



Knighly News

St. Raphael Council

#14171



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The Grand Knight's Corner



By Bruce Kleckler

Well, another year is in the books and another year has begun. Once again this past year (2012-2013) we managed to achieve 'Star Council' which puts us in the top 10 percent of councils worldwide. We achieved 133% of our membership goal, and 150% of our insurance goal. High fives and sticky buns for all! Let's do it again in 2013-2014!

Once again, I am honored and humbled to be elected Grand Knight for another year. As I said last year at this time, I will try my best not to let you down. As I also said last year and multiple times throughout the year, with lots of guys looking for ways they can help out, and with the group that we have, I truly believe that my job is easier than at least 90% of the other Grand Knights in the world. You have my deepest appreciation for all that you do. Vivat Jesus!

Below are the new officers for the 2013 to 2014 year:

Grand Knight	Bruce Klecker
Deputy Grand Knight	Chris Prazak
Chancellor	Mike Manly
Warden	Dan Schwartz

Financial Secretary	Dave Bedel
Treasurer	Dan Ryan
Advocate	John Lamb
Recorder	Allan Francis
Inside Guard	Mike Davis
Outside Guard	Tony Pieranunzi
Lecturer	TBD
3 Year Trustee	Tom Casey
2 Year Trustee	Tim Rogers
1 Year Trustee	Paul Susa
Chaplain	TBD

Officers from the following Councils were installed on July 6th.

1369	Naperville
10025	St. Elizabeth Seton
12005	Robert H. Weaver
14171	St. Raphael
15037	Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit hosted the installation and the dinner. Below are photos from the installation.



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Mike, and help us to raise more money this year than ever before.

As always, thanks for all you do.

Deputy Grand Knight's Corner



By Chris Prazak

Knights of Columbus Charity Golf Outing August 17

St. Raphael Knights of Columbus Council #14171 working together with St. Elizabeth Seton Council #10025, will host our Annual Golf Outing on Saturday August 17, 2013 at the Carillon Golf Club in Plainfield, IL. This charitable event is open to all golfers and is scheduled to start with Lunch at 11:30AM, and Golf at 12:30PM. At the conclusion of a nice round of golf Drinks & Dinner will follow, and Prizes will be awarded. Auctions & Raffles will be offered to help support many of the Knight's favorite local Charitable Organizations. Golf & Dinner fee is \$100 per golfer, or Dinner only fee is \$30 each, so put your Foursome together and sign-up today for this great charitable event! For more information please contact our Golf Committee Chairman, Bill Niemiec at [630-842-9362](tel:630-842-9362), or at niemiecs@ymail.com

Knights Business Meeting at VFW Tuesday July 16

As in years past our St. Raphael Council #14171 July Business Meeting will be held at the Judd Kendall Post #3873 VFW at 908 Jackson Ave. in Naperville. We will meet this Tuesday 7/16/13 at 7PM for a short Business Meeting, and a social gathering to follow. We hope to see all the Brother Knights at



As we start another year, of course our first meeting once again will be at the VFW in July. We'll start at 7:00 and the meeting will be very short, discussing only the most critical topics, and then get quickly to the highlight of the evening, our traditional July family cookout. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

In August we should be busy selling Football Mania! Tickets once again, as we have done the past 6 years. This is always a great fundraiser for our council, and hopefully we can do even better this year, with 19 new Knights added to our membership since last year at this time.

In September (as always) we'll have our ID (Tootsie Roll) Drive, and our goal this year will be to exceed the \$24,000 we collected last year. We've got a couple new locations this year, and we're looking for a couple new captains. Please talk to Norm or

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the outing!

Fourth Degree Report

By Chris Prazak

The Naperville Memorial Day Parade stepped off at 10:30AM on Monday May 27, 2013 and was well attended by both parade marchers, as well as parade viewers throughout the downtown parade route. The weather this year was cool and cloudy, as the light rain quit just before we all gathered together at the Centennial Beach staging area. The day was very comfortable in comparison to last year's very hot temperatures! St. Elizabeth Seton Council #10025 hosted this parade for the Knights, and Brothers Alan Francis, Joe Hlava, and Nick Tsigaras represented our Council in the Color Guard, while Commander Terry Fenelon led our Sir Knights. Brothers Jim Russell, and Tom Casey provided their Cars for those that couldn't march in the parade, and Brother Frank Kerkemeyer sported his new Regalia in his 1st Honor Guard! The Knights of Columbus Patriotic Degree was very visible to Naperville as our Color Guard led over 20 Sir Knights in Regalia through the streets of our city. The crowds of people watching the parades in our city are always very receptive to the Knights of Columbus. They applaud respectfully as we approach them along the parade route, as if to say thanks for the good works our Order provides to their parishes and community. This is a very humbling experience as a Knight, especially in the Memorial Day Parade, honoring our Veterans that fought for our Country, and gave the ultimate sacrifice for our Freedom.

