



Brothers – As Knights starting a new calendar year, we must remind ourselves we are only halfway through out Fraternal Year. Likewise, while vowing to lose weight, start a 401K. or spend less time on our jobs in favor of our families, in this New Year we must maintain our focus to the commitments made to finish our Fraternal year to assist our charities and “Lend a Hand to Our Lord’s most Needy.



So as we start our New Year and focus our efforts to finish our Fraternal Year, I would like to leave you with this final thought: ***“It’s not the big things you will do that are great, but the little things you do that are so profound that they become great.”***

**A New Year Family Prayer** – Dear Lord - As a new year begins we come to you and ask for Your Blessing. We pray that you would give us joy to fill our days, peace to fill our hearts, and love to fill our lives. Thank You for the plans You have for us in the new year. We wait in anticipation to see all you will do! Thanking God for you and praying your new year is blessed in every way.

“For I know the plans I have for you” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give hope and a future” – Jeremiah 29:11 - AMEN

Bill Spencer **Grand Knight**



## New Council Chaplain – by Bill Spencer, Grand Knight

We want to welcome **Father Adrian Ladines** to St. Peter Parish and to our Council. Father came to our Diocese from the Philippines in June of 2018 and after his assignment became a Knight and a member of our Council shortly thereafter. He agreed to be our Chaplain in August and we are grateful for his willingness to serve as our spiritual leader and his commitment to the Knights of Columbus. We look forward to his presence and guidance.



## Membership Growth – Kevin Callahan, DGK

Brothers – we are ½ the way through this fiscal year and have added 22 new members to our Council membership – 20 from Holy Cross and the other 2 from St. Peter. Of note, newly assigned priests at Holy Cross, Father’s Mio and Rico, have joined us as well. This burst of new members does not mean we need to stop asking other parishioners to consider joining us. Instead, it means we need to step forward and set an example for our newer

members to see who we are and what we are about.

Continue to invite others to our growing community. As Christians we have a basic precept to evangelize our faith and spread the good deeds of our Order. Membership in the Knights has its rewards through our many family activities that we can share with our kids and wives. But it also offers the financial strength from our insurance programs and school scholarship program.

As we grow in numbers, we grow in strength. Our Church and Priests are under attack by scandals and the unfortunate actions of a few. This is a time when we need to remain Strong for each other and united within our Fraternity.

I personally believe that our strength in our faith will overflow to our families, fellow parishioners, and our priests. We have excellent priests within our parishes and they need our support. St. Michael, The Archangel has given us the strength of prayer to combat the wickedness and snares of the Devil – use that strength to battle for your faith!

## Super Bowl Sunday - Sponsored by “The Columbian Club”



Super Bowl LIII (53) is set for **Sunday February 3, 2019** and the club will be open for all Brothers wives and friends. We run a pot luck operation for the food and snacks, and the adult refreshments will be available at our normal Knights pricing. While the hoped for resurrection of the Bears in the game ended quickly – we still expect to watch a great game. Join us! We will provide more details via e-mail as the event draws nearer.

## Pancake Breakfast @Holy Cross – Nick Hall, PGK – Team Leader

For the second year we have been given the opportunity to work on behalf of Catholic Education – by preparing a Pancake Breakfast for all the interested parishioners. **WHEN IS IT? Sunday morning Jan. 27– from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm and IT IS FREE!** The event is sponsored by the Parish School and includes an open house for everyone interested in learning more about the benefits of a parochial education. But that is not a requirement. So we encourage you to join with us and bring your family down to Donovan Hall, after or before you attend Mass. **We are planning to serve 500 or more parishioners – join the party – have a pleasant Sunday morning – no cooking – no cost!!**



### Lenten Fri. Fish Fry's at St. Peter Parish and Columbian Club – Bob Herrera and Aaron Wendinger



Lenten Fish Fry's are on the agenda in two locations this year. We will continue serving at St. Peter which will offer a fish dinner, following Stations of the Cross, on the 4 Lenten Fridays **beginning March 22**. We will also renew Fish Fries at the Club. We will be preparing the fish and accompaniments (fries, hush puppies) at the Club kitchen and then transporting it to the kitchen at St. Peter. Why – you wonder?

There are a couple reasons – Preparing the food in the Bus Barn at St. Peter was a very cold place to work and created challenges with using propane as a fuel source due to the propane not becoming gas in the very frigid environment. The other reason is that we will be re-starting a public Fish Fry at the Club in hopes of increasing its income. Over the past three years there have been no bookings on the Fridays of Lent, thus the Club has not earned any revenue for these Lenten dates. That said – unlike the prior arrangement with Riverview – these dinners will also be prepared and staffed by the members of our Council.

