

THE KNIGHTLY NEWS for June/July 2016

THE GRAND KNIGHTS CORNER.....

Well Fellas, as we come to the end of another busy fraternal year I can't thank you all enough for your generosity of time, talent, and treasure. The Supreme Council has just stated that the Knights of Columbus has set an all-time record of \$ 175,079,192.00 raised in donations, and over 73,500,000 service hours last year, as calculated from reports of Councils worldwide. Through our dedicated service in the principle of Charity, our Order has made great contributions to those in need!

At our June 14th Council Meeting our Worthy District Deputy, Bruce Kleckler, conducted our election of Officers for the 2016-2017 Fraternal year, which begins on July 1st. I'm pleased to report that our Council will be under great leadership with the election of; Dan Schwartz Grand Knight, Norm Bishop Deputy Grand Knight, Dennis Kiraly Chancellor, Alan Francis Recorder, Dan Ryan Treasurer, John Lamb Advocate, Robert Hanson Warden, Nick DiGiovanni Outside Guard, Glen "Gus" Kleckler Inside Guard, and Chris Prazak 3year Trustee. Our Financial Secretary Paul Susa was appointed by the Supreme Council for a minimum 3 year term, and he is just completing his 2nd year of service. Officers appointed by the Grand Knight include our Chaplain Rev. Maciej Stelmach, Lecturer Clare Jerabek, and two additional Council Guard positions filled by Brothers JT DiGiovanni, and Tom Vaughn. The Board of Trustee's include 2 year Trustee Bruce Kleckler, and 1 year Trustee Jim Russell. Please congratulate these men for the responsibilities they have undertaken for the good of the Order.

I want to close this article with my most sincere thanks to my Brother Knights for your confidence in me to be Grand Knight over the past 2 years. It has been an honor to represent our Council as elected by my peers, my Brothers, my friends. I've enjoyed getting to know you and your families and look forward to volunteering with you all, as we continue our good charitable works. I'm really looking forward to the leadership of our new Grand Knight Dan Schwartz, and all the Officers as they guide our Council forward towards our 10 year anniversary, and beyond! Peace, and have a great Summer.....Brother Chris Prazak



Brother Chris,

Thank you for your dedication and love of the Knights of Columbus. Our Council prospered under your leadership. May God bless you always for your dedication and desire to help others.

Signed,
A Grateful Council

THE NEW GRAND KNIGHTS CORNER.....



Greetings Brother Knights,

I am honored to be writing to you for the first time as your new Grand Knight! This past year our council again achieved Star Council status. This was a result of reaching three goals related to membership, insurance and programs. I am happy to say that our programs for this year are already off to a fine start.

Recently, on [June 18th](#), we participated in the Naperville-wide Installation of Officers, hosted by Council #1369 at Saints Peter & Paul Church. It's always special to get together with our Naperville brothers. Just a few days ago we had a good crowd of Knights, ladies, and kids attend the KC Day at the White Sox game – where our Sox blasted the Twins! Thanks to Glenn Domovic for planning this fun event.

Coming up shortly on [July 28th](#), our Council will be hosting at Hased House, and many volunteers will be needed. More information regarding that will be out shortly. We also have an important fund raiser, our Annual Golf Outing, coming up on [August 20th](#). Other fund raisers to participate in will include sales of Football Mania Tickets, and the Last Fling Beer Pour on Labor Day weekend. Other Labor Day weekend activities will include our Knights and families marching in the Labor Day Parade, and our Council will host a picnic following the parade for all Knights in Naperville and their families. Planning is also underway for this year's ID drive, to be held the two weekends after Labor Day. With your continued support, we should make this year another banner year. We appreciate your involvement and faithful efforts, which make ours an outstanding Council.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DAY AT THE WHITE SOX GAME



49 people attended the White Sox game June 29th. The Sox won and a good time was had by all. Thanks to Glenn Domovic for putting this fun event together.



