's Award.

During May, we also were deeply involved in the 50 Hours Devotion which took place at mid-month. We covered the hours from Midnight to 6AM on Wednesday and Thursday evenings (at least 2 Knights each hour). On Friday morning Mass, we provided an Honor Guard at the Mass as well as in the procession around the building. In addition, we had Knights carrying the Canopy. Thank you and Congratulations on a job well done go out to Brother Carl Ritzel and Brother Chris Prazak.

On the 24th of May, the Council was well represented at US Cellular as we watched the Sox beat up on the Twins.

A good time was had by all from the pre-game festivities at Bacardi in the Park to the Pace Bus ride back home! Already looking forward to the next Baseball Outing! A “thank you” to Glenn Domovic for orchestrating the event.



The Memorial Day Parade, coordinated by Elizabeth Seton, was held on Memorial Day weekend. We had a goodly number of Knights and families in attendance. The weather cooperated somewhat as it did not rain. However, it was a tad bit warm!

Below are some photos of our Sir Knights in the Parade:



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At our scheduled 1st Degree held on May 22nd, we brought 2 more new Knights into our Council. These 2 gentlemen, Jeff Mikula and Oscar Hernandez, brought us up to 200% of our membership goal for the Fraternal Year. Way to go, guys.

On June 2, 2012, the Council held a Mass for Deceased Knights at which the 5 deceased members of our Council were honored in a very moving ceremony after the Homily. Fr. Dindo, Council Chaplain, gave a wonderful Homily and did a terrific job at the Mass. We also, at the same service, honored Naperville's First Responders (Police, Fire, and Emergency Response Personnel. The event was coordinated by Lee Handwerker, assisted by Frank Kerkemeyer. Wonderful job, guys!

Below are some photos of the Mass for the Deceased Knights:





Later that same morning some of the Sir Knights changed from a tux and regalia to work clothes and joined other brother Knights for the Highway Clean-up, Our clean-up crew got busy and patrolled 75th Street from Olympus to Gartner. In fact, you can still see the bags of refuse collected from the sides of the road as the County has not picked them up yet. This is a great activity for the family, couples, etc. and it helps keep our streets free of debris. Thanks go out to Rick Peabody and his assistants (Alan Francis and Al Ciesiel) for their tireless efforts in this important program. Also, many thanks to the Knights the worked to get the job done.

Below are some photos of the work crew:



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News from the Cathy Darin Crusaders Ladies Auxiliary

Our newly formed Ladies Auxiliary, the Cathy Darin Crusaders, has been getting organized and is participating in a fund raising event. The Auxiliary will be selling baked goods, ice cream and assorted goodies at the Thursday evening Naperville Municipal Band Concert in Central Park on July 19, 2012 beginning at 7:00 PM.

The concert that evening will be a performance by the Naperville Municipal Band Jazz Band. This is always a lively concert with great music so come out and join us. All monies collected will support local organizations that assist women and children.

We are in need of baked goods; cookies, pies, etc. to sell. If you can help us by baking, please contact Angela Short at 630-904-4093. All baked good should be delivered to Angela on Wednesday, July 18th or Thursday July 19th by 3:00 PM. Angela's address is 3148 Avira Court, Naperville.

The Knights Ladies Auxiliary is a separate organization from the men's Knights but with a common goal of charity and assisting others in need. Membership is open to ALL ladies who are over 18 and are Christian. There is NO requirement to be related to a Knight.

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Meetings are held the 1st Thursday of each month in a meeting room at St Raphael's at 7:30 PM.

(However the July meeting will be held on Tuesday July 24th at the Park Pavilion below the Naperville VFW Post with a social to follow at the VFW with the men).

The May meeting included a presentation about the various volunteer opportunities/organizations that are available for the auxiliary. The June meeting included a presentation about Hased House and the help that is needed at their facility and also a presentation about a new organization called "A Special Place". This organization is just getting started and its goal is to enrich and enhance the lives of young adults with special needs.

Please consider joining the Auxiliary! E-mail Susan Lietz for more information at shalver0215@aol.com.

The Cathy Darin Crusaders officers for the current year are:

President:	Susan Lietz
Vice President:	Beverly Mellars-Craney
Secretary:	Allyson Zavala
Treasurer:	Eva Bishop

Trustees:	JoAnn Casey
	Ann Marie Susa
	Kim Lamb

Greeters:	Suzanne Williamson
	Julie Schremser

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Deputy Grand Knight's Corner



By Bruce Kleckler

Knights of Columbus Sets New Records for Charitable Giving

The Knights of Columbus set new all-time records for charitable donations and volunteer service hours in 2011, according to Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, who released the results of the Order's Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity in a presentation to state deputies June 10. The results of the survey indicate that total charitable contributions reached more than \$158 million — exceeding the previous year's total by approximately \$3.4 million. Volunteer service hours to charitable causes grew to more than 70 million hours. Congratulations Brothers! Keep up the great work!