Finally, we have been fortunate to experience some real growth in our membership and taking this new activity on will offer opportunity for all members to participate in a Knights of Columbus program during the time of year when little else is going on.

*(By the way – as a member of Council 2191 you are also a member of the Columbian Club and have a vested interest in its success.)* So – please take note of these opportunities to help our Council whether at St. Peter or at the Club.

And when we begin seeking men to help with these activities, please consider volunteering at both St. Peter and/or at the Club. You will be able to sign up on the Council web site. And if you aren't volunteering – please consider these events as an opportunity to take your family to dinner. Questions/ comments – Can be sent to Aaron at ([awendinger@gmail.com](mailto:awendinger@gmail.com)) or 630-715-5555 or Bob at ([RMHERRE@yahoo.com](mailto:RMHERRE@yahoo.com)) or 630-232-6996.

### Car Raffle News – Kevin Callahan, DGK – Chairman

The arrival of a new year is a great time to announce some **BIG CHANGES** to the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Raffle. First of all this year - **Brother Joseph Howland** will become the **Co- Chair** for the event. Joseph is currently a sales representative for Bob Jass Chevrolet in Elburn and is a

member at Holy Cross Parish. In 2018 the Fox Valley Ford dealership was sold and is now Gerald Ford. Although we appreciate the last four years working with Fox Valley Ford, it is in our best interest to work with a Brother Knight. The program will remain the same – still selling only 500 tickets at \$100.00 per ticket.

Ticket sales will begin in March and we will hold the final drawing in early June this year. As we get closer to March we will be sending out e-mails to seek helpers with ticket sales at the parishes – please sign up and please consider selling tickets to family , friends, and buy one yourself.

**EARLY BIRD drawings (for a \$100.00 prize) will begin with the March Member meeting** so get your tickets as soon as possible

**Knights of Columbus**  
COLUMBIAN COUNCIL # 2191

**7th Annual Car Raffle**

Win a New 2019 Chevy Vehicle of your Choice or \$25,000  
Some of your options are:

500 TICKETS \$100 each

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<b>Blazer</b> 	<b>Corvette</b> 	<b>Camaro</b> 
<b>Malibu</b> 	<b>Traverse</b> 	<b>Grand Prize 2019 Chevy Vehicle</b> 2nd Place - \$1,000 3rd Place - \$750 4th Place - \$500 5th Place - \$250

Vehicles pictured are for advertising purposes only, and not the actual prize.

**You can win a 2019 Chevy Vehicle of your Choice!**

### Mentoring Program – Kevin Kennedy

I want to take this opportunity to thank our Mentors and the newly joined members who agreed to participate in the program. Unfortunately, things are not moving as quickly as we would like. With that said, the Mentoring Committee is working to get its initial meeting completed so we can the move forward.

We appreciate your patience while we work to get things started as we want to make sure we produce a program that will be useful to you as you gain experience with the Knights. I will work as quickly as practical to resolve the issues we have, and will present an update at a future membership meeting.

I encourage you to continue attending our member meetings as they afford you an opportunity to learn what is happening and to intermingle with your Brother Knights and establish the relationships that are the real value of being a Knight of Columbus.

## ID Drive Awards - Jim Keane, Program Chairman



As I reported in our last issue – we had a great year raising about \$25,500.00 through our efforts – placing us in the top 5 Councils in Illinois. In this issue I want to announce some changes in leadership and management for the program in 2019.

Brother Randy Rhodes will be taking over as Program Chairman and will be assisted by Kevin Callahan, our Deputy GK, who will again serve as Team Captain for the Fabyan Parkway/Kirk Rd. crew members, and Bill Wilger will serve as coordinator for St. Peter and the various retail establishments we cover in the community.

I would also like to share with you the disposition of the funds we raised (bear in mind that the State Council gets a share of the funds we raise to distribute to organizations with a state wide reach). Our local donations are to; Valley Sheltered Workshop, \$4550.00 – Special Camps for Special Citizens, \$4350.00 – Special Olympics, \$2600.00 – Marklund at Mill Creek, \$3000.00 – Association for Individual Development, \$2600.00 – Fox Valley Special Recreation, \$2200.00 – Aurora Deanery Center for Religious Ed., \$1048.65 – and Giant Steps Illinois Inc., \$1150.00. Once again – I want to thank you for all of your support of this program and to encourage you to do it again later this year.

## Spring cleaning of Club grounds – Brian Johnson and Kevin Kennedy

We haven't yet set a date for the cleanup of the grounds around property, but it will likely be early April (6 or 13). The work involves raking up the leaves we didn't clear in the Fall. Most of them were still on the trees. We will also be doing our best to clear the weeds that grow on the edges of the property. So you will need to bring a rake, a leaf blower if you have one – and perhaps a chain saw for the things that need to be cut down.

