



## Knighly News

St. Raphael Council

#14171



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### The Grand Knight's Corner



By Bruce Kleckler

I begin by apologizing for the lateness of this newsletter. It's my fault; Brother Ted has been patiently waiting for me to submit an article and I've been remiss in my obligations. Oh my gosh! Has it really been two months since the last newsletter was published? Who's the goat? This guy.

We've had a busy couple of months. Our FootballMania fundraiser was successful again this year, albeit not quite as successful as I would have hoped. We did activate 419 tickets, which translates to donations to our council of \$5,866 (less expenses). I know we can do a lot with that support.

September was our ID (Tootsie Roll) Drive, and once again this year we raised well over \$20,000. For those who might have missed the meeting last month, we've been #1 (per capita) in the State of Illinois for at least the last couple of years, and I think in the top 10 overall, which includes many councils that are 4 to 5 times our size. There are literally 100's of councils in the state, and we are middle of the pack in terms of size. We are in the

middle third, and I think in the lower half (size wise).

October and November are relatively slow months. I'm enjoying the lull, and trying not to pester people too much. December of course will be busy. In addition to all our personal Christmas activities, we have Breakfast w/ Santa and the semi-annual Blood Drive coming up.

As always, thanks for all you do.

### Deputy Grand Knight's Corner



By Chris Prazak

### *Breakfast with Santa-December 7<sup>th</sup>*

The St. Raphael Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual Breakfast With Santa on Saturday December 7, 2013 starting at 7:30 am until 11:00 am. This fun family event includes a delicious pancake breakfast, served by our Knights, with side dishes, treats, and beverages. There will be games and activities for the children, and a relaxed opportunity to visit and take photos with the Jolly Old Elf himself! The event takes place in the school gym and a family friendly admission of \$7 for adults, \$3 for kids 6 through 13 years old will be taken at the door, and children 5 years and under

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are free. Please save the date for a fun social gathering of our St. Raphael friends as the Knights display their Christmas spirit.



### ***St. Raphael Blood Drive -December 14<sup>th</sup>***

The Knights of Columbus continue to take Blood Donation Appointments after the masses and will continue for the next two weekends in preparation for the parish blood drive on Saturday December 14, from 7 am until 12:30 pm in the church Family Center. Please speak with "Charlie Corpuscle" or one of our Knights dressed in a Red shirt to sign-up for your preferred donation time. For more information on donating the "Gift of Life" please contact the Knights Blood Drive Chairman, Lee Handwerker at [630-978-0863](tel:630-978-0863), or at [LeeHandwerker@aol.com](mailto:LeeHandwerker@aol.com).

Lee is also looking for help at the drive. Please see his article below in this Newsletter.

### ***Football Mania Fundraiser ... Local Winners!***

Our Football Mania has been very successful for our local participants. Below are the winners for the last couple of weeks. This is just a sampling to show that you can win if you play. Look to the Church Bulletin to find our winners for each of the weeks... Remember ... you need to play to win.

In week #10, St. Raphael Knights of Columbus report 3 winning tickets from the Charity Mania, Football Mania fund raising contest. Ticket #987 was a \$50 winner for Dick Vancil, and \$25 prizes went to card #309 held by Mark Hanks, and to #937 owned by Leon Arneson. Proceeds from this fundraiser help the Knights support programs including the St. Raphael School Scholarship, March for Life, Vocations Adopt a Seminarian, Rainbows, and Youth Activities. The Knights wish to thank our parish community for their continued support in our fund raising efforts.

In week #9, The St. Raphael Knights of Columbus report 2 more winning tickets for the NFL regular season, in the Charity Mania fundraiser. Ticket #387 owned by Tom Burns was a \$25 winner, and card #467 held by Ken Lietz was also a \$25 gain. Our Knights appreciate the support by our parish in this fundraising contest. The proceeds allow us to fund programs including the St. Raphael School Scholarship, March for Life, Vocations Adopt a Seminarian, Rainbows, and Youth Activities. Thank you all for your help and continued support.

### ***Results From Knights Soccer Challenge***

On October 13, 2013 the St. Raphael Knights of Columbus hosted the annual council level Soccer Challenge competition at Gartner Park in Naperville. Immediately following this soccer shooting skills event, the Knights conducted the District Soccer Challenge for the winning competitors representing councils in our area. Michael Morris, representing our council #14171 advanced as champion of the 10 year old boys in both Soccer Challenges. Unfortunately Mike couldn't participate in the next level of competition at the Regionals. Jacqueline Schuman advanced as champion in the thirteen-year-old girls group, and

won at the Regional Soccer Challenge, also hosted by our council on October 27. Jackie moves on to the State Soccer Challenge to be held on November 23, 2013 at Eastern Illinois University. St. Raphael Knights of Columbus Council #14171 was well represented by Jackie Schuman, and we wish her all the best at the state competition! Congratulations to all the athletes that participated in the 2013 Soccer Challenge.

