

# KNIGHTLY NEWS



Columbian Council #2191

July 2019

Dear Brothers -

The month of July has been quiet and peaceful with little activity. This has been a welcome opportunity to catch up with family vacations and celebrating the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. Last year we achieved the Star Council Award which means that we have met or exceeded our membership goal which was #2 in the State of Illinois; as well as our Insurance goal and we completed all the programs required to move forward. Thank you! We could not have done this without your participation, and this makes as a great tribute to our past Grand Knight Bill Spencer who would be proud of us all.



July 1<sup>st</sup> also starts a new year with changes in our officers, as we welcome Bob Herrera who has stepped up from Warden to Deputy Grand Knight. Bob has been a valued asset for both his relationship he shares with Father Bakkelund and for his team leadership within mentoring of brother knights, and Michael Woerner as new first- time officers with in our council.

July 1<sup>st</sup> also the starts a New Year with controversy within the 4<sup>th</sup> degree - whereby after almost 100 years we can no longer wear the traditional Regalia and we are required to change our attire from a tuxedo and cape to a Navy-blue blazer and Beret. Because of this we will lose many of our brother Knights who will no longer be able to participate as honor guards during many of our masses and celebrations. Supreme Council believes that our old Regalia were holding younger Knights back from joining the 4<sup>th</sup> degree. So once again we need to look at our brother Knights and determine who is going to move up to the 4<sup>th</sup> degree.

Let's remember why we joined the Knights of Columbus; we did not join because of the uniform we joined because we wish to serve and support our priests, parish, and community. The uniform is only an attire, it is not who we are. We are catholic gentlemen and we will surpass this change. We will continue to grow in our membership and promote our Catholic charities in our actions and prayers.



**Vivat Jesus,**  
Kevin Callahan, Grand Knight

## Chaplain Comments – Father Rico Paril

It is my honor to be the Chaplain for the Knights of Columbus Council 2191. I am not strange to the Knights of Columbus, back in my high school days I had been a member of the Columbian Squires, the youth program of the Knights of Columbus. My Father was a 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus and before his passing away, he was a chosen candidate to be the next

grand knight in our hometown. I always believed in the brotherhood and vision of the Knights of Columbus. Worldwide, the Knights of Columbus are known for their service of God and nation.

In many parishes where I've been assigned, the Knights of Columbus are always busy serving the Church in so many ways, including fundraisings in benefit of the less fortunate brethren.

It is my hope as a new chaplain that we continue to grow, first and foremost, as brothers to one another, mirroring the love of the disciples with each other, hence, we become a credible witness to the Gospel of Jesus.

Second, it is also my hope that we continue what we have been doing, that is, our service to God and to fellowman.

May we grow closer to God and to one another.

My dear brother knights, I hope to see you at our monthly meeting, first Tuesday of the month. We may not have official matters to discuss, but just to be there and to gather as brothers (sharing stories and beers!) – will surely mean a lot! Please know that you have a brother in the Knights of Columbus.

Your Brother Knight, Fr. Rico



## Family Picnic - Sunday, August 11,

– Picnic organizers - Aaron Wendinger, Bob Herrera, DGK, Kent Taylor, and John Emerson, PGK

The family picnic will be held on Sunday, August 11 starting at 1:00pm on the grounds of the Club and inside as well depending on the weather. The Council will provide the food (Brats, Dogs, fried chicken, etc.) and the Cub will provide soda for the kids, draft beer for beer drinkers and wine for the ladies. All this is free. Special bottles of beer will be available for \$3.00 (our normal club pricing). ...

There will be games for the kids, a dunk tank that they thoroughly enjoy, and a bags tournament which is open to all who wish to compete! We have many new members and we especially want to have you come to the picnic – bring the family – it will help them to see your “Brothers” and understand we are a great organization with good men involved in good works as well as a family!

KC Family Picnic 2018 photo





## ID Drive 2019 – Randy Rhodes, Chairman

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Brother Jim Keane for his service to the Council and the many organizations that benefit from our generous giving of time and treasure to the annual Tootsie Roll Drive. Over the past 5 years we have raised more the \$110,000 dollars through the annual weekend we devote to Standing outside businesses, our parishes and dodging traffic at the two major intersections where we seek donations.



