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From the Grand Knight's Pen

Dear Brother Knights,

DGK Bill Osborne and I had the privilege and honor of representing our Council at the Illinois Knights of Columbus 119th State Convention held at our Capitol's city of Springfield April 21st-23rd. If you ever get the opportunity to attend this Convention, you will not be disappointed. Also in attendance from our Council were Brother Jason Sturges, Brother Dan Campbell, and he has not transferred to our Council yet but hopefully soon Brother Don Hall and our District Deputy Bob Tetzloff.

Over 500 Councils throughout the state had the chance to come together to caucus, exchange ideas, vote on important matters, see awards given for individual programs for Church, Family, Council, State, Youth & Pro Life as well as awards for Family of the Year, Knight of the Year, Public Relations, Best Council Newsletter, Best Council Scrapbook, Rising Star, State Deputy Leadership, and various Auxiliary awards.

The weekend would not have been complete without attending Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and being present to see Brother Jeff Peters get elected as our next State Advocate.

Fraternally,

George Lamoureux

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 2017

- 4 Council Business Meeting – 7:15 pm
Rosary at 7:00 pm
Nominations of Officers for FY 2017-2018
- 7 Mother's Day Breakfast [Cancelled]
- 14 Mother's Day
- 28 Ascension Sunday
- 29 Memorial Day

June 2017

- 1 Council Business Meeting – 7:15 pm
Rosary at 7:00 pm
Election of Officers for FY 2017-2018
- 4 Annual Golf Play Day
- 4 Pentecost
- 11 Trinity Sunday
- 14 Flag Day
- 18 Feast of Corpus Christi
- 18 Father's Day
- 26 St. Rita Council 37th Charter Anniversary
- 29 Installation of Officers [Tentative]
- 30 End of Fraternal Year 2016-2017

July 2017

- 1 Start of Fraternal Year 1016-2017
- 4 Fourth of July
- 6 Council Business Meeting – 7:15 pm
Rosary at 7:00 pm
- 26 Rockford Chapter Meeting
- 27 Officers & Directors Meeting

Clip & Post

FRATERNAL BENEFITS

Did you know that you have Fraternal Benefits with the Knights of Columbus? Want to learn more? If you would like information on the Knights of Columbus Fraternal Benefits and/or Insurance program, please contact Jason Sturges, our Fraternal Benefit representative, and he will schedule a time to meet with you and discuss your fraternal benefits opportunities. Call Jason at 815-222-7666.



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IN NEED OF PRAYER

Please remember those Knights, their families, and friends in need of our prayers. Especially for;

Colleen Bill, Carol Bray (Larry), Julien Brinson family, Linda Faber, Mike DeFrancisco, Bob Dwan, Ann Gregorich, , Stella Jacobs, Kate Kujawa, Joe Laudicina, Dorothy Levine, Ken Markley, Lauren McGovern, Ken McGinn, Fran Medina, Marion Paraconi, Jerry Pennington, Larry Peters, Beth Phillips (Dave), Odette Rice, Marie Ruzevich, Peter Ruzevich, Joyce Stankiewicz, Michael Stankiewicz, Deacon Sweeney, Bill & Joann Wargo, Fr. Evans intentions for St. Rita Parish, all Priests of the Diocese, Pope Francis, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, all deceased, sick or unemployed Knights, those with addictions, parents of unborn children, police, firemen, EMT's, and those in the military.

HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAY!

Kyle Anderson, Henry Baumann, Kenneth Baumann, Brandon Correa, Gregory Cote, Thomas Di Pasquale, Albert Domico, Matt Eshleman, Aaron Fast, Mario Gutierrez, John Herlugson, John M. Mann, Frank Manzullo, Terry Olszewski, Larry Peters, Jason So, Roy Tammen and Mark Walter

Happy Birthday!

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Worthy Officers, Dear Brothers,

Here we are. The month of May.

Remember, in days of old, when flowers budded, knights would present bouquets or crowns to their ladies fair.

Gentlemen, do something nice for your wife this month, and don't forget our Lady.

For all you do for the Church and the world, thank you!

*Fraternally Yours in Christ,
SK Rev. John R. Evans, PGK*



SLATE OF CANDIDATES

The Nomination committee has put forth the following Slate of Candidates for the 2017-2018 fraternal year. This is the first posting of the slate of candidates. Council elections will be held at the June business meeting. Nominations may be received up until the time of voting.