We always have coffee and donuts to start the day – and perhaps different refreshment when the work is completed. Stay tuned to your e-mail when we get closer to the end of March.

## Greenery Sale - Bob Herrera

The Knights off loaded and prepared 375 greenery items this year at the annual St Peter/St Gall Greenery Sale. Lots of hands were needed to sell, unload and re-load greenery into parishioner vehicles. Thank you everyone who helped make this another successful event. Photos >

## Scholarship awards – Jerry Raschke, PGK and District Deputy – Chairman

Congratulation to all the participants – their group pictures are below.





### Breakfast w/ Santa – Pat Kelly, PGK – Chairman

The short story of this years' encounter with Santa – is that it was an AWESOME morning! This year produced a huge gathering – the largest participation ever. I want to thank all the men who prepared the breakfast, cleaned the kitchen and hall when the event was over, and contributed greatly to the success of our Christmas celebration. Specifically - Jerry Kasper, Ted and Evans Wollnik, Mike and Allise Jacobs, Mike and Faith Myles, Kent “Santa” Taylor, Aaron Wendinger, John Emerson, Tom Neidermann, Brian Johnson, and Kevin Callahan. A special Thanks to my wonderful and supportive partner in life – Nancy – who has helped with the program every year. Pictures are nearby





### V DAY Letter – Bill Spencer – GK

Brothers – You may have noticed that every Federal Holiday that honors veterans, I always write about Priests who served and gave the ultimate sacrifice. As a combat infantryman, I saw firsthand the dedication, bravery, and commitment these Chaplains have, and I have the highest regard for them.

These stories outline their fervent loyalty to God and their fellow man in the most extremely hazardous situations. I feel honored to bring their stories forth so you can honor their sacrifice as well.

#### “The Grunt Padre”

Father Vincent R. Capodanno was a Maryknoll Priest, a Navy Chaplain, and was the 10<sup>th</sup> child of Italian immigrants, born Feb.13, 1929 in Staten Island, New York. His parents and Parish Priest impressed upon him to be grounded in the Catholic Faith, patriotism, and hard work.

At age 10, his father died working in the ship yard. He and the rest of his brothers and sisters worked different jobs to support their mother and their family. After high school, he worked as a clerk on Wall Street by day and at night attended Fordham University.

As a young boy, Father Capodanno was always drawn to the priesthood’s Catholic Mission Society and the Maryknoll Fathers, which kindled desire to evangelize at an early age. At the age of 20, he left Wall Street and Fordham University and applied and was accepted to the Maryknoll’s and was ordained in 1958.

He was sent to China serving in the Catholic Missionary Service, but in 1965 received a call from God to serve our military in Viet Nam. He went to his Superiors and requested and was granted permission to join the Navy Chaplain’s Corps. After Navy basic training, he was shipped out to join the 7<sup>th</sup> Marines in Vietnam.

In Vietnam he worked, ate, and lived with the Marine Infantry, commonly known as “The Grunts”. Tony Grimm, now 80 and a member of John Paul I Council 7165 in Arlington Va., served with Father Capodanno, and remembers “wherever we went, he went. Whatever burdens we had to carry, he carried and shared our load”, Grimm remarked.” He was a Pied piper.”

It didn’t matter where he said Mass, in the field or a chapel, Marines, regardless of Faith, would show up sometimes in ragged fatigues and mud soaked eager to attend his Mass. He was one of us, and earned the nick name, “The Grunt Padre”.

At the battle of Que Son Valley, the Marines were taking heavy casualties, and “The Grunt Padre” was seen administering Sacraments, dragging and carrying the

wounded back to temporary Aid-Stations and exposing himself to extremely heavy fire. Lance Corporal Frederick W. Tanke, who had been shot in the hand, was one of several Marines trapped on a small knoll in the valley.

Cpl. Tanke remembers Father coming to their aid taking wounded back to the aid-station under relentless heavy machine gun fire. Tanke was still able to lay down covering fire in an effort to protect Father as best he could.

The North Vietnamese were working their way closer to our position, at that moment my M-16 jammed, Father saw what was happening, yelled at me “Watch out for the gunner” and threw himself between me and the enemy soldier at the moment he fired his weapon preventing me from taking the fatal volley of rounds.

The Navy Department posthumously awarded Father Capodanno the Medal of Honor, Navy Bronze Star, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star and the Purple Heart. Because of his unconditional service and support to the “Grunt Marines”.

The Navy also named a ship after him – the USS Capodanno and nearly 20 KofC Councils and Assembly’s also proudly bear his name. Work is also underway investigating the possibility of Canonization to Sainthood.

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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 new 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, Feb 5 / Mar 5, 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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