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The Grand Knight's Corner



By Tom Casey

Brothers:

Well, here it is! My last column as your Grand Knight! I must admit, there were times across the last 2 years when I really doubted my ability to survive the job. However, we're finally here!

First, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for giving me your kind cooperation, consideration and prayers over the past 2 years. We have just completed another really terrific year all around. I want to congratulate all the new and returning officers upon their election to office for the Fraternal Year 2012-2013, and, I want to thank each and every one of you for volunteering to serve your brother Knights. I also want to thank those other Brothers who have chosen to step up and serve in the capacity of Directors, as well as assistants to elected Officers.

We started the year (2011-2012) by stepping up in Class to Class AA (150+ members). . For the Fraternal Year, our membership goal was 11. We have finished the year with a total of 24 new Brothers, and, for the first time, we passed 200% for our Insurance Quota. My Congratulations go out to all of you and to Frank Kerkemeyer, our Fraternal Benefits Coordinator for a job well done.

We not only need to keep up the recruiting efforts (for membership is the life blood of the Council), but I would encourage ALL members to GET INVOLVED AND BE ACTIVE!

The month of August brings with it our Annual Golf Outing which this year will be held on August 25 at Carillon. Our Chairman, Bill Niemiec, once again, predicts another outstanding event.

On Saturday evening, June 30, I 'pass the gavel' to Brother Bruce Kleckler, who assumes the mantle of Grand Knight. Please give Bruce your kind consideration, prayers, and cooperation as he begins his term. I am confident that Bruce will lead the Council onward and upward to the future.

I intend to remain as active in the Council as my time permits. As many of you know, I will become the 3 Year Trustee of the Council. What many of you do not know, is that I have also taken a seat on the St Raphael Parish Pastoral Council as well as the role of a District Deputy in the Knights of Columbus. Please keep me in your prayers as I embark on a new journey.

Next Meeting Reminder....

This is a heads up regarding our July Business Meeting. As you all know, our July meeting is never held at the regular location due to the St Raphael building being shut down for maintenance. During this month, there are no commission meetings, ministry meetings or organization meetings. In the

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past, our July meeting has been held on the 2nd Tuesday evening at the VFW Post on Jackson Blvd. It is a very short Business Meeting followed by a more social meeting with hot dogs, hamburgers, brats, etc. supplied by the Council. Beer, wine and soda are provided by the Council also (from the Post Canteen).

This year, due to a previous commitment to the Jaycees, the back porch of the VFW Post in unavailable on July 10th . THEREFORE, OUR JULY MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE VFW POST ON JULY 24th . Start time is as usual...730PM. After our Business Meeting this year, the Ladies of the Auxiliary will be joining us for the social part of the evening.

Vivat Jesus,
Tom Casey

Deputy Grand Knight's Corner



By Bruce Kleckler

New Officers for 2012-2013 Fraternal Year

Congratulations to the following men who have been called to lead our council as elected officers for the coming year. The new officers were installed during a joint ceremony on Saturday, June23rd, at Ss Peter and Paul, along with Knights from the Naperville



Council 1369, St Elizabeth Seton Council 10025, Robert H Weaver Council (Our Lady of Mercy) 12005, and Holy Spirit Council 15037. Our Council officers are:

- GRAND KNIGHT Bruce Kleckler
- DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT Chris Prazak
- CHANCELLOR David Gotowko
- WARDEN Andre Zavala
- TREASURER Dennis Kiraly
- FINANCIAL SECRETARY David Bedel
- RECORDER Dan Schwartz
- ADVOCATE Mike Manly
- INSIDE GUARD Mike Davis
- OUTSIDE GUARD Jim Williamson
- 3 YEAR TRUSTEE Tom Casey
- 2 YEAR TRUSTEE Tim Rogers
- 1 YEAR TRUSTEE Paul Susa



Following the installation ceremony, District Deputy Tim Rogers also presented an award to our Past Grand Knight, Tom Casey, in recognition of his recent service. Congratulations ALL!

New Directors for 2012-2013 Fraternal Year

Congratulations to the following men who have been called to serve our council as appointed officers and directors for the coming year.