### ***Adopt a Highway 2013 Completed***

The Knights of Columbus have completed their final Adopt a Highway segment for the 2013 season. With the help of volunteers from the St. Raphael parish community, the Knights clean trash and debris along 75th St. between Olympus Dr. on the East, and Gartner Rd. to the West. This program, under the authority of the Du Page Highway Department, depends on our services in 4 clean up segments annually. The Department has installed signs designating the Knights of Columbus as care takers of this stretch of 75th St. While our community service for this program has finished for this year, we invite all interested in tidying up our highway to participate with us next Spring. Not only is this a great way to enjoy some fresh air and get a little exercise but a rewarding way to help restore beauty to our community. Questions regarding next seasons 2014 Adopt a Highway clean up can be directed to Chairman, Alan Francis at [630-730-5914](tel:630-730-5914) or at [awfrancis@wowway.com](mailto:awfrancis@wowway.com)



### ***Knights' Membership Means a Lot***

What does membership in the Knights of Columbus mean? First we welcome all Catholic men who have obtained 18 years of age and are practicing their Catholic faith. Every added Knight of Columbus allows for more charitable works, more needy people helped and the greater ability to serve the Catholic Church at the local, diocesan and universal levels. Pope Francis has called Catholics to engage in personal service to the most needy and forgotten in Society, each Knight has a historic opportunity to stand with one another and other Catholics under the Pope's leadership to advance charitable works. Together we can do some significant charitable work. The Knights of Columbus helps its members grow in their Catholic faith to become "better Catholics, better husbands, better fathers, better grandfathers and better citizens". Once you are a member of the Knights of Columbus, you are a part of an international Catholic brotherhood or fraternity providing support, friendship and inspiration to its members and their families. Through the foresight of our founder Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, who sought to provide for the needs of families after the tragic loss of a father or mother due to illness or accident, we seek to help one another as we help others, and have since established a top-

rated insurance program that provides financial protection to insured members and their families. For more information on how you can become a St. Raphael Knight of Columbus, please contact Norm Bishop, Membership Director at [303-475-0608](tel:303-475-0608) or [nbishop@knightpiesold.com](mailto:nbishop@knightpiesold.com).

## Blood Drive

By Lee Handwerker

Greetings Brother Knights:

Our K of C Blood Drive will be on Saturday December 14 here at St. Raphael.

We will solicit donors from our fellow parishioners after all Masses at St. Raphael during the weekends of Nov 30-Dec 1 and Dec 7-8.

However, we need YOU to help sign up donors as they leave Mass.

Please consider helping. This is a great way for new Knights---and for those who have been Knights for many years---to become active in our Council.

It's pretty easy. It takes about 10 minutes after each Mass. We will have clipboards, pencils, and sign up sheets for you. After Holy Communion please go to the Founders Room to pick up the clipboards. Sign ups this year will be in the Founders Room and outside the building. Please wear your coat.

Sat Nov 30: 5:00 pm    Sunday Dec 1: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:45 am, 12:15 pm

Sat Dec 7: 5:00 pm    Sunday Dec 8: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:45 am, 12:15 pm

If you have already signed up, you do not need to

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respond to this note again. We know who you are.

Right now we have no helpers for the two Saturday evening 5:00 pm Masses or the two Sunday 12:15 pm Masses. Help is especially needed at these 4 Masses. We can also use extra workers at the 7:30, 9:00, 10:45, and 12:15 Masses.

Please either send an e-mail note to me or phone me if you would like to help. Please indicate what Mass on what day you can help. We need YOU. My e-mail address is [LeeHandwerker@aol.com](mailto:LeeHandwerker@aol.com) and my phone number is [630-978-0863](tel:630-978-0863).

By the way, if you're on the Phone Team please continue to make donor phone calls. I think we're off to a great start!!

Many thanks to all for your interest, consideration, and support!!

Enjoy the Thanksgiving holidays next week with your family. We have much to be thankful for.

## Why Join the Knights of Columbus

By Norm Bishop

### *Why you should become a Knight*

*If you're interested in helping those in need, serving your parish, growing in your faith or having exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you.*

Becoming a Knight of Columbus can transform your life. As a Knight, you have the opportunity to support your parish, give back to your community,

grow in your faith and gain exclusive access to our top-rated insurance program to protect your family.

These are just some of the reasons to become a Knight.

We are a band of brothers, a network of men in communities around the world dedicated to doing "good" in the service of God and our neighbor.

