



St. Margaret Mary Knights of Columbus Council #15979

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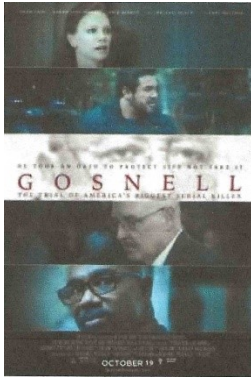
Mission Statement

We, the Knights of Columbus of St. Margaret Mary Council #15979, exist to promote and support spiritual enrichment, fellowship, parish activities, community service and material well being to the community.

Editor's Comment:

From now on the newsletter will be sent to members via email unless members specifically request hard copies mailed to them. If you prefer a hard copy please contact DGK Kalen Finefrock at (502) 489-7030 or kjfine71@gmail.com

Members, especially officers and committee members are encouraged to submit information for the good of the Council and/or comments to the editor for inclusion in this newsletter. This newsletter is an excellent way to promote your committee activities. Please contact the editor, Don Buckler, Email: donbuckler@aol.com or phone, Home: 245-1419, Cell: 550-7383.



SK Mike Ryan, our Advocate, has arranged to have the movie GOSNELL shown at Saint Margaret Mary on October 19th at 6:00 PM. It is a movie about the abortion crisis in our country. It has graphic and gruesome scenes that you may find offensive, but abortion is offensive. Viewer discretion is advised.

If you wish to attend please RSVP to Joan Bernell, 267-0752 or Mike Ryan, 244-7753.



The McGivney Award: District Deputy Joseph Carter Jr. sent WGK Mike Koenig the following congratulations to our council:

Congratulations, your Council is the 18th to be added to the Membership Honor Roll. Reaching 100% of your membership quota entitles your Council to the McGivney Award. You were entered on the Roll at 100% of quota. Please continue to work toward the prestigious Star Council Award. I have attached a copy of the updated Honor Roll. The updated will be posted to the State website for all to see.

St. Margaret Mary Council #15979, was one of only 10 Star Councils in Kentucky. Out of 103 Active Councils in Kentucky #15979 was one of only 17 Polaris Awards in Kentucky.

Safe Environment: Father Bill urges every Knight to be leaders in the Parish by completing Safe Environment/Background Check (SE/BC) requirements. WGK Mike Koenig emphasizes the importance of SE/BC to protect children and the vulnerable, and the need for Knights to comply with our Pastor's wishes. The Council continues to monitor member's SE/BC status and enforcement of Archdiocese and KofC Rules.

Grand Knight's Message:

Message from the Grand Knight:

Before I ask each and every one of you for your help, I want to share something with all of you as we prepare to turn our clocks back for day light savings time. I would like to turn the clocks back a few years and take a ride down Memory Lane. In 2008, I was assigned to The Criminal Investigations Division for The Jeffersontown Police Department. The agency was a full service agency, meaning that we were assigned investigations as minor as a theft to a homicide and anything in-between. During my tenure, there was three case detectives and a sergeant assigned to the Division. On two separate occasions one of the case detectives went on an extended absence due to injuries sustained on the job. This left a larger then average case load during my tenure. At the time, it was like drinking from a fire hydrant as we tried to stay on top of the sheer number of cases that were assigned.

The cases that stick with me today are the ones involving victims that couldn't defend themselves. They mainly involved two different classes of people that I classify as "the children" and "the elderly". These cases left some battle scars over the years, and the ones that I can't seem to shake involved the murder of two children and the countless physical and sexual abuse cases that we worked. All cases involving victims that couldn't defend themselves.

While on that assignment, I looked into a couple of murders that were not closed with an arrest commonly referred to as "Cold Cases." I even attended a week long class called "Cold Case Homicides" to learn effective ways to properly investigate these cases. What I learned from that class has stuck with me over the years, and has transformed my outlook on life to the point I have adopted a part of that class in everything I set out to do today.

So, what did I learn, already, right...!

TO LEAVE THINGS IN BETTER SHAPE THAN WHEN YOU FOUND THEM

In these particular cases that alone wasn't enough to solve them, but since I have applied that concept in countless other areas of my life, it has shaped who I am today!