**The drive will take place on the weekend of September 13, 14, and 15. The locations and time slots are now on our website (KC2191.org) and we ask everyone to take a moment to sign up for one or more of the many shifts available.**

The easiest slots to fulfill are those at our 3 parishes as we all attend Mass on that weekend and being outside the church after your choice of Mass has you on site without any additional effort. But the shifts outside the various stores and on the street corners are the most “lucrative” – so please make a commitment to help the many people who need our support and make their lives a little better.

**PLEASE – SIGN UP NOW!**

## Holy Cross Service Opportunities

**Nick Hall, PGK – Parish Coordinator –**

We are approaching the time of year when we are called to do several events for the parish.

**#1 - A bar-b-que dinner on Saturday, Sept.7** (specific times to still be determined), in thanks and appreciation for all those who run the various ministries within the parish.

**#2 – Another bar-b-que dinner on Wednesday evening, September 18** for the students and families who receive their religious education through an after school program at the parish.

**#3 - The annual Parish Picnic on Sunday September 22 following the 11:30 am Mass.** This last event will be much smaller than the event last year which celebrated the 10 year anniversary of the opening of the Parish school. **Each of these events will take place in Donovan Hall.**

We are responsible for set up, preparing the food, staffing the serving lines and cleaning up when the event is complete. Please take this as notice that we are seeking volunteers to help prepare and serve each of these events. The dates are shown above!

Brothers – I will really need your support to do a great job like we did for the picnic last year. **Please contact me at 630-406-6998 or e-mail at [LNHALL46@COMCAST.NET](mailto:LNHALL46@COMCAST.NET)**

**and let me know when you can help us deliver the great programs we are known for!**

## New Council Formation at St Gall

**Kevin Callahan, Grand Knight**

St. Gall Church in Elburn is growing and our council has been a part of this parish far longer than I can remember. Two years ago St. Gall moved from downtown Elburn to a brand new Church off of Hughes Rd. It should be of no surprise that with its new found location and with its freshly built church that it is continuing to attract new parishioners. Father DiTomo is a strong supporter of the Knights of Columbus and is looking to join the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree this October.

It is now time for St. Gall to spread its wings and start planning to build its own council of the Knights with its parishioners. This will not be an easy task and it will require our support to get up and running. Currently our council has 18 members that are parishioners of St. Gall and they will need to increase that number to 30 in order to maintain a new council.

Transferring to St. Gall Council is optional, but it also comes with the honor of being able to become a founding member that goes down in history.

## Past events

**Totus Tuus 2019** – As part of their visitation to local Parishes including Holy Cross – Brother Knight Matt Kwasny welcomed and hosted the teams to a dinner at a nearby restaurant. These young people volunteer their summer vacations to spread the Faith by leading training sessions for local around the state. They were working at Holy Cross Parish in June. Way to go Matt – you showed them how Knights of Columbus practice Charity.







## 100 Years of Service to the Church, Our Communities, and our Brothers and their families – Nick Hall, PGK

In just a few more months, on October 10, 2019, we will mark the close of our 99<sup>th</sup> year in operation, and then begin our countdown to a celebration of our 100 year anniversary. As a Council we have been setting aside each year, for the past 8 years, a “small” amount of money to allow us to have a gathering, a party, a dinner, or some other sort of celebration to mark our **FIRST CENTURY OF SERVICE**.

We want to acknowledge the work we do for the parishes, communities, and other charitable organizations we serve, as well as for our Brothers in need.

We want to form a working group to assist in planning an appropriate way to celebrate this rare milestone in our community life. Thus, we are seeking volunteers to be part of the process – brothers to identify the currently unknown ways we can mark this milestone and to help lead the planning and execution processes. If you would like to assist us in this adventure we would like to have you volunteer as a member of the initial planning team. To do so – please send an e-mail to me at Nick Hall ([LNHALL46@comcast.net](mailto:LNHALL46@comcast.net)), or to our Grand Knight, Kevin Callahan, at [Callahan@reliablelabel.com](mailto:Callahan@reliablelabel.com) or to both of us. We need your support to make this effort a “**Once in a Lifetime**” celebration!