The St. Raphael 50TH Anniversary Mass was held on Sunday June 30, 2013 with Bishop Conlon presiding at 12:15PM. Our Honor Guard of 18 Sir Knights

participated in the historic Mass, which included several of our past Pastors, and Associate Priests, and Laity as well as many former parishioners. The choir was beautiful and was infused with Sir Knights, Grand Knight Bruce Kleckler, and Jerry Lietz. Commander Terry Fenelon led us, and we also had support from our Bishop Romeo Blanchette Assembly #3044 Brothers to fill out our Honor Guard. I'd like to thank our Council #14171 Sir Knights' Dave Bedel, Glenn Domovic, Terry Fenelon, Alan Francis, (R.J.) Robert Hanson, Frank Kerkemeyer, John Lamb, Rick Peabody, Chris Prazak, Tim Rogers, Jim Russell, Ted Shultz for their continued service to the visible arm of the Order.

On the 4th of July each year, the Holy Spirit Catholic Community hosts an Annual Mass & Veterans Ceremony that honors our service men & women and all branches of our Country's Armed Forces. Each year, over the past 3 years, the number of Veterans attending, some in their uniforms, keeps on getting larger. The same can be said for the Knights Honor Guard as we had 19 Sir Knights participate in the 8AM Mass & Ceremony this year. On the special day of celebrating our Country's Independence, our Patriotic Degree was honored to be part of this great ceremony. Thank you to Veterans Tim Rogers and Ted Schultz, whom participated in our Honor Guard along with their Brother Sir Knights, Commander Terry Fenelon, Past Faithful Navigator (PFN) John Lamb, Alan Francis, Glenn Domovic, Jerry Lietz, Dan Schwartz, and Chris Prazak.

Council # 14171 will be welcoming Brother Sir Knight Dan Schwartz to be our new 4TH Degree Captain at the Installation of Officers Ceremony, and I know we all look forward to his leadership and enthusiasm in his new position! Thanks to PGK

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Fred Reed for the use of his Regalia to our council over the past several years, and PFN John Lamb for his donation of Regalia articles for our Sir Knights to participate with in our Honor Guard call outs. Thank you all Worthy Sir Knights.

Membership Dues

By Dave Bedel

2013 Membership Dues Still Outstanding

We still have some members who have not yet paid their 2013 Membership Dues. Additional email and hard copy notices have been sent to them to help expedite the collection process. Dues are \$35 per calendar year, and upon payment your 2013 Membership Card will be sent to you. So if you are not in custody of a 2013 Membership Card, you need to get your dues paid. Roughly \$12 of this amount covers the various Assessments that our Council receives from Supreme, State and the Chapter. The balance goes to help fund the many worthwhile projects that we do. If by chance, you have a personal hardship, please contact our Grand Knight, Bruce Kleckler and he can have your dues waived.

Please send your \$35 Dues payment, made payable to "St Raphael Council # 14171" to:

David Bedel
Financial Secretary
471 Prairie Knoll Drive
Naperville, Illinois 60565

If you have any questions at all about your status, please call me at 630-842-9394

Blood Drive

By Lee Handwerker

Blood Drive Rousing Success!

Our St. Raphael K of C Blood Drive on Saturday June 15 was a rousing success!!

175 pints of blood were donated at St. Raphael, 46 pints were donated at the Heartland Blood Center, and another 19 pints were donated at St. Raphael on Martin Luther King Day in honor of our St. Raphael 50th Anniversary. (Many thanks to Marty Mazurek who supervised the MLK Day Drive.) In addition, 20 donors came to St. Raphael on Saturday June 15 but they were not allowed to donate by Heartland due to medical or travel restrictions.

240 pints of donated blood!! Wow!! That's fantastic!!

Many thanks, brother Knights, for your help and participation during the Blood Drive!! Some served on the Phone Team making appointments with previous donors. Some served after Mass during the June 1-2 and June 8-9 weekends 'signing up' parishioners. Some served at the Blood Drive at the Registration Table, Refreshment Table, or as 'hall monitors'.

