

The Knightly News – March 2016

The Grand Knights Corner.....



Hello Brother St. Raphael Knights,

I hope you and your families enjoyed a joyous Easter Season. Well, with the chilly start of Major League Baseball in Chicago this spring, let's hope we can put our gloves and winter clothes away.....maybe by June? During Lent our Council once again sponsored 6 Fellowship Friday Fish Dinner evenings for our parish friends and families. I'd like to thank all of our Knights and their loved ones that helped out in the many positions at this year's event. In addition I'd like to thank the Boy Scouts of both Troops #510 & #889, the St. Raphael School teachers and staff, and the St. Raphael Youth Ministry,

and Religious Education for their support as Servers and at the Bake Sale table during the F.F.F.D.'s. The Cathy Darin Crusaders, Ladies Auxiliary were very helpful in taking on the Bake Sale table on 3 separate evenings. David Gotowko, Chairman of the F.F.F.D.'s, along with Tom Cumo, of Cumo's Catering provided us once again with a wonderful menu of delicious meals. Through all of the effort of these wonderful dedicated folks we had another fun and successful Lenten parish activity of fellowship, led by the St. Raphael Knights. Thank you all, and if you haven't had the opportunity to participate with your Brother Knights at the Fish Dinners please come out next year and join in the camaraderie, for it truly is great fellowship!

Fraternally, Chris Prazak



Naperville St. Patrick's Day Parade



DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 12 Monthly Business Meeting
- April 16 Adopt A Highway Cleanup
- April 23 Victor Cardosi Award
- April 29 State Convention
- Every Monday Pray the Rosary to end

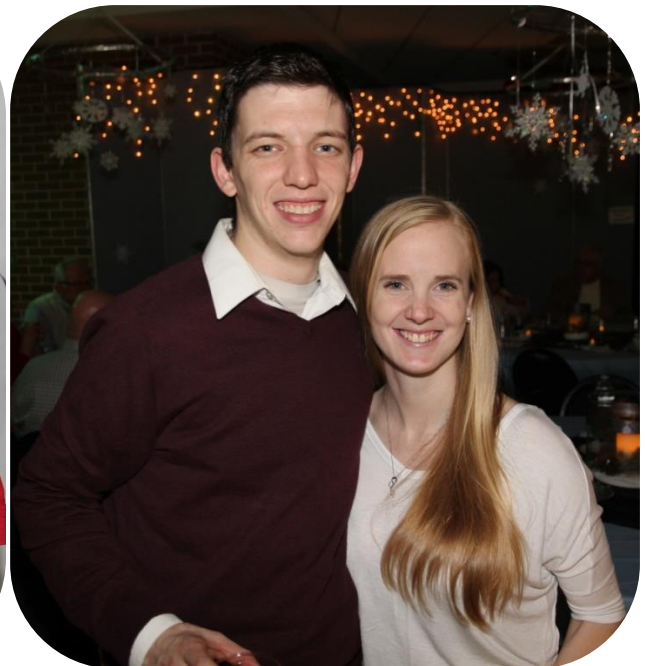
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Valentines Dinner Dance

Great Fellowship, Good Food, Fun Games & Dancing



Balloon Volleyball was a blast!





Adult Bozo Buckets provided a lot of laughs.



The committee did an unbelievable job transforming the cafeteria into a winter wonderland.



What a Great Night! Thanks to committee chairs Dan & Beth Schwartz and volunteers Paul & Ann Marie Susa, Chris Prazak, Frank & Ruth Kerkemeyer, Dan & Linda Ryan, Rich & Marilyn Kuenster, Mike & Karen Davis, Mike & Diane Fonte and Gus Kleckler. Special thanks to David Gotowko for the good food and to Ruth Kerkemeyer for putting together the fun games and activities.

Congratulations

Frank & Ruth Kerkemeyer
Knights of Columbus 2016 Family of the Year



RJ Bob Hanson
Knights of Columbus 2016 Knight of the Year

The **FREE THROW CONTEST** was held January 23rd. Thanks to Tom Burns and all the volunteers who helped out to make this event a success.



We need *YOUR* ideas!

Every year the Charitable needs for our St. Raphael Council continues to grow. We have accepted Father's McGivney's charitable and benevolent vision, and are doing some great things together as a Knights team. We provide charity by providing man power, donations and a combination of both. Each year our Council Officers ask the question. "Should we add a new fund raiser?". This is a normal question for a healthy Council like ours. We run several fund raisers each year with most in the Fall, and these fund raisers are all a success. However, as our Council grows and we continue to embrace Fr. McGivney's vision, we see unmet charitable needs and our Council faces hard decisions about budgeting Charitable support. We all need to commit ever increasingly to achieve success with our current fund raising activities, but we need to consider additional fund raising opportunities. At the last business meeting, our officers made a request to the members present to think about other funding raising opportunities that our Council can consider. We want your feedback. We want your ideas to improve our current fund raising, and ideas for new fund raising opportunities. Norm Bishop has agreed to write down ideas and conversation notes on fund raising. Feel free to talk with him about this at Council activities, Mass, by email nbishop@knightpiesold.com or give him a call at 303-475-0608. We want to consider a wide variety of ideas and thinking. This will be a subject that we report on as we go forward at our officers and monthly business meetings, and as we embrace potentially one or two new fund raisers during the next fraternal year beginning July 1st.

Fellowship Friday Fish Dinners



Lee came all the way from Tennessee to enjoy the food!