



Dear Brothers -

We are 1 year away from Celebrating our 100 Year anniversary for Council 2191. It brings great excitement to see the growth in where we came from and where we are today. Many of you may remember when we were a combination of Batavia, Geneva, Elburn, Sugar Grove, and even St. Charles. Over the years the original council was split to establish local councils. This has helped to better support the needs of our priests and the communities.



St. Gall's council was created this summer and has fostered and grown from 11 Knights to 41 in the matter of only a couple months. I believe we have now accomplished the perfect size and talent, that we can share from one another and lean upon our brother Knights to focus our talents upon our wonderful parishes Holy Cross and St. Peter. The 2nd degree "Unity" is the bond that we share and the strength that we have when we work as a team. Let's keep our talents forever intertwined and grow our faith with the fraternal order of the Knights of Columbus.

As our council has grown and changed and so has the Knights of Columbus in whole. Our Supreme Council has changed its appearance and is driven towards blending into society verses standing out. They have added on-line electronic membership where a new candidate no longer needs to go through the degree ceremony in order to participate or take advantage of our programs. Supreme has taken the dignity out of our Honor Guard and down dressed us from our Regalia to a new uniform. These changes were brought about in order to encourage younger members of our parish to join our organization. Membership is important and we do need to grow in our faith and be able to share our beliefs through Evangelization, so reach out to that man sitting alongside you in church. Invite your neighbor and children to be a part of this organization. Change is hard and challenging to understand, but we need to stand together and support each other in Unity.

Vivat Jesus,

Kevin Callahan, Grand Knight



2nd & 3rd Degree Opportunity

The St. Charles Council 12497 will host a 2nd & 3rd degree event "**Knight Before Christmas**" on Saturday, December 7th for 2nd and 3rd degrees to be held at St. John Neumann from 1-5 pm with dinner. This is a great opportunity to enter full knighthood. The 2nd degree is a lesson about Unity and the 3rd degree discusses Fraternity. We are also expecting to have Father Mio Pavino and Father Jonathan Bakkelund join us for this degree ceremony on Dec 7.

Assembly News - New Sir Knights – Kevin Callahan, GK - On Saturday

October 19 the following **Brothers** became "**Sir Knight's**" in an exemplification held at Aurora Central Catholic High School. If you are not yet a member of the Assembly contact me and I will work with you to secure your membership at the next scheduled "Patriotic Degree". We want to congratulate all our Brother Knights who received the Honors of the 4th Degree: Father Adrian Ladines, Mike Bernhard, Jim Cannella, Mike DiMaria, Jim Gillespie, John Higgins, Chris Howland, David Johnson, Brian Johnson, Richard Longmeier, Bill Moore, Deacon Larry Motyka, Randy Rhodes, Seth Spencer, Jeff Staley, Jesse Villamar, Aaron Wendinger, Michael Woerner, Brad Sims, and Bill Wilger. Congratulations Sir Knights – we are proud to be your Brothers.



Christmas Trees and Decorative items

Starting November 2nd and running until November 17th – you can place your order for Frasier Fir or Balsam Fir Christmas trees from 6ft to 10 Ft. tall. So you don't need a tree – we will purchase for you handmade, fresh cut pine Christmas Wreaths (sizes 14 in. to 60 in.). Crosses, Candy Canes, door charms, or Kissing Balls. If a garland is all you need for Christmas decoration, we will have that too! Order your 25 ft. length and 6 or 10 inch wide freshly cut and handmade pine garland.

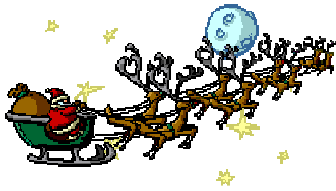


Sales begin November 2nd after all Masses at St. Peter – but watch for our "on-line ordering coming soon. And YES – help is needed at all Masses to sell the greenery and on the day after Thanksgiving to help fill orders. Sign up to help by going to our website at (<http://kc2191.org/calendar-of-events/activity-sign-up/>) and then **click ACTIVITY SIGN-UP** to volunteer.



Breakfast with Santa – Pat Kelly, PGK – Chairman

Our annual get together for the Christmas Season will be held on **Saturday, December 14, at St Peter’s Seton Hall from 8:30 to 11:30.** This is a family event



including a breakfast followed by a visit with SANTA CLAUS. This is a great way to connect your children and/ or your grandchildren with the Knights.

The event is free and all you need to do is bring a pre-wrapped and labeled gift for each of the kids in your family, which Santa will give to them. It is a wonderful way to start the Christmas season, and to take some pictures for your family albums. Stay tuned for an e-mail announcements about the event. Pat at 630-639-1697.for reservations.