Many hands make light work. Your efforts and hard work paid off in a big way and may have helped save someone's life.

By the way, mark your calendars. Our next K of C Blood Drive at St. Raphael will be on Saturday, December 14, 2013. This is a great way for new Knights and for those who have been Knights for a

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few years to become active in our Council. It's easy, too!!

Highway Clean Up

By Alan Francis

The second Highway Clean Up session for 2013 was held on Saturday morning, June 29th.

There were about a dozen participants cleaning both sides of 75th Street between Gartner and Olympus.

Thanks to good solid efforts, the project was completed in about two hours due to a rain delay. We gathered up about a half dozen black garbage bags of trash

The 75th Street roadside is in very good shape at this point after about four years of our K of C community service efforts.

Thank you again to all of our Knights for helping with this project. We'll buy some more Pick Up Sticks for our next session in September and we hope to have a good turn out to make the project easier and faster.

Sox Game Benefits Special Olympics

By Glenn Domovic

The Knights of Columbus Night at the Sox Game was June 26th at 7:05 when the Sox played the Mets. Tickets were \$14.00 and Special Olympics gets \$4.00 for every ticket we purchase. Below are some of the photos taken at the game.



Council is recognized on the scoreboard



Special Olympics kids join the Knights on the field

Insurance Rep Update

By Frank Kerkemeyer

The Urgency of Buying Long Term Care Insurance

There are very few people who do not have a "long term care experience" somewhere in their family – a loved one in a nursing home facility, or a family member being cared for at home because of advancing age, a disability or both. If you have heard or undergone this situation, you know firsthand the catastrophic effects these events can have on a family, crossing all generations.

What you may not know about is the urgency of taking action. The ability to buy long-term care insurance is based on your health. Putting the decision off, "waiting until next year" or otherwise dragging your feet can be problematic. You never

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know when your health could change or make you ineligible for coverage. In addition, the required premium commitment increases every year with your age.

When you make the decision to talk about LTC, come right to the Knights of Columbus. In addition to providing life insurance and guaranteed retirement products to our members and their families, we also have a very competitive long-term care product available through our agents. Since entering this market in 2000, nearly 30,000 LTC policies have been sold to K of C members and their wives. While some companies in this line of business have had difficulty (or stopped selling the product altogether), our product continues to perform well with no premium increases on existing policies.

I can help you select the plan that's right for you and meets your budget. I can show you several different options – facility only coverage, home care, and a combination of both. I urge you to not delay.

Frank Kerkemeyer
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Family Dinner at White Fence Farm

By Ted Schultz

On Sunday afternoon June 23rd, our Council's brother Knights and their families enjoyed a great meal of the "World's Greatest Chicken" and fraternalism at White Fence Farm in Romeoville. About twenty Knights and their families attended and had a time for of conversation and food. Below are some photos of the fun and food.



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Important Upcoming Events

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.

The Team Captains will be calling to solicit volunteers for the locations. We 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.

Seriously, mark the dates on your calendars as this fundraiser always kicks off our fraternal year's charitable works!

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

Ted Schultz- Editor

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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:

June Good of the Order:

Gail Grauer	Paul Nistler
Maria Karl	Paul Isherwood
Barb DiGiovanni	Cave Gotowko
Maureen Milano	Adam S.
Ron Mazurek	

May Good of the Order:

Justin Feydasz	John Jelinek
Laura Gasik	Carroll Treacy
Paul Isherwood	Bob Pieranunzi
Joe Hlava	Phil Kapela
Ambrer Burns	Bob Mellar
Perry DiGiovanni	Anne Hillenbrand
Leona Susa	Bud from Sterling
Mart Kay Pappas	Hesed House
	Guest Petition

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DATES TO REMEMBER

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

July Business Meeting-Picnic at VFW	July 16, 2013
First Degree Initiation	July 23, 2013
Serving Dinner at Hesus House	July 25, 2013
May Business meeting	May 14, 2013
Council Golf Outing-Carillon	August 17, 2013
Parish Picnic	August 25, 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
Respect Life Concert-Gavin Coyle	October 6, 2013
Blood Drive-St. Raphael's	December 15, 2013
Corporate Communion Mass	January 12, 2014
Corporate Communion Mass	April 6, 2014

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Once approved, send your business card size ad in a jpg format to the Newsletter Editor, Ted Schultz & tschultz@sbcplus.com.



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