- CHAPLAIN Fr Jason Stone
- LECTURER TBD
- MEMBERSHIP CHAIR . . . Norm Bishop
- PROGRAM CHAIR Chuck Burkart
- CHURCH Lee Handwerker

COMMUNITY Jeff Craney
 FAMILY Bill Foye
 YOUTH Chuck Schumacher
 PRO-LIFE Dan Gallagher
 COUNCIL Bill Niemiec
 ASST WARDEN Joe Hlava
 ASST TREASURER Dan Ryan

This will be my last article as Deputy Grand knight as know I have responsibilities to write the Grand Knights Column. My first column as Grand Knight will appear in the July-August Newsletter in September.

Also, look forward to a column from our new Deputy Grand Knight, Chris Prazak in the next Newsletter.

Installation of Officers.....

On Saturday June 23rd, District 29 held its 2nd Annual Officer Installation for Officers of Councils in the District at Ss Peter & Paul in Naperville. The ceremony followed the 5:00 PM Mass and included an Honor Guard. A dinner followed the initiation in the lower level of the Ministry Center. Below are some pictures from the initiation:



Blood Drive Update

By Jeff Craney

On Saturday June 16th we held our semiannual blood drive. Our teams collected 177 units of blood and added to the 47 units collected at the Heartland center gave us a grand total of 224 units of blood. Donating blood is giving the gift of life. Our work will save the lives of multiple people in our community.

The work of the many volunteer Knights who called donors, worked the day of the drive, and donated blood made a difference in our results. The blood drive is a great way for the knights to demonstrate our commitment to the community.

Our next drive is scheduled for Saturday, December 15th, at St Raphael's school. It would be great to have every Knight, who is eligible to donor, turn out to donate for the drive. It doesn't take long and really makes a difference.

A special thanks to all those knights who made this happen. Your support and efforts are really appreciated.





Congratulations to Brother Knight Joe Hlava

On Saturday July 7, 2012' Joe was wed to Shannon Speck at a ceremony at Bobak's Signature Events. An honor guard of Chris Prazak, Bruce Kleckler, Alan Francis, Ted Schultz, Nick Tsigaras and Robert Hanson participated in the ceremony. Peace and Happiness to both Joe and Shannon from the brother Knights from St. Raphael's.

Knights of Columbus White Sox Night



By Glenn Domovic

The second Knights of Columbus Night is Wednesday, September 12th at 7:10 when the First Place Sox play the Tigers. This is a special night because \$4.00 out of every ticket the Knights purchase will go to Special Olympics. You can choose Lower Box Seats at \$24.00, Lower Reserve Seats at \$22, and Upper Box Seats at \$15. See the flyer at the end of the Newsletter for all the information and the order form . Use the form to order you tickets from the Sox so the Knights receive the credit for the purchase. Feel free to give the form to family, friends, and co-works. The more tickets we

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purchase with this form, the more money that goes to Special Olympics.

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

Phone: 630-244-3402, Email: tschultz@sbcplus.com

Editor Comments



By Ted Schultz

Starting the new fraternal year, I wanted to send out a plea to all of you to send me your columns, articles, photos and event schedules timely each month. I compile the Newsletter from a few sources. To supplement what I receive from the Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight and each of our Directors, I gather information from the Bulletin submissions by the Deputy Grand Knight and the monthly meeting minutes. So it is important that I be included on the Email distribution for almost everything going on with the Council. Keep that in mind. In addition, many of you may take a photo or two at one of the events. Please send them on to me. I don't need a lot of photos; two or three is plenty. When you send them identify the event and, if you can, the people in the photo. If I know the people, I will indicate who is pictured, if not I will keep it general and name only the event.

In the recent past we have gravitated toward a bi-monthly Newsletter with a fluctuating distribution date because columns and articles just didn't come often enough to warrant a monthly and timely delivered Newsletter. We have a very active Council and I know writing for the Newsletter is not the highest priority but let's try to do better.

For some form of consistency, the cut off deadline for columns, articles, photos and information will be the 4th Monday of each month. This should provide sufficient time for the Minutes to be prepared, approved and distributed after the monthly meeting on the 2nd Tuesday.

The Newsletter will be published by the 2nd Monday of the following month.

The Grand Knight's column is the corner stone of the Newsletter. Without this column, the Newsletter is not published. Thus, receiving these on time is critical.