Slate of Candidates for 2017-2018

Grand Knight	George Lamoureux
Deputy Grand Knight	Bill Osborne
Chancellor	Brian Soltys
Recorder	Robert Collins
Treasurer	Dan Campbell, PGK
Advocate	Ken Mattson, PGK
Warden	Mike Ruzevich
Inside Guard	David Haskell
Outside Guard	Jim Novak
Trustee (3-year)	Craig Stear, PGK
Trustee (2-year)	Andy Schachtner, PGK
Trustee (1-year)	John Logli, PGK

Please note that the Grand Knight appoints the Lecturer.

The Financial Secretary is appointed by the Grand Knight and approved by Supreme. After serving 18-years as Financial Secretary, John Mann will be retiring. Please thank him for his service. Brother Tom Clausen, PGK has been appointed by the Grand Knight and the Council is awaiting approval from the Supreme Council.

COUNCIL & MEMBERSHIP REPORT



Craig Stear is the Membership Director for the 2016-2017 fraternal year. If you have questions concerning membership or need help in the recruitment of a gentleman, please contact Craig at 222-9569.

Knight of the Month



Congratulations to our March Knight of the Month, Brother Gene Stankiewicz. Brother Gene was selected by the Grand Knight for his volunteering at all six fish fry's! Gene supervised the volunteers in making sure that everyone always had coffee and water. And, Gene was also busy serving too! While working the fish fry's, Gene was proud to wear his Knights of Columbus Council

shirt and representing the Knights. Thank you to Gene for all of his hard work and help on Church & Council events. Congratulations Brother Gene on being selected as March Knight of the Month.

PROGRAM REPORT



Bill Osborne is the Program Director for the 2016-2017 fraternal year. If you have questions concerning programming, please contact Bill at 540-9178.

State Convention



The 119th Illinois State Convention took place Friday through Sunday, April 21st-23rd in Springfield. Attending as the St. Rita representatives were GK George Lamoureux and DGK Bill Osborne. However, due to circumstances, Brother Bill had to leave on Sunday and Brother Dan Campbell, PGK filled in as our alternate. Also attending the State Convention were Don Hall, Jeff Peters and Jason Sturges. The State Convention started on Friday night with the State Deputy's "Thanks for the Memories" party where hundreds of KC pictures filled the tables for attendees to take home. Saturday was Awards & Presentations and the State Deputy's banquet in the evening. The weekend ended on Sunday with the State Council business session and the election of the 20167-2018 State Officers. Elected to State office were; Ted Sities (State Deputy), Frank Schwartz (State Secretary), Steve Mann (State Treasurer), Jeff Peters (State Advocate) and Lloyd Reinkensmeier (State Warden).

I (Jeff Peters) would just like to take the opportunity to say thank you to the St. Rita Council and Rockford Diocese for their support in my election to State Advocate. Thank you.

Chapter Meeting



The April Chapter meeting was held Wednesday, April 26th in Pecatonica. Prior to the meeting, Mass was said by Msgr. Robert Sweeney, STP. The order of business for the evening was the election of Chapter officers. Elected to office were; Jeff Metters (President), Mike Coleman (Vice-President), Jeff Peters (Secretary) and Bill Laudaundo (Treasurer). Congratulations to all.

CHURCH REPORT



Mike McGarry is the Church Director for the 2016-2017 fraternal year. Any news regarding Church activities should be directed to Mike. If there are any Knights in need of our prayers, please let Mike know at 398-0853.

Washing of Feet



On Holy Thursday, 12 Knights participated in the Mass by having their feet washed. We were honored that Fr. Evans invited the St. Rita Council to provide 12 men who were Knights to participate in this beautiful ritual. Thank you to those Brother Knights who participated.

We Remember - Deceased Knights Mass

The Deceased Knights Mass was celebrated April 30th at the 8:30 am Mass. Thank you to everyone who helped with the various ministries.

We remember; Jason Martin, William Niemeyer, Joseph Provenzano, Samuel Castree, Roger Heinemann, Anthony Dal Pra, Robert Ryan, Paul Bederka, Donald Schultz, Gerald Soderberg, John Corpora, David Verheyen, Frank Kuffel, Dennis Hawkinson, Chester Janicki, Richard Herlugson, Steven Cacciatore, Peter Montaleone, Joseph Gregorich, Robert Reed, Lawrence Brich, Ed Slaga, Ben Lingis, John Meini, John Feehan, Joseph Vogel, Bob Pawlowski, Charles Janz, Deacon Gerald Savercool, Richard Keefer, Sr., Elmer Strathman, Jr., Richard Flatley, Clayton Belongia, Deacon Bob Martin, Paul Kotz, Anthony Montalbano, Marion (Mike) Jansen, Ed Doyle, Karl Niedermann, James Pohlman, Mike Johnson, Paul Bufalo, William Bauch, Deacon Alex Hainchek, John "Jack" Skura, Raymond Moser, George Zawacki, Roy Tatro, Dwane Kaplenk, Gene Wolski, Harmon Mitchell, Robert McGinnis, John Barwick, John Bouril, Gordon Grubb and Tom Podraza.