Vocations Support Program



This year in Illinois, we have 203 men who have aspirations of serving the Lord as one of His Priests. But often expenses such as medical bills and automobile maintenance bills put a burden on some of these men. They worry about how these bills will be paid. This is how we, as Knights of Columbus, come to the rescue. Not only are we to support these men with our prayers and our moral support, but we must support them financially as well.

The Illinois State Council K of C Charities is conducting a fund raising raffle for the benefit of the Illinois Vocations Support Program. Tickets are \$1 each. Our council has been given 50 books of tickets (20 tickets per book) that

we are asked to buy or sell. Please contact Brother Bruce Kleckler for a book of tickets.

Catching Up on Older News

Back on April 24th and just missing the deadline for the March-April Newsletter, the Council held a Board Game/Uno Night in the DeLaSalle Room of the church for Knights, wives and friends. Thanks to Chuck Burk Burkart for organizing the events. Below is a photo of some of the participants having a great time.



Insurance Field Agent Update



By Frank Kerkemeyer

Four parts of retirement: Phase four

Okay, if you've been following along in my articles, you've read about the first phases that lead to retirement. Protection and accumulation of savings are the first time, followed by de-accumulation of those funds while making them last.

The final phase is care. At some point, at some age (hopefully a very advanced age); you will need to slow

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down. You will no longer be able to care for yourself. At that point, you will need to have assets available to provide much needed care, either at home or in a care facility.

As you probably know, the cost of care continues to rise. I cannot quote you a number here (I could give you specific details in a face-to-face meeting), but the nationwide average grows by leaps and bounds. How do you plan to cover these costs? Government programs might not be available, or might require you to spend down your assets leaving your family with little.

The best way to handle the cost of care in the future is to plan ahead today. The Knights of Columbus offers long-term care insurance that can cover at home or facility care costs. And our product is backed by the financial strength of the Order. It has many benefits and our premiums are competitive with any other company.

The Knights of Columbus – the organization you trust – is in a position to help you with every phase. Life insurance, disability insurance, guaranteed retirement plans that turn into guaranteed income streams when you retire, and long term care. There is no reason to go elsewhere as you prepare for the four phases!

Contact me today to schedule a meeting.

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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,

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:

(From the April and May 2012 Good of the Order)

April:

Mary Kay KKudulis	Dawn Groves
Lauren Dazey	Bob Hanks
Kate Sunderbruch	John Lamb
Robert Brown	Pat Hlava

May:

Robert Karl	Marian Johnson
Mary Kay Kudulis	Amber Burns
Charlotte Burns	Sandi Schulz
Jack Lefevour	Hazel Klein
Dawn Groves	Liz Susa
Florence Doughnut	Joseph Doughnut
Karen Di Tomas so	Susan Leets
Pat Hlava	

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mark your calendar for the following dates!

More to come on future activities

Blood Drive	June 16, 2012
Assembly Initiation of Officers and Dinner	June 16, 2012
Council Initiation of Officers (Sts Peter & Paul)	June 23, 2012
Parish 505h Anniversary-Knights in Parade	June 30, 2012
Parish Picnic	July 1, 2012

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Mass for Veterans (at Holy Spirit) (see flyer below)	July 4, 2012
Golf Outing (St Raphael/Elizabeth Seton) at Carillon Golf Club	August 25, 2012
Intellectual Disabilities Drive (store fronts)	September 7-9, 2012
Intellectual Disabilities Drive (street corners)	September 14-16, 2011

Honoring All Service-Men and Women

ACTIVE OR RETIRED, ALL ARE WELCOME

On Independence Day, July 4th, 2012, there will be an Independence Day Mass celebrating the birth of our Nation and immediately following the Mass will be a salute to our Veterans.

Holy Spirit Knights of Columbus Council 15037 invites all veterans who have served and those who are still serving, to join us in this celebration. If you know a veteran, tell that veteran of this first time event. If you are a veteran and are a member of a service organization, please inform your organization. If you belong to the Purple Heart, PVA or DVA, please spread the word.

Bring your spouses and family. You will sit with your service organization while your spouse and family sit to the sides. Wear your uniform (if it still fits), your service ribbons, your rank or your service caps.

The most important item to bring is "yourself". Reservations are not required and there is no admission fee.

This 2nd Annual Mass will begin at 8:00 a.m. on July 4th, 2012

At Holy Spirit Catholic Community.

Let us celebrate this day with a truly spiritual and unique gathering.

All are Welcome.

Holy Spirit 15037

Holy Spirit Catholic Community

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