With summer a slower time of year, the next Newsletter will be the July-August Newsletter published in September.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Ladies Auxiliary Band Concert Ice Cream Social	July 19, 2012
Monthly meeting and social at VFW	July 24, 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

Other Informative News

Chuck Woods provided information on the Men's Rite of Passage (MROP). The MROP is a powerful person faith experience. Additionally, there is an article that describes the Stephen Ministry. A flyer on the MROP and the article on Stephen Ministry appear below.

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 June 2012 Good of the Order)***

Mary Kay Kuduces	Dawn Groves
Steve Maddux	Bill Hamick
Bob Karl	Paul Isherwood
Pat Rachenmacher	Collen Groharing
Leslie Bergamini	Dave Zanone
Joe Zabkar	



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

SUPPORTING SPECIAL OLYMPICS ILLINOIS



WHITE SOX VS. TIGERS

Wednesday, September 12, 2012 - 7:10 P.M. U.S. Cellular Field

SPECIALLY PRICED WHITE SOX TICKETS!

Come out and watch the Chicago White Sox battle the Detroit Tigers on Wednesday, September 12th. The White Sox have dedicated this night to the Knights of Columbus and your partnership with Special Olympics Illinois. On this special night, we invite K of C members, their family, and friends the opportunity to purchase specially-priced tickets.

Every ticket is discounted, and \$4.00 from every ticket sold go to the K of C Charities, Inc. to support Special Olympics Illinois. Come out & support a great cause and cheer on the White Sox to Victory!

Orders will NOT be redeemed at the U.S. Cellular Field ticket windows or the White Sox administrative offices.

ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THURSDAY, AUGUST 29TH.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GROUP OUTING SEPTEMBER 12 TH VS. DETROIT TIGERS		
# OF TICKETS	TICKET PRICE	TOTAL
	Lower Box @ \$24 (regular \$40)	
	Lower Reserved @ \$22 (regular \$36)	
	Upper Box @ \$15 (regular \$22)	
	Hot Dog Value Meal (hot dog, chips, soda - \$5.75)	
	Parking @ \$25	
	Handling Fee (groups of 19 or less)	\$5
	Total Enclosed	

TO ORDER TICKETS:
MAIL OR FAX THIS FORM WITH PAYMENT TO:
 CHICAGO WHITE SOX
 SALES DEPARTMENT
 ATTN: KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NIGHT
 333 W. 35TH STREET
 CHICAGO, IL 60616
 FAX: 312-674-5140

All orders must be received by THURSDAY, AUGUST 29TH and cannot be redeemed at the Box Office. Tickets will be mailed to the address listed below. All game times and promotions are subject to change.
 Please note that lower level seats are limited. Seats will be filled on a best-available basis. If the seat location you request is sold out, the White Sox will fill your order with the next best-available seating section. If this happens, you will NOT be notified.
 Please email any questions to grandslamgroups@chisox.com or call 312-674-1000. NO REFUNDS OR EXCHANGES.

- Gold Coast Tickets Club
- United Scout Seats
- Premium Lower Box
- Lower Box
- Lower Reserved
- Bleachers
- Patio Area
- Upper Terrace Suite
- The Miller Lite Extra Base
- Miller Lite Bullpen Sports Bar
- Stadium Club
- Premium Club Box
- Club Box
- Premium Upper Box
- Upper Box
- Upper Reserved



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Please charge my: Visa Mastercard Amex Discover

Account # _____ Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

OR: Enclosed is a check or money order payable to the Chicago White Sox.

(If check or money order is greater than total cost of the tickets, the difference will be made up in Comiskey Cash.)

Check # _____



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Men As Learners and Elders

Men's Rites of Passage 2012

Illinois Midwest Men's Rites of Passage 2012:

Place: Pilgrim Park in Princeton, IL

Date: August 15-19, 2012

Cost: \$ 565

For information and registration:

www.illinoismalespirituality.org

Questions: Call Bob Colaresi at 630-852-7179



Illinois Midwest Men As Learners and Elders (M.A.L.E.s)

A Chapter of Richard Rohr's M.A.L.E.s men's spirituality program—www.malespirituality.org

What is the “Rites of Passage” for men?