The case that is open on my desk today is the low percentage of Brother Knights who have attended the Archdiocese Safe Environment Training, undergone a subsequent Background check, and completed the on-line Safe Environment Training offered by the Knights of Columbus. So one might ask how I intend to leave this subject matter better than I found it?

For starters, I am asking each of you to do your part. After all we are called to be leaders of our parish, but are far behind on this very important subject matter! Go to our website, and learn of the next available Archdiocese Safe Environment Training Course. Pencil it into your calendar to attend the 2-hour course. After attending the training you will receive an

email asking you to authorize a background check. This must be renewed every five years to stay current with the Archdiocese of Louisville.

Once you have completed that portion of the training, you will also have the opportunity to complete the Knights of Columbus on-line Safe Environment Training Course. You ask why a double dose of the same or similar information? The answer is the Archdiocese of Louisville and The KofC are different organizations, and require their members who interact with children to attend courses specific to their organization.

I have heard the argument that the KofC only requires Background checks on certain officer positions and only a percentage of Brother Knights attending a certain function has to acquire the training. Well this is partially true, but in the case involving Saint Margaret Mary Council # 15979 it is much different.

We are different because our council operates within a parish community, and hold our meetings while youth and children's activities are in progress. This is the reason that ALL Brother Knights of Council # 15979 are asked by me, to obtain the Safe Environment Training for both the Archdiocese of Louisville and also the KofC. Our creed has always been to be leaders of OUR parish, so I am asking each one of you to do your part. Attend the Archdiocese Safe Environment Training, follow-up and submit the requested Background Check information, and then take the on-line Safe Environment courses at: www.kofc.org.

We want to help you in obtaining this much needed training. If you have questions on the how or the why, or just need help with the on-line portion, please call our KofC Council # 15979, Director for Safe Environment Training, SK Len Hicks at 502-931-1501 or e-mail him at: Lenhicks@live.com or you can always call me at 502-817-3283 or email at Mikekoenig2017@outlook.com

If your training is not up to date, we will be emailing you in the coming days with the specifics on what you need to do to become compliant with these standards. If need be we will follow up with a phone call to do our part in ensuring you have been informed and are aware of your responsibilities in obtaining these requirements.

As a victim of sexual abuse, a former police detective, and in my current position, as a Chief-of-Police, I will continue to take a front row seat speaking up for those who can't defend themselves! As your Grand Knight, I couldn't be more passionate about this very important subject matter, and in doing so, I promise to leave OUR Council better than I found it! Father Bill Hammer has been very supportive of this effort and wants to ensure these standards are maintained for future administrations in our council!

Don't kick this can down the road, do your part and get signed up!

Vivat Jesus,

Mike Koenig

Member Profile:



SK Dennis Scanga

Dennis was born on September 19, 1956 in the small town of Vandergrift about 60 miles east of Pittsburgh, PA. His father, Louis or Luigi, was an Italian immigrant who came to the United States at the age of 17. His mother's family immigrated several years before she was born.

Dennis decided to attend Penn State University after high school. He attended a branch Campus (near his home) allowing him to work at the family grocery store and live at home. He moved to the main campus for his junior and senior year, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Engineering in 1978.

He met the future Mrs. Scanga, Rita Pelusi at Penn State. She graduated as an Electrical Engineer in 1979. They were married on Sept 1, 1979. Dennis was working for U.S. Steel Corporation and Rita was working for Westinghouse PAD. In 1982, they welcomed their 1st daughter, Maria. In 1984, the steel industry was struggling and the plant where Dennis worked closed. (The plant made steel pipe for Oil Country Tubular Goods.) He then went to work for Firestone Steel Products in Henderson KY as an Industrial Engineer. He worked there until 1986, when he was offered an opportunity to work for Huffy Bicycles in Celina, OH.

In January 1989, Rita and Dennis celebrated the birth of their 2nd daughter. Katherine was born in Lima, OH.