## Swedish Days 2019 – Co-Chairs - Deputy GK Bob Herrera, Aaron Wendinger, and Tim Lyons

This years’ event was **AWESOME** – the weather proved to be perfect (not a drop of rain), and that helped produce 2 days marking a record sales for individual day sales and total sales for the 6 day event! Just a few sales stats to make the point – 1325 Brats, 1530 Dogs, 1000 Pork Chops, 1925 orders of Cheese Curds, 500 Turkey Legs, 2100 Ears of Corn, and 3162 Beverages!!!

None of that could have happened without all the Knights and family members who turned out to staff the event and who grilled, roasted, fried, made sandwiches, and served the continuous stream of customers who, to their credit, stood in the sun in long lines to support our work.

Without you and those wonderfully patient people we could not have had these **record results! Thank you!!!! All of you!!!**

**Special instructions for finding your name:** Following is the alphabetical list (in first name order) of our Swedish Day’s Hero’s and Heroine’s! This is a major change from

prior years. For example if your first name is David you should look for the first names starting with a “D” - there are several – so next look for a D followed by an A. Keep looking for each letter in sequence – Do not be fooled by DAV followed by an E – as E comes before I - and then you will find your name, if it is David Johnson. We love helping our friends, especially David. J. Thanks to:  
**Bill Wilger, Bob Herrera, Bob Meiners, Bob Schaeftges, Bob Swiderski, Breanna Johnson, Brian Johnson, Carole King, Carole Meeker, Chris Larocco, Clyde Gundrum, Crazy Shorts Feldhaus, Dan Erickson, Daniel Ludwig, Darlene Biggs, Dave Rutter, David Johnson, Deacon Greg D’anna, Dick Bennett, Don Miller, Dorothy Flanagan, Erin Hoogland, Evans Wollnik, Fred Ontiveros, Glenn Richter, Greg Davis Jack Murdock, Jake Kosmala, Jason Stoops, Jeff Anderson, Jerome Raschke, Jim Adrian, Jim Biggs, Jim Gillespie, Jim Keane, Jim Kowalkowski, Jim Legner, JJ Albarran, John Bondurant, John Emerson, John Iwanski, John Kunkel, Jonathan McLearn, Jose Villamar, Joseph Sauber, Karen Moore, Kathy Callahan, Kathy Longmeier, Katy Winans, Kay Yotz, Kelly Swiderski, Ken Brown, Ken Meeker, Ken Weinberg, Kent Taylor, Kevin Callahan, Kevin Kennedy, Kevin King, Kevin T Busch, Kim Ledoux, Kirk Neuhaufen, Larry Saladin, Luke Fisher, Marge Garbarz, Mary Carol Macdonald, Matthew Kane, Melinda Bernhard, Mike Bernhard, Mike DiMaria, Mike Jacobs, Mike Myles, Mike Woerner, Nick Hall, Patrick Kelly, Patrick Murtaugh, Patrick Walder, Paul Macdonald, Randy Rhodes, Reed Callahan, Richard Longmeier, Rob Reynolds, Robert Danek, Rolando Orama, Ron Ohlhaber, Roy F Christopher, Scott Dutton, Seth Spencer, Shaun Walder, Steve Rogers, Susie Woerner, Ted Wollnik, Terry Flanagan, Therese Augustine, Tim Lyons, Tim Wulff, Todd Augustine, Tom Kohorst, Tom Neidermann, and last but not least Troy Gower!!!!!!**

**If we missed someone – we apologize – we also Thank You!**







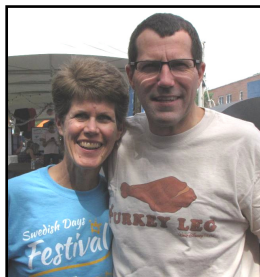
Swedish Days images







More Swedish Days







## Appointed and Elected Council Officer Positions –

With so many new members added to the Council this past year we want to share the Leadership positions and responsibilities each of these assignments entail.