The program is a five-day/four-night deeply prayerful and soulful experience that builds on the classic patterns of male initiation through simple and moving rituals and teaching. Each day includes group prayer, major teachings on central masculine spirituality themes, quiet time for reflection, and sharing in the context of a “home group.”

In the words of the program’s founder, Fr. Richard Rohr:



“Men are asked to come with a willingness to participate from beginning to end and not as an observer. All participants begin at point zero with no agendas to live up to or down to. All that is required is for a man to come with a ‘beginner’s mind’ and the readiness of a young novice seeking wisdom. Ultimately, initiation, like life itself, is not a spectator’s sport.”



What the MROP is...

- ◆ A personal discovery about masculine spirituality and ‘the Holy Mystery.’
- ◆ A time to savor the healing and awesome power of nature.
- ◆ A process to address issues of loss, grief, and relationships with father, other men, and others.
- ◆ An opportunity to examine life’s priorities and ask courageous questions about your ‘next step.’
- ◆ An invitation to listen to the ‘quiet voice of God.’
- ◆ A chance to return to life with a renewed commitment to your gifts.

What the MROP is not...

- ◆ A traditional, lecture-based retreat.
- ◆ An informational workshop about men’s spirituality.
- ◆ A sensitivity-training or deprivation experience.
- ◆ A test of physical stamina.
- ◆ A threatening process that requires participants to engage in anything strange or unsafe.

This is not about religion, but about spirituality, about age-old traditions that guide us into manhood, about coming to trust that there is something much greater at work in our lives than we could ever imagine.

Not sure if you are ready?

This is a common question for those interested in the MROP. Here are some practical ways to help you know.

Speak to someone who has made the MROP. If you don’t know someone, email mentwork@cacradicalgrace.org and we can connect you to someone to speak with in your geographic area or call (505) 242-9588.

Obtain one or some of the resources listed below. The books, CDs, DVDs, and tapes provide valuable insight and should give you an idea if what the MROP offers and what you are seeking are a fit.

Masculine Spirituality and Why Males Need Initiation Beloved Sons Series 1&2

From Wild Man to Wise Man or *Quest for the Grail* —books by Richard Rohr, OFM

Men Matter: A Quest for the True Self—audio recording by Richard Rohr, OFM

For more detailed descriptions and information on how to order, visit www.cacradicalgrace.org

Answering the Call-Stephen Ministry

My brothers Pope Benedict continues to encourage the Knights of Columbus to discover “*ever new ways*” to serve as leaven for the Gospel in the world and a force for the renewal of the church in holiness and apostolic zeal.

The Knights are responsible for many great works here at St. Raphael’s and in the community. Is there yet another way by which we as Knights can fulfill Pope Benedict’s call, a way which reaches to the level of one-on-one companionship and spirituality, a way that through listening, prayer and scripture can mend the fabric of a society one person at a time?

I invite you to consider the **Stephen Ministry**. It can provide those going through life’s challenges with companionship and support and presents you as a Knight or the spouse of a Knight with another opportunity to serve the church by helping those in need.

A trained Stephen Minister is a companion, a listener to walk with a person who is experiencing a life change. This ministry is unique in that it does not take the place of other ministries such as home or hospital visitors that bring communion to the sick or our St Vincent DePaul group. The Stephen Ministry complements other ministries by providing a person with a trained minister to walk with them through a difficult time providing active listening and prayer.

What makes Stephen ministry so compelling is that it provides you the opportunity to be Christ for others, walking with another growing in faith as you minister to a person in need.

We invite you as a Knight or the spouse of a Knight to consider answering the call to become a St. Raphael **Stephen Minister!** Currently we have served or are in the process of serving 16 Care receivers with our existing Stephen Ministers, but the needs are mounting.

To find out more information call any of our Stephen Leaders Deacon Kurt Lange (630)355-4545 X 138, Liz Russell (630)420-1570 or Deacon Chuck Woods (630)308-4105 you can also see our parish website www.st-raphael.com for more details.

SUPPORT OUR BROTHER KNIGHTS AND THEIR BUSINESS.

If you would like to have your business listed in the Newsletter, please send your request to Grand Knight, Bruce Kleckler @ bkleckler@wideopenwest.com. 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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