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CARDINAL BELLARMINI COUNCIL #4849

MARCH 2025 MONTHLY EVENTS

3/7-4/11	Fish Fry	4:30pm-6:30pm Connor Hall
3/4/25	Council Meeting	7:30pm-8:30pm Connor Hall
3/18/25	Assembly Meeting	7:00pm Columbian Club on the Fox Batavia IL
3/25/25	Council Officers Meeting	7:30pm Connor Lounge
3/30/25	Memorial Mass for David Hipp	9:30am Holy Angels Church
4/1/25	Council Meeting	7:30pm-8:30pm Connor Hall
3/7-4/11	Fish Fry	4:30pm-6:30pm Connor Hall

Please visit the web for complete Calendar of events with updates: www.kofc4849.net

4th Degree - Marquette Assembly #188

Meetings are held on the Third Tuesday of each month at
The Columbian Club on the Fox 1117 N Washington Ave, Batavia, IL

Time: 7:00pm

See Assembly web site for Color Corp training dates and times

Check out our website at:

www.marquetteassembly188.org

Uniform and Supplies for Assembly

Legacy regalia is no longer allowed to be worn for the uniform. Regalia can be purchased at



<https://kofcuniform.com/>

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MEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND

THE CURSILLO WEEKEND?

During the three days of the Cursillo weekend from Thursday evening to Sunday evening, people from all walks of life grow close to one another. Religious and lay people form a living, working Christian community to gain a deep awareness of the treasures and responsibility of their faith. The goal of the Cursillo weekend is to give those who make it a new understanding of Jesus Christ, the basic Christian truths, and the desire to serve the church.

The Cursillo weekend is a blend of seriousness, light heartedness, spiritual exercises, talks and discussions. The teachings of Christ are discussed within an atmosphere of joy and song. There are meditations and talks by priests and laymen, and everyone making the Cursillo weekend is urged to participate by taking notes, discussing, and even by making drawings that illustrate major points.

The Cursillo weekend ends at the close of the three days. However, the whole point of the Cursillo movement is that ordinary people can steadily grow in the love and service of God and man for the rest of their lives. Christian growth is not easy, but the Cursillo weekend provides a framework for it, both during the three days and afterwards. In the Post-Cursillo, emphasis is on maintaining a vibrant and growing Christian community, thus springs the apostolic action required to make ours a better world to live in.

For many, a Cursillo weekend is a new awakening to a deeper friendship with Christ.

WEEKEND INFORMATION

For those Cursillistas who would love to come back and serve on a Cursillo weekend the Rockford Diocese holds weekends twice a year, once in the fall and spring for both men and women.

All weekends are held at:

St. Mary's Parish Community Center
881 North Mongan Drive
Oregon, Illinois 61061

Men- March 27-30

Women- APRIL 3-6

Below is a list of web sites that contain useful information for our members.

- www.kofc4849.net
- www.marquetteassembly188.org
- www.kofc.org
- www.illinoisknights.org
- @KC4849 on Facebook
- www.holy-angels.org
- www.rockforddiocese.org

ADORATION AT HOLY ANGELS

Wednesdays starting after 8:00am Mass and ending before 6:30am Mass on Thursday morning. Check the book outside the chapel for open times or join others in this most blessed opportunity.

Contact Connie Webber, Call 630-892-4880

Grand Knight Line

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Council 4849**

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24th of the Month.

Please send articles to:

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Cardinal Bellarmine Council 4849 March Newsletter: A Call to Our Brother Knights

As we embark on the season of Lent, we are called to reflect deeply on our faith, renew our commitment to our spiritual growth, and engage in acts of service and charity. The season of Lent is not only about sacrifice, but also about drawing nearer to Christ and offering up our time, talents, and resources for His glory. Below are a few important ways you can embrace this season with purpose and intention.

1. The Importance of Attending Ash Wednesday Services

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a season of penance, prayer, and fasting. Attending Ash Wednesday services is a powerful way to enter the spirit of this holy season. It's a time to reflect on our mortality, recognize our need for God's mercy, and commit ourselves anew to following Christ. The distribution of ashes is a visible reminder that we are all sinners in need of grace. Let's make it a priority to attend Ash Wednesday Mass and begin this journey together as a brotherhood in faith.

2. Helping at the Fish Fry or Supporting It

One of the most beloved traditions of Lent is the Friday Fish Fry. It's an opportunity not only to enjoy great food, but also to serve our community and support our parish. If you're able, please volunteer at the Fish Fry – your time and efforts will help ensure its success and provide an opportunity to grow in fellowship with fellow Knights and parishioners.

If you are unable to volunteer, consider still supporting the event by purchasing a meal. Your contribution, whether through volunteering or simply attending, directly benefits our Council, our parish, and the larger community we serve.

3. Select a Good Catholic Book to Read During Lent

Lent is the perfect time to deepen your understanding of the Catholic faith through prayer, reflection, and study. We encourage each of you to select a Catholic book that will help you grow spiritually during this season. Whether it's a book about the life of a saint, a guide to prayer, or a meditation on Scripture, reading a Catholic book during Lent can help you draw closer to God and gain new insights into His Word.

If you need suggestions, our Church Priests and Deacons may have resources, or you can ask fellow Knights for recommendations. Whatever book you choose, commit to reading it regularly throughout Lent and allow it to help shape your spiritual journey.

4. Go Beyond Just Giving Up Food or Drink

Many of us are accustomed to giving up food or drink for Lent. However, we challenge you this year to go a step further. Instead of simply sacrificing something external, consider identifying a bad habit or personal vice you struggle with perhaps impatience, pride, or gossip – and try to work on eliminating it. Lent is not just about deprivation; it's about transformation. Let this be the year you work to grow closer to Christ by actively working on a personal area of growth, seeking His strength to overcome it, and embracing lasting change in your life.

As we enter this sacred time of Lent, let's make it a point to walk this journey together, with our faith as our guide. May each of us reflect on the meaning of this season, serve others with joy, grow in knowledge, and work on becoming the best versions of ourselves. May God bless you all during this Lenten season.

Vivat Jesus

Rick Marsh, Grand Knight

Cardinal Bellarmine Council 4849, Aurora

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“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles.” (Gospel for March 2, Lk 6:43-44)

Scripture often reminds us that our faith must be made evident through our works, through the good that we do. If we are truly prayerful and holy in an interior way, we will also be productive in the world. Like a tree, we will be known by the fruit we produce. May we always be mindful that faith calls us to lead lives of virtue in service to God and neighbor.

CHALLENGE BY SUPREME CHAPLAIN ARCH-BISHOP WILLIAM E. LORI:

This month, I challenge you to prayerfully identify at least one area of your life where you could bear better fruit. Then, guided by the Holy Spirit, undertake at least one concrete resolution to improve.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

To borrow an old question: If you were accused of being a Christian, would there be sufficient evidence to convict you? Where do you see room for improvement in turning your faith into action? What opportunities does the Knights of Columbus provide to help you bear good fruit?

Ceremonial

As we move forward the “degree” will be referred to as the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity

Exemplification of 4th Degree

March 1 2025 in Joliet

Degrees are available on-line please contact Past Grand Knight Bill Dugan at kofcbill@sbcglobal.net or 630-849-6405

Apparel

COUNCIL APPAREL

Golf Polo Shirt (No Pocket) \$36

Pocket Polo Shirt \$36

Long Sleeve Shirt \$45

Screenprint T-Shirt \$9

Contact: Ray Froehlich

Phone: 630-605-5521 or