He worked in the Engineering department for Huffy until 1989 when he was offered an opportunity to work in Human Resources. While working on a new incentive plan, Huffy decided to add a 3rd shift and Dennis got more involved in the mainstream HR role. Then in 1994, Dennis was asked to be part of the start-up team for a new Huffy plant in Farmington, MO. It meant moving farther from family but was a great opportunity to start a plant from the ground up. After 3-4 years, Dennis received a call from the IT Director asking him to consider moving to IT and helping roll out a new ERP system at both the Farmington, MO and Celina, OH plant. Dennis accepted another career move.

In 2001 Dennis went to work for Maverick Tube in St. Louis. They are a major manufacturer of Oil Country Tubular Goods. (What goes around, come around). He was able to commute from his home in Farmington. Dennis' older daughter graduated from Farmington High School in 2001 and went on to Truman State University to receive her BS in English. Dennis kept his comments about needing a college degree in English to himself.

In 2005, Maverick tube announced that it was going to build and consolidate its Steel Conduit business into a new plant in Louisville, KY. Dennis was offered another opportunity to start up a new plant in HR. His agreement to take the position is still in question. His boss claims "he may have been slightly intoxicated when he accepted". Dennis claims to have no recollection of accepting but he moved in 2005 anyhow.

It turns out 2005 was a big year. Dennis and family moved to Louisville, KY, his oldest daughter got married (all in the same weekend), and the new plant started operations.

When they first moved to Louisville, they attended Mass at St. Barnabas in Hikes Point. After a few years they changed to St Margaret Mary. It was about the same time that St. Margret Mary started our council. Dennis had kept his membership in the Missouri council, and was able to transfer to our council.

In 2007, Katherine graduated from Moore Traditional High School and began attending Western Kentucky University. In 2009 Bryan and Maria had Lucas, Dennis's grandson.

Dennis still works at the plant he helped start-up. It is now owned by Nucor Steel. He is looking forward to retiring in a few years.

It was in Farmington that Dennis took his 1st, and later 2nd and 3rd Degree. He was very active in the Farmington Council. He took his 4th Degree October 21, 2015 in Louisville.

Knight of the Month

July: SK Jonathan Means



August: SK Bill Moriarity



September: John Moriarity



Family of the Month

**July:
SK Dick & Suzanna Burns**

**August:
SK Noah & Cynthia Yates**

**September:
SK Mike & Glenda Ryan**

Tootsie Roll Drive: September 14/15



The Tootsie Roll Drive was chaired by Charlie Baumbusch (right in photo). He borrowed vest aprons from another Council for the drive. Tootsie Rolls were handed out on September 14th & 15th. The drive raised \$1801.64. 19 Knights participated. They were: Scott McDonald, Bill Hunter, Chad McCauley, Godfrey Menezes, Anton Miranda, Chris Seigfreid, Patrick Parrill, Mack McNeely, Don Buckler, Dick Burns, Jack Klawitter, Mike Koenig, Len Hicks, Allen Baird, Steve Kauffman, Joe Guy

Hagan, Norman Beat, Dennis Scanga, Paul Willet.

“Keep Christ in Christmas”: The 2018 StMM student winners advanced to Kentucky State and International Competition. The winners were:

5 – 7 year olds:

3rd place: Adeline Miranda – Council #15979

8 – 10 year olds:

1st place: Viviana Davis – Council #15979

11 – 14 year olds:

1st place: Peyton Wright – Council #15979

Member Birthdays

October

10/5/2019, Happy Birthday Rev. Jonathan M Erdman
10/6/2019, Happy Birthday Mr Greg S Wilson
10/7/2019, Happy Birthday Mr Tim Allen
10/8/2019, Happy Birthday SK David L Hurd
10/9/2019, Happy Birthday SK Mr Michael J Ryan
10/12/2019, Happy Birthday Mr Brian C Knop
10/13/2019, Happy Birthday Michael A Dotson, II
10/21/2019, Happy Birthday Mr Michael J Baumer
10/21/2019, Happy Birthday SK Mr Joe Guy Joseph G Hagan
10/24/2019, Happy Birthday SK Mr Richard J Burns, Jr
10/25/2019, Happy Birthday Mr Gilbert J Becht
10/26/2019, Happy Birthday Mr Robert C English
10/28/2019, Happy Birthday William C Hunter, Jr