### *What we provide*

#### SERVICE

- Support the parish with its needs
- Help meet the needs of those in the local community
- Provide "Coats for Kids" and "Food for Families"
- Support programs that benefit people with intellectual disabilities
- Aid victims of natural disasters and other catastrophic events, local and worldwide
- Donate wheelchairs to people without mobility at home and abroad
- Save lives through initiatives such as the "Ultrasound Program"

Charity is the first principle of the Knights of Columbus. Knights are men who get things done. We volunteer our time to serve our parishes and our communities. And by working together, we were able to donate more than \$1.4 billion and 664 million volunteer hours to worthy causes in the past decade.

#### SUPPORT

- A unique "band of brothers"
- Shared values and the support to live out our Catholic faith more fully
- The ability for our network to accomplish things together that we could not accomplish alone

Unity and Fraternity are the second and third principles of the Knights of Columbus. The Knights of Columbus was founded so that men could work together to serve their parishes and communities, protect the well being of their Catholic families, and support each other in faith and in many other ways along life's journey. The Knights of Columbus offers its members the opportunity to grow in their faith through living the example of a charity that evangelizes and personifying what it means to be a Catholic gentleman through the practicing of good works.

#### STABILITY

- Exclusive access to our top-rated life insurance products, available only to members and their families
- Your insurance agent is a Knight dedicated to helping his brother Knights protect their families

As a Knight, you and your family have exclusive access to our top quality insurance products. In fact, no insurer in North America is more highly rated than the Knights of Columbus. As an organization founded to protect the well being of Catholic families, we have continued to take that mission seriously for more than 130 years. Generations of Catholics have counted on the Knights of Columbus, and in an increasingly turbulent world, you can trust the Knights of Columbus to affordably and securely protect the future of your loved ones and to be there when you need us most.

For 130 years the Knights of Columbus has provided all of the opportunities in this brochure and more for its members.

The Knights of Columbus is not just a fraternity in name. It is a brotherhood of Catholic men who each play a part in improving the world around them, one community at a time. They stand together in faith, dedicated to uphold the principles they

cherish while lending their support and strength to parish, home and fellow Knight.

From charity for worldwide causes, to helping closer to home with volunteer activities, to a top-rated insurance program that protects those closest to you, the Knights makes the most of its brotherhood.

Make a stand among them, and you can discover how easy it is to make a difference in your life and that of others.

## Steven Ministry

By Chuck Wood

As you go about the day to day of your life you may encounter a neighbor, friend or even a family member who is going through a difficult time. They may have lost a loved one, a job or just having a hard time facing life's challenges. You know the person I am talking about.

Did you know there is a ministry in our parish that can help? It called the Steven Ministry? A trained Steven Minister can be that listener, that confidant to walk with another through that difficult time in their life. The Steven Minister is a reliable, trustworthy person who is an empathic listener who has undergone 50 hours of training and holds in confidence the caring relationship formed with the person in need. We hope you remember the Stephen Ministry as you encounter a difficult time in your own life, or encourage another to call if you sense they may have a need for this caring ministry, and please share this information with your wives. This is a like to like ministry male to male...female to female. Contact Deacon Chuck Woods at (630) 615-7647 or Liz Russell at (630) 420-1570 for more

information.

**Note from Your Editor--- We really need Your Articles and Photos on Time. .**  
Please send your pictures, news and articles to me by the 4<sup>th</sup> 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:*

#### September 2013 Good of the Order:

Andy & Nia Bishop	Paul Isherwood
Camille Presti	Gregg Thoele
Amber Burns	Marilyn Gasik
Jim Jelinek	Charlotte Burns
Ray Hubner	Michael G. Manly
Patrick Thornton	Jan Watson
Debbie Friedheim	Elaine Rogers
Toby Allen	Meredith Anne Casey
Bob Duda	Barry O'Donnell

#### October 2013 Good of the Order:

Mary Pieranunzi	Paul Isherwood
Grant Giabiani	Camille Presti
Angel Baby	Denise Yezza
Neil Johnston	Denise Meager
Hessed House Guests	Bob Mellars
Perry Di Giovanni	Eli Parmalee
Mario St. Vicar	Toby Allen
Josephine Zerante	Sue Eccubus
Mary Alice Lietz	Caitlyn & Will Sloat
Rowan	Ruth Tebbe

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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

Breakfast with Santa	December 7, 2013
Blood Drive-St. Raphael's	December 14, 2013
Corporate Communion Mass 9:00 AM Mass	January 12, 2014
2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Initiation	January 19, 2014
Corporate Communion Mass 10:45 AM Mass	April 6, 2014

## SUPPORT OUR BROTHER KNIGHTS AND THEIR BUSINESS.

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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](mailto:tschultz@sbcplus.com).



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