St. Peter Events – Bob Herrera, DGK – Parish Coordinator

Call it a picnic, call it a social, or call it a Harvest Fest – but at St. Peter it’s called the **Fall Fest!** It was a fun filled day of events, September 21st, when St. Peter Parish held its **2nd Annual “Harvest Fest”**. The afternoon event featured kid games, giant bubble wands, bounce houses – yes – multiple bounce houses, face painting, sidewalk chalking, and touch a truck. Lunch was cooked and served by the Knights and included hot dogs, Brats, and pulled chicken sandwiches. Over 150 meals and treats were served to the attending families.

The evening event kicked off at 5:00 pm and went on until 11:00 pm with great tasting October Fest Authentic German foods, and beverages. Entertainment was provided by the Paul Windsor Orchestra, Again the Knights provided the manpower to help get the main tent put together for this fun filled evening. We also ran the power lines, set up the tables, chairs, and stage. Brother Knights also helped serve food and beverages for the 200 guests during the evening.

Nothing says “Fall is here” more than a good old October Fest celebration hosted by St. Peter Parish and supported by your Knights of Columbus - Council 2191. Thank you Brother Knights for your support of this Parish event!

Holy Cross Events – Nick Hall, PGK – Parish Coordinator

September was a month to remember, for the Knights at Holy Cross Parish. Over a very short 2 week period your Brothers and a good number of their wives prepared and served 3 separate dinners feeding about 650 parishioners.

The first event, where we served about 50 guests was focused on a Mostaccioli dinner for the men and women who lead a wide variety of programs for the Parrish.

The second event was the Parish Picnic where we fed over 400 a feast of Brats, Dogs, and beef sandwiches with all the traditional picnic trimmings. And the 3rd event hosted the families whose children attend the Holy Cross Religious Ed programs. This dinner featured a similar menu as the picnic, and here we fed about 200 hungry parishioners ahead of their attending this year’s first session of their Catholic faith education.

I wish I could have found the lists of participants for these events but somehow I have managed to lose them. That said – we have some pictures that were taken. I want to thank all my Brother Knights and especially our wives, who gave their time setting up, cooking, serving, and cleaning up Donovan Hall after each of these events. I also need to praise Brother Aaron Wendinger, who planned the menus, ordered the food, and ran the kitchen for all of these events – he is an amazing Knight and a great friend!





Council Family Picnic –John Emerson, PGK, Chairman

The annual Council Family Picnic was held on Sunday afternoon, August 11 – a beautiful day with good attendance and lots of children. A Co-ed Bags Tournament occupied many of the adults and a few young people while smaller children played happily in the bounce house. Some of the kids also availed themselves of the “dunk” chair while others made beautiful soap based giant bubbles. We want to thank the Columbian Club for their generosity in providing all the beer, wine and soda. Pictures nearby tell the story much better than words. But there is a one question you should be asking as you look at the photos and that is, “Why didn’t we go to the Picnic?” And then plan to join us next year – we would love to have you with us! And remember it is all **FREE- FREE- FREE** .





A Bit of History – Beer and the Wheel – Author Unknown

The two most important events in all of history were the invention of beer and the invention of the wheel. Beer required grain and that led to the beginning of agriculture. Neither the glass bottle nor aluminum cans were invented yet, so while our early ancestors were sitting around waiting for them to be created, they just stayed close to the brewery - or is that how villages were formed! In time the wheel was invented to get man to the beer and then vice versa.

These two events were the foundation of modern civilization and together were the catalyst for splitting humanity into two distinct sub-groups. 1. Liberals and 2. Conservatives. Some men spent their days tracking and killing animals to BBQ at night while they were drinking beer. This was the beginning of what is now known as the Conservative Movement.

Other men who were less skilled at hunting (called “Vegans” – an early word meaning “Bad Hunters”) and in time learned to live off Conservatives by showing up for the nightly BBQ’s and doing the sewing, fetching, and hairdressing. This was the beginning of the liberal movement.

Some of these liberal men “evolved” into women. Others became known as girlie-men. Some noteworthy liberal achievements include domestication of cats, the invention of group therapy, group hugs, and the concept of democratic voting to decide how to divide the meat and beer that Conservatives provided. Over the years Conservatives came to be symbolized by the largest, most powerful land animal on earth – the Elephant. Liberals are symbolized by the jackass – for obvious reasons!

Modern liberals like special flavored beer (with limes), but most prefer white wine spritzers or imported bottled water. They eat raw fish but like their beef well done. Sushi, tofu, and French food are standard liberal fare. Another interesting evolutionary side note is that liberal women have higher testosterone level than their men. Most college professors, social workers, personal injury attorneys, journalists, filmmakers in Hollywood, group therapists and community organizers are liberals. Liberals meddled in our “national pastime” and invented the designated hitter rule because it wasn’t fair to make a pitcher also bat.