Our **Chaplain is Father Rico Paril** (Holy Cross Parish) and was approved by Bishop Malloy.

And our **Financial Secretary is Tony Bliss** whose term of office is indefinite and is approved by the Supreme Council. He is responsible for the maintenance of all Council membership records and the initial processing of all financial transactions.

**Grand Knight – Kevin Callahan** - The grand knight is the chief executive officer of the council. He is responsible for setting council goals and ensuring that all officers fulfill their duties in reaching these objectives. He presides over all meetings; appoints program and committee directors as needed and fills officer roles in the event of vacancies; countersigns checks and orders for payment; and is responsible for the council's First Degree Team. Ideally, the grand knight should be a junior so that as a senior he can serve as a mentor for the next grand knight.

**Deputy Grand Knight –Bob Hererra** -The deputy grand knight serves as the grand knight's right hand man and should fill in for the grand knight when he is not present. Additionally, the Deputy Grand Knight will likely lead a committee, or multiple, if he chooses to do so. Some deputy grand knights serve as their council's program director. Ultimately, he assists the grand knight in leading the council and reaching council objectives. In some council's, the deputy grand knight role might be used to groom a possible grand knight candidate for the following year. Finally, the deputy grand knight may serve as a liaison between the council and other groups that share similar interest (i.e. Newman Club, pro-life club, etc.).

**Chancellor – Aaron Wendinger** - The chancellor assists both the grand and deputy grand knights in the leading of the council by engaging and strengthening the council's members. His primary responsibilities include both recruiting and retaining members and to this end he should set up different events that display the different values and principles of the Knights of Columbus. The chancellor should participate in the council's degree team and should serve on both the Admission and Retention Committees.

**Treasurer – Jeff Staley** - The treasurer is responsible for managing the council funds, whether in bank or school accounts. He receives money from the financial secretary and deposits funds into council accounts. He is also responsible for paying all council expenses. Finally, he balances and verifies the ledger and keeps the updated budget once approved by the council.

**Advocate –Steve Rogers** - The council advocate acts as council parliamentarian; he should be knowledgeable in Robert's Rules of Order and *Methods of Conducting a Council Meeting* (#1937). He may seek legal assistance from the state advocate, should issues arise. The advocate should be able to take on additional responsibilities as the council deems necessary.

**Recorder –Michael Woernor**- The recorder has the responsibility of recording all meetings and events held by the council. He should record minutes, conversations and other information helpful to the council and prepare them to be distributed to the council membership in a timely manner. Additionally, he should help with council event notifications, council meeting reminders, and assist with council social media responsibilities.

**Warden –Jim Gillespie** - The warden is responsible for the property owned by the council. He is also in charge of setting up meetings and leads both the inside and outside guards. Many college councils utilize the warden and guards as custodians of the campus ministry property which may include raking leaves, shoveling snow and assisting with maintenance of the interior.

**Inside/Outside Guards – Kevin Kennedy, Mark Restaino, Seth Spencer**- The inside and outside guards carry out tasks given to them by the grand knight and also follow orders of the warden. They are responsible for checking membership cards and allowing entrance to meetings. Councils should consider appointing additional inside and outside guards, especially among promising freshmen, as this provides early leadership opportunities from which they can be elected to higher positions as they enter their sophomore year.

**Trustees (3) – 1yr. - Bob Fortier, 2 yr. –John Emerson – 3 yr. – Bob Heise** -The trustees advise the grand knight, supervise the council's financial matters, and conduct the semiannual audits. Usually the immediate past grand knight will serve as a trustee. Some college councils utilize alumni members and/or university faculty members as the other two trustees to provide additional oversight and support.