November

11/1/2019, Happy Birthday Mr R. Henry Spalding
11/9/2019, Happy Birthday Mr Keith R Senn
11/18/2019, Happy Birthday SK Mr Donald E Buckler

11/25/2019, Happy Birthday SK William K Burnham
11/27/2019, Happy Birthday SK Deacon Charles T Bent

December

12/12/2019, Happy Birthday SK Mr Michael A Mitchell
12/12/2019, Happy Birthday Mr Timothy J Rogers
12/14/2019, Happy Birthday SK Charles A Baumbusch
12/18/2019, Happy Birthday Mr David J Coll
12/20/2019, Happy Birthday Mr Dwayne E Craft
12/25/2019, Happy Birthday Mr Carlo Christian Di Mercurio
12/28/2019, Happy Birthday Rev Robert D Barnell
12/28/2019, Happy Birthday SK Deacon Derrick A Barnes

Calender of Events:

Every Wednesday – Eucharistic Adoration 6:30 -7:30 PM

October 2019

Thursday, 17th @ 6:00 Council #15979 Officers Meeting in Library Meeting Rm.

Thursday, 17th @ 7:00 #15979 Council Business Meeting in Library Meeting Rm.

Saturday, 19th @ 9:00 AM, Knights Weight Loss Management class: Library Meeting Rm.

Saturday, 18th @ 6:00 Gosnell Movie in Hospitality Rm.

Monday, 21st StMM School Fall Break

Friday, 25th StMM PTO Fall Festival

Saturday, 26th Special Olympics Kentucky Area 4 – Louisville Bowling Tournament

November 2019

Saturday, 2nd FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Saturday, 2nd @ 9:00 AM, Knights Weight Loss Management class: Library Meeting Rm.

Saturday, 2nd Parish HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Sunday, 10th Mulligan Living Kidney Donors (MLKD)

Saturday, 16th @ 9:00 AM, Knights Weight Loss Management class: Library Meeting Rm.

Thursday, 21st @ 6:00 Council #15979 Officers Meeting in Library Meeting Rm.

Thursday, 21st @ 7:00 #15979 Council Business Meeting in Library Meeting Rm.

Wednesday, 27th Admission (First) Degree hosted by StMM KofC #15979

Thursday, 28th THANKSGIVING DAY'

Saturday, 30th @ 9:00 AM, Knights Weight Loss Management class: Library Meeting Rm.

December 2019

Saturday, 7nd FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Saturday, 7th Special Olympics Kentucky State Bowling Tournament

Sunday, 8th Special Olympics Kentucky State Bowling Tournament

Sunday 8th Mulligans Living Kidney Donors (MLKD)

Sunday, 8th Mid-Year Meeting (Councils: All GM, FS, Membership Dir., Program Dir.)

Tuesday, 10th 6:30 PM, KofC Poster Contest Judging, "Keep Christ in Christmas" 2019

Saturday, 12-14th @ 9:00 AM, Knights Weight Loss Management class: Library Meeting Rm.

Sunday, 15th Help with the Christmas Dinner at the Franciscan Kitchen

Thursday, 19th @ 6:00 Council #15979 Officers Meeting in Library Meeting Rm.

Thursday, 19th @ 7:00 #15979 Council Business Meeting in Library Meeting Rm.

Wednesday, 25th CHRISTMAS DAY

Saturday, 28th @ 9:00 AM, Knights Weight Loss Management class: Library Meeting Rm.

Sunday, 29th Cathedral Soup Kitchen (5th Sunday)

Keeping High School Graduates in Touch With Their Faith

As some of our youth go away to college for the first time this Fall, you can submit the student's name and college to the Newman Connection online. This will enable the college's local Catholic community to contact the student about Catholic social functions as well as the time and location of weekly Masses. If interested, you can do this at:

<http://www.newmanconnection.com/connect>