Conservatives drink real beer. They eat red meat and still provide for their women. Conservatives are often members or were members of the military, hunters, rodeo cowboys, lumberjacks, construction workers, police officers, firemen, medical doctors, engineers, corporate executives, athletes, fighter pilots, and generally anyone who works productively. Conservatives who own

companies hire other conservatives who want to work for a living.

Liberals produce little or nothing. They like to govern producers and decide what to do with the production. Liberals believe Europeans are more enlightened than Americans. That is why most liberals remained in Europe when conservatives were coming to America. They crept in after the Wild West was tamed and created a business trying to get more for nothing.

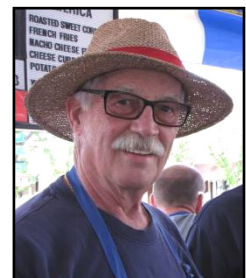
This ends today’s lesson in American history. It should be noted that a liberal may have a momentary urge to angrily respond to this article. A conservative will simply laugh and be convinced of the absolute truth of this history that he will share this story with other true believers, or to tweak the nose of his liberal friends – of which I have many.

FINAL EDITION – Nick Hall, PGK and Newsletter Writer/Reporter

Brothers - I will soon give up this quarterly project – I have enjoyed the work and hope those of you who have been loyal readers understand that there is an end to every project. I will be turning the newsletter over to a couple of very good Brother Knights, Bill Wilger and Ken Weinberg! I will assist them in the transition and am thankful for having had the honor of being its author for the last 8+ years!

I want to thank our current Grand Knight and all the past Grand Knights who allowed me to have this assignment and never once suggested I do something different. And I want to acknowledge and praise my partner – Ron Ohlhaber – who has been a fantastic and creative editor and producer of the Newsletters. Ron takes all the blah, blah, blah, plus the pictures we take, and has consistently turned it all into a beautiful work of art!

May Our Lord bless them with imagination and a sense of humor. And, may He bless each of you and your families. Thanks also to Brother Jim Keane for sending the previous “history” story to me. Finally, with this newsletter completed – I think I will grab a cold one from the refrigerator! Maybe even two or three!! Nick





Columbian Club – Aaron Wendinger, Club President

Brothers – The Fall cleanup at Riverview Banquet "Club" has been Cancelled for this Saturday, Nov 2. Hopefully we will have a Indian Summer Day in the next week or two so that we can cleanup around the property. Pleas remember we are often finished before noon – so we would appreciate a great turnout to get the job done quickly. Bring your leaf rakes, work gloves, maybe a wheelbarrow, and energy. We will have some coffee and some donuts to start the day. Watch your email for more information.

I would like to announce that we will have a new Treasurer starting next month – Brother Randy Rhodes has agreed to assume the duties of Treasurer following the request by our current treasurer Nick Hall to step aside. I want to thank Nick for his service and Randy for his willingness to take on this important Officer position.

We had the regular election of Officers at the last Council meeting and we would like to welcome JJ Albarran to the Board. "JJ" is replacing Mike Di Maria who decided to step away from the Board, in favor of travel and retirement fun. We can't blame him for that choice and I am looking forward to seeing how that works sometime down the road.

An FYI for all you members who recently joined the Council – you are automatically members of the Columbian Club and are welcome to attend the monthly meeting of the Club Board. The Club meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month and start at 7:00 pm. Please join us when you have the time.

The "HARVEST FEST" Dinner and Dance at Holy Cross

– Not to be in competition with our great friends at St. Peter - but Holy Cross will hold its annual dinner/dance at the parish (school auditorium) on Saturday, October 26. The evening starts at 7:00 pm and runs until 11:00 pm. Admission costs \$25.00 per person and includes a catered dinner. Food offerings are Pulled Pork, Chicken Breast, potatoes, salads and a variety of deserts.

Your ticket provides you with one "free" drink (assorted beer and wines) while another round costs a mere \$3 each. Your brother Knights led by Grand Knight Kevin Callahan will fulfill the bartender duties. We did this event last year and enjoyed it immensely! If you can help tend bar please contact Grand Knight Kevin by e-mail or phone at Callahan@reliablelabel.com or 630-235-6456.

ID Drive 2019 – Randy Rhodes, Chairman

We had another good year and I want to start by thanking everyone who donated their time to stand outside the stores, by our 2 parishes, and on the street corners passing out Tootsie Rolls and seeking donations. This year the high donation location was the intersection of Hwy. 47 and Main Street with a total in donations over \$4,200. This rare occurrence was due mainly to the construction at Kirk and Fabyan.

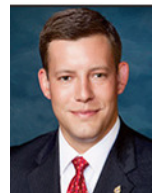


The weekend total was over \$21,000. It will be distributed to our local Charities early next year. Once again – THANK YOU and God Bless You for your support of this charitable program – we can't do it without you!



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

Riverview Banquets 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.



MEETINGS: Tuesday, Nov 5 / Dec 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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