## Columbian Club of Batavia – Aaron Wendinger, Club President

The Club continues to operate at a profit (small but in the black!) and will be mortgage debt free in a couple more years. We have added quite a few new men to the ranks of our Council in this current year and want everyone to know that as a Council member you are a “part owner” (although we do not have a financial stake in the operation). In that sense, you are always welcome to attend the monthly meetings of the Board, which are held at the Club on the second Tuesday of every month, beginning at 7:00pm. Board members are elected to 3 year terms and any active member is eligible to seek election to the “vacancies” that open with each new fiscal year (7/1/2019 – 6/30/2020).

The Board is responsible for the care and maintenance of the property BUT we do appreciate those members who show up to assist with the various maintenance projects that come as responsibilities of ownership.

We partner with the Council in co-sponsoring an annual dinner for the Priests and Deacons serving our Parishes, the annual Council picnic (members and families), an annual gathering for the Super Bowl, and a centennial watching of the Cubs in the World Series! As Knights we assist with the preparation of the food for the now annual Fish Fries at St. Peter Parish and as an independent organization we are again operating a Lenten Fish Fry at the Club. We welcome all our Brothers to help us with Club projects as supporting the club is how we maintain our own place for meetings and family events.

## Car Raffle – Kevin Callahan, GK and Joe Howland, co-chairs -

Grand Prize Winner: Ken & Kathy Spears (Shabbona, IL.)  
2nd Place Winner: Julie Yingst (Batavia, IL.)  
3rd Place Winner: Dawn Coglianese (Oak Lawn, IL.)  
4th Place Winner: Tim Stola (Big Rock, IL.)  
5th Place Winner: Lori Woodcock (Campton Hills, IL.)

Our 7th annual car raffle for 2019' was another successful year with special thanks to Brother Joe Howland who also works at Bob Jass Chevrolet. This year we sold all 500 Raffle Tickets at \$100 each plus a few sponsorship positions lead to a \$21,000 profit.

Our grand prize winners were Hen & Kathy Spears from Shabbona, IL. They originally purchased their raffle ticket from St. Katharine Drexel a couple years ago, but stayed in the raffle for the last couple years. This year they purchased 2 tickets on the internet and our grand prize winners choose the \$25,000 Cash Award.

Next year we will delay the start of the Raffle until August in order to avoid the colder weather and to move the raffle away from the busy Easter Holiday.

**Thank you for your participation and support,**

## Remember our picnic - Sunday Aug 11 at the Club. Come for the fun!!

### Why do we have Insurance—Kevin Callahan GK

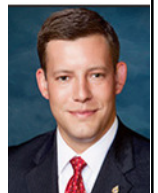
Recently I was at a small gathering with friends and one of the guests there was Sandy Telfer the widow of Brother George Telfer who passed away in August of 2014. Sandy has continued to be a supporter of the Knights of Columbus by attending our Fish Fries, Car Raffle, and other events even thou her husband has passed away 5 years ago. Remember during your first degree the Knights of Columbus was created to support the wives and children of our lost brothers.

During the gathering I overhead Sandy ask another known brother knight whether he was an insurance member of the council, of which he was not. I could never sell or emphasize the insurance as well as she did that evening. When her husband became ill the Knights Insurance did not ask a lot of questions or put her through a lot of red tape they immediately started providing her with her fraternal benefits from the order. It is one thing to listen to our insurance agent Mathew Kling or myself to express the value that is provided to you, but hearing it from a widow who is living the experience is an entirely new perspective.

If you are not an insurance member of the council you are missing the largest benefit of belonging to this fraternal organization. If you are an insurance member consider taking advantage of your brother Mathew Kling's knowledge and make sure you are properly covered for long term care and benefits for your wife and children.

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Once again thanks to PGK Nick Hall, our writer / editor.

### **Riverview Banquets** [www.riverviewbanquets.com](http://www.riverviewbanquets.com)

The Club ( KC Hall) is available for receptions and other events. Ask for Harmony or Tony. 630-761-1590. The outside wedding area has had many positive comments. There is no other location in the area that has a setting as nice as this.



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## **MEETINGS: Tuesday, Aug 6 / Sep 3, 2019 - 7:00 PM**

Your Brother Knights are available to give you a ride to and from the monthly meeting. If you need transportation call:  
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