Knights Award St. Raphael Students

At the St. Raphael School Awards Ceremony in June, the St. Raphael Knights of Columbus had the opportunity to present Award Certificates to some very talented students. Along with the certificates, checks were issued to participants that placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in the K of C activities in cooperation with school Principal Mary Rehfield, and the school staff. The gifted students include; 8th grade Graduate Samantha Gucwa, who took 1st place in the Spelling Bee, and in grades 1st - 7th Grant Ross placed 2nd, and Gabriela DiMatteo took 3rd also as Spelling Bee participants. The Alcohol Awareness Poster Contest awards went to Amanda Wozniak 1st, and Niamh Coyle 2nd place in the 8-11 age group, and Alena Nordhues took 1st place in ages 12-14. In the Drug Awareness Poster Contest Katherine Brill was awarded 1st place, and Nicholas Liedel took 2nd in the 8-11 age group. Mira Kucala placed 1st, and Alina Mathew took 2nd place in the 12-14 age group. Congratulations to these talented St. Raphael Redwing Students!



St. Raphael Knights Present School Scholarship

On [June 1st](#), at the St. Raphael Catholic School awards program, the St. Raphael Council #14171 of the Knights of Columbus presented their annual scholarship to school Principal Mary Rehfield. The annual scholarship is in the amount of one year's tuition for a student at St. Raphael School beginning in fall of 2016. As our Council nears its 10 year anniversary in November, we are happy to have been steadfast in providing this scholarship annually for our parish school students. Thank you for your support of the activities and events provided by the St. Raphael Knights of Columbus.

St. Raphael Blood Drive

On Saturday June 11th, the St Raphael Knights of Columbus Council 14171 held its semi - annual blood drive at St Raphael School. This drive is conducted in conjunction with Heartland Blood Centers.

The drives co-chairs, RJ Hanson and Ralph Arata were present as the program 2 coordinators.

The St. Raphael Knights hold 2 blood drives each year, scheduled in June and December. The December blood drive is tentatively scheduled for 12/10/2016.

Conducting these drives is a significant undertaking by the Council involving dozens of volunteers who man 3 separate volunteer teams; i.e. Caller Team, After Mass Sign Up Team and the Day of the Drive Team. The June drive involved 52 volunteers from the Council.



96 pints of blood were donated at the June drive. This number includes a double count for 10 double red donations and a confirmed 3 donations made at Heartland using the St Raphael blood drive sponsor code. Although this did not represent any new records for the St. Raphael drives in blood donations, it is a significant amount and among the very highest counts in the state.

This particluar drive featured the addition of Council 14171 members to help booster the somewhat dwindling number of donors on the donor listing but also to "communicate" with Council members who may not necessarily make meetings. Many, many thanks to all those volunteers who made this "very Christian" endeavor possible!



Annual Charity Fundraiser Golf Outing

Sponsored by St. Raphael Knights of Columbus Council 14171

Open to All Golfers

Carillon Golf Club

1200 S. Carillon Plainfield, Illinois

Saturday August 20, 2016

11:30 AM Lunch – Golf 12:30PM

Followed by Drinks and Dinner

\$100 fee includes all golf, cart, lunch & dinner

\$30 for dinner only



For information & reservations contact Bill Niemiec at 630 842-9362 or email niemiecs@ymail.com. Please make golf event checks payable to “St. Raphael Knights of Columbus” and send checks to : Bill Niemiec, 1913 Montclair Dr. Naperville, IL. 60565

Deadline for registration is August 12th.



Rich and Marilyn at Honor Flight Chicago at Midway Airport

Dates to remember

Weekly Mondays – Pray the Rosary to end abortion

August 4th – Officers & Directors Meeting

August 9th – Monthly Business Meeting

August 20th – Golf Outing

August 23rd – First Degree

September 5th – Labor Day Parade & Cook Out

September 9th, 10th & 11th – Tootsie Roll Drive , Store Fronts

September 16th & 17th – Tootsie Roll Drive, Street Corners

October 9th & 16th – Tootsie Roll Drive, Wal-Mart

Thanks

Thanks to everyone who sent pictures or articles for The Knightly News. Please keep them coming to caburkart@wowway.com.