Our Widow's Spring Breakfast was held following the Deceased Knights Mass at the Cherry Valley Café. Thank you to everyone who came out and shared some time and breakfast with the ladies of our deceased Brother Knights.

CHARITIES REPORT



Gary Heidenreich is the Charities Director for the 2016-2017 fraternal year. If you have questions regarding charitable activities please contact Gary at 229-3146.

A quick update on our Illinois State Charitable goals. Newman: \$715.00 vs. \$940 (-\$255.00). ID Drive: \$3385.36 vs. \$3996.45 (-\$611.09). Pro-Life: \$220.00 vs. \$206.80 (+\$13.20). Vocations: \$542.00 vs. \$470 (+\$72.00). GAF: \$425.00 vs. 206.80 (+\$218.20).

There is still time to make a tax deductible donation to the Newman Fund this fraternal year. Contact our Charities Director for more information.

COMMUNITY REPORT



Ed McMahon is the Community Director for the 2016-2017 fraternal year. Any news or ideas regarding community activities can be directed to Ed at 399-1717.

Council Blood Drive



The St. Rita Knights of Columbus Blood Drive on April 6th was a great success. We had a record 32 donors this year which means a total of 96 lives will be saved! We would like to thank the following people that took the time to donate: Robert & Annette Aken, Sue Ellen

Anderson, Erin Andrist, Pete Beke, Deacon Bill Dall, Sandra Degrand, Chelsie Dockins, Brian Flynn, Ben Garbacz,

Rebecca Harris, Barbara Heinemann, Ron Laisure, Ken Mattson, Rick, Kristine & Anna Mimier, Laura Oberg, Bill & Diana Osborne, Jill Phillips, Pat Powers, Marcia Rigney, Ron Stephan, Joan Studier, Michael Van-Daele, Norma Vonderheide, Joe Voss, Lisa Watson, Elizabeth Watson, Raymond Winchel and Chairman Jim Watson.

This was Jim Watson's 8th year as the Blood Drive chairman. Every year Jim has grown the Blood Drive and made sure that everything ran smoothly. Jim will be handing over the Blood Drive to Brother Ben Garbacz next year. Please take time to thank Jim for all of his work these past eight years; and, welcome Ben in his new role. Thank you Jim & Ben!

Adopt-A-Road

Winter is over, and Spring is here and Summer is on its way. That can only mean one thing. All the trash on Mulford Road is now uncovered and ready to be picked up. Once again, the St. Rita Council has adopted Mulford Road between Harrison and Linden Roads and we will be doing several Adopt-A-Road clean-ups this year. Our Chairman is Jim Novak. The Council's first Adopt-A-Road clean-up was Saturday, April 22nd, Earth Day. Thank you to everyone who came out and helped.



Quicker Picker Uppers!

PRO-LIFE REPORT



George Kujawa is the Pro-Life representative for the 2016-2017 fraternal year. Questions regarding Pro-Life activities should be directed to George at 222-4068.

Spiritual Adoption sign-ups have taken place. Did you sign-up to say a daily prayer for a spiritually adopted baby and pro-life? If not, it's not too late. Pick a name, and say the following prayer every morning for nine months. It's that easy.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
I love you very much.
I pray to you for the unborn child
that I have spiritually adopted
whose life and health is in danger.

FAMILY REPORT



Bob Collins is the Family Director for the 2016-2017 fraternal year. If you have questions regarding charitable activities please contact Bob at 332-7979.

Mother's Day Breakfast



Unfortunately, due to circumstances, the Mother's Day breakfast had to be cancelled. However, we are hoping that it will be back next year. Thank you to everyone who had volunteered to help and we apologize for the inconvenience.



In the United States Mother's Day was first suggested in 1872 by Julia Ward Howe (who wrote the words to the Battle Hymn of the Republic) as a day dedicated to peace. Ms. Howe would hold organized Mother's Day meetings in Boston every year. In 1907 Ana Jarvis, from Philadelphia, began a campaign to establish a national Mother's Day. Ms. Jarvis persuaded her mother's church in Grafton, WV to celebrate Mother's Day on the second anniversary of her mother's death, the 2nd Sunday of May. By the next year Mother's Day was also celebrated in Philadelphia. Ms. Jarvis and her supporters began to write to ministers, businessmen and politicians in their quest to establish a national Mother's Day. It was successful as by 1911 Mother's Day was celebrated in almost every state. President Woodrow Wilson, in 1914, made the official announcement proclaiming Mother's Day as a national holiday that was to be held each year on the 2nd Sunday of May.

YOUTH REPORT



The Youth Director for the 2016-2017 fraternal year is OPEN. If you are interested in the position, please contact GK George Lamoureux at 222-9569 for more information.

Easter Egg & Candy Hunt



The annual Easter Egg & Candy Hunt was held on Palm Sunday, April 9th. On a beautiful Palm Sunday afternoon kids and their parents gathered for the St. Rita Council's annual Easter Egg & Candy Scramble. Volunteer Knights spread approximately 900 eggs and candy across the school field. The Easter Bunny showed up and filled Easter baskets and took many a family picture. Thank you Easter Bunny.

So as not to leave anyone out, a big thank you to everyone who came out and helped. A special thank you to our chairman, PGK Andy Schachtner for chairing the event and making sure that everyone had a good time.

FOURTH DEGREE



The St. Rita Council belongs to Bishop Muldoon Assembly 190. Wayne Jacobs is our Council contact for the Fourth Degree. If you have questions concerning the Fourth Degree, please contact Wayne at 399-2563.

The April Fourth Degree meeting was the Annual Clergy Night Dinner to honor our Priests on Tuesday, April 18th at the Hoffman House. Our active and retired Priests and Deacons were invited to join us for dinner in appreciation and celebration of their vocation. It was a great evening to spend some time with our Priests and Deacons.

Our next Fourth Degree meeting will be May 16th and the order of business will be the election of Officers for fraternal year 2017-2018. The following gentlemen are nominated; elected Officers; Othello Garganera (Faithful Navigator), Wayne Jacobs (Faithful Admiral), James Watson (Faithful Captain), Roy Lorenz (Faithful Pilot), Steve Schutz (Faithful Scribe), Robert Tetzloff (Faithful Purser), Patrick Hickey (Faithful Inner Sentinel), Patrick Minnick (Faithful Outer Sentinel) and Douglas Wheeler, PFN (Faithful Trustee, 3-year). Come out and support our Brothers from St. Rita who have been nominated. Please watch your Fourth Degree newsletter for time, place and dinner selections.

Please watch your Fourth Degree newsletter for possible May Honor Guard opportunities including Confirmations, Boylan Graduation and the Memorial Day Service at Calvary Cemetery.



SAVE THE DATE! GOLF PLAY DAY



SAVE THE DATE! The Council's 37th Annual Golf Outing will soon be here. The Play Day is scheduled for Sunday, June 4th at Silver Ridge Golf Club. Come out and enjoy a round of golf, cart, course beverages, door prizes; and most importantly (for us semi-golfers) a great steak dinner! The golf committee is hard at work planning a fun day on the course. Hopefully you will be able to keep the date open and enjoy Brother Knights in a fun round of golf. Everyone is welcome, so invite your friends to join you in a foursome for a fun day of golf.



BROTHER AUSTIN



You may have seen in it the Northwest Quarterly magazine. Congratulations to Coordinator of Student & Young Adult Ministry and Brother Knight, Austin Edmondson as being selected as one of the 25 most interesting People. Get your copy and read more about him. Congrats Austin.



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Memorial Day – Monday, May 29th

REMEMBER

KNIGHT SCENES – WE REMEMBER



**In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.**

**We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.**

**Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies
grow
In Flanders fields.**

All of our fallen soldiers have their own Flanders Field. We remember them on Memorial Day and thank them for their sacrifice. Please remember to take a few minutes on Memorial Day and say a prayer thanking them for the freedom we enjoy.

Please remember that on Memorial Day, your American flag should be flown at half-mast until noon. At noon, the flag should be reverently raised to the top of the staff.

The flag, when flown at half-staff, should be first hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff position. The flag should be again raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day. On Memorial Day the flag should be displayed at half-staff until noon only, and then raised to the top of the staff

ATTENDANCE INCENTIVE

For the month of April, the drawing for the Attendance Prize saw Nick Giacone, Jr.'s chip pulled from the can. Unfortunately, Nick was not present to win. Come join us at the monthly meeting and you could be the next big winner!

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

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