



# THE KNIGHT CAP

 **JUNE 2017** 



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SAINT RITA COUNCIL 7624

**Chaplain**  
Fr. John Evans

**Grand Knight**  
George Lamoureux

**Deputy Grand Knight**  
Bill Osborne

**Chancellor**  
Brian Soltys

**Recorder**  
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**Financial Secretary**  
John Mann, PGK

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**Advocate**  
Ken Mattson, PGK

**Warden**  
Mike Ruzevich

**Inside Guard**  
David Haskell

**Outside Guard**  
Jim Novak

**Trustees**  
Craig Stear, PGK  
Andy Schachtner, PGK  
John Logli, PGK

### From the Grand Knight's Pen

Dear Brother Knights,

It is hard to believe how fast the 2016-2017 Fraternal year has gone. I feel as if it was only a few months ago I was writing, introducing myself as the Grand Knight of Council 7624.

I want to thank each and every one of you for all that you did this past Fraternal Year. I especially want to thank all the Officers, Directors and the Chairman of all the events.

As this Fraternal year draws to a close I want to ask each of us to be thankful for all we each have and for the lives we have touched. Next, ask yourself what will we do next year as a Fraternal Council as well as individual Knights and Catholic men. If you have not been able to do as much as you would like in the past we need plenty of help in the future. Take that step.

Fraternally,

*George Lamoureux*

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## June 2017

- 1 Council Business Meeting – 7:15 pm  
Rosary at 6:45 pm in Rosary Garden  
Election of Officers for FY 2017-2018
- 4 Annual Golf Play Day
- 4 Pentecost
- 10 Adopt-A-Road Clean-up
- 11 Trinity Sunday
- 14 Flag Day
- 18 Feast of Corpus Christi
- 18 Father's Day
- 26 St. Rita Council 37<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary
- 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 6:45 pm in Rosary Garden
- 26 Rockford Chapter Meeting
- 27 Officers & Directors Meeting at 7:00 pm
- 27 Officer Installation to Follow

## August 2017

- 1-3 Supreme Convention [St. Louis, MO]
- 3 Council Business Meeting – 7:15 pm  
Rosary at 6:45 in Rosary Garden
- 4 Adopt-A-Road Clean-up
- 7-13 Knights of Columbus Family Week
- 12 165<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Birth of Fr. McGivney
- 14 127<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Death of Fr. McGivney
- 15 Feast of the Assumption
- TBD Teacher's Back to School Picnic

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## 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, Richard Bugke, Mike DeFrancisco, Ann Gregorich, Red & Margaret Hasenyager, Stella Jacobs, Kate Kujawa, Joe Laudicina, Clarise McGinn, Steve Osborne, Larry Peters, Dave Phillips family, Joyce Stankiewicz, 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 JUNE BIRTHDAY!



Chris Anderson, Peter Beke, Adolph Bledes, Richard Cascio, Frank Davit, Richard Gorman, Matthew Graczyk, Larry Gray, Mike Hildebrand, Deacon John Huntley, Wayne Koch, Anthony Lasquety, Roger Lauritzen, Robert Layeux, Thomas LeMaster, Edmund Linkenheld, Wayne McMahon, Jeffrey O'Hara, Jerry Pennington, Patrick Powers, Michael Stine, Floyd Vincer, Fr. William Wentik and Robert Wilson.

**Happy Birthday!**

## THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Worthy Officers, Dear Brothers,

I hope this letter finds you well.

Please forgive me for not saying it enough. Thank you, all of you, for your leadership. You are leaders in the community in so many different ways. You each have your patch of God's vineyard, and tend it well.

This month, our Holy Father asks us to pray for those with bigger vineyards, "that national leaders may firmly commit themselves to ending the arms trade, which victimized so many innocent people."

Keep praying for peace, and know that I remain,

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



## SLATE OF CANDIDATES

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The Nomination committee has put forth the following Slate of Candidates for the 2017-2018 fraternal year. This is the second 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

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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 April Knight of the Month, Brother Paul McNamara. Brother Paul was selected by the Grand Knight for his help in the first Adopt-A-Road clean-up this year. After a long winter, the roadside along Mulford Road was full of debris needing to be picked up. Thanks to Paul and the other volunteers, Spring cleaning took place on Mulford Road. Congratulations Brother Paul on being selected as April Knight of the Month.

### **Families of the Month**

Congratulations to our April Family of the Month, Ed & Gerri McMahon. Ed & Gerri could not make it Saturday after Mass to help stuff eggs; so, Ed & Gerri took the next step. They took the eggs home and filled over 600 eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. Congratulations to Ed & Gerri!

Our second Family of the Month is the Pete Beke family. Pete and his daughter Maria also helped out at the Adopt-A-Road clean-up and picked up a Winter's worth of trash. Congratulations to the Pete & Maria Beke!

## PROGRAM REPORT

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

### **Rising Star**



At the State Convention, Grand Knight George Lamoureux was awarded the Rising Star award by the State Deputy. The Rising Star is awarded to those Grand Knights who have shown outstanding work during the fraternal year. Rising Star nominees are nominated & submitted by the District Deputy. Thank you to District Deputy Robert Tetzloff for recognizing the potential in Grand Knight George Lamoureux. And, Congratulations to GK George!

### **Golf Outing**



The Council's Annual Golf Outing is happening Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully you have made your reservation and will be joining us on the links for a fun day of golf and fellowship. FORE!!!!!!

## CHURCH REPORT

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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.

### **First Communion**

Congratulations to sons & daughters of Brother Knights who recently made their First Communion. Congratulations to;

Robert Collins & Brooklyn Stear

## PRO-LIFE REPORT

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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.

Pro-Life does not take "time-off." In light of recent events, we must continually be vigilant in our efforts to preserve the sanctity of life and to promote the Culture of Life. Please continue to pray to end abortion & guard our Catholic values.

## CHARITIES REPORT

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Knights of Columbus 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.

Thank you to everyone who donated towards our charitable goals this year. We hope to have our final numbers for fraternal year 2016-2017 in the July newsletter.

## 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.



The Fourth of July was traditionally celebrated as America's birthday, but the idea of an annual day specifically celebrating the Flag is believed to have first originated in 1885. BJ Cigrand, a schoolteacher, arranged for the pupils in the Fredonia, Wisconsin Public School, District 6, to observe June 14 (the 108th anniversary of the official adoption of The Stars and Stripes) as 'Flag Birthday'. In numerous magazines and newspaper articles and public addresses over the following years, Cigrand continued to enthusiastically advocate the observance of June 14 as 'Flag Birthday', or 'Flag Day'.

Inspired by these three decades of state and local celebrations, Flag Day - the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777 - was officially *established* by the Proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30th, 1916. While Flag Day was celebrated in various communities for years after Wilson's proclamation, it was not until August 3rd, 1949, that President Truman signed an Act of Congress designating **June 14th** of each year as **National Flag Day**.

## 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.

Summer is almost here and so is the end of the school year. We hope all of the families & youth of our Parish enjoy their summer vacation. Have some great family adventures!



## 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.



Congratulations to the St. Rita 8<sup>th</sup> graders of Brother Knights upon their graduation. Congratulations to all the youth of our Brother Knights who graduated high school, college or other higher education. We wish them the best in their new adventure's.

### St. Rita 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

**Mia Berg**  
**Elle Eshleman**  
**Virginia Speltz**

## 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 May Fourth Degree meeting was hosted by St. Bridget Council 4330 and was held in the parish hall. The business meeting included the election of Officers for fraternal year 2017-2018. Congratulations to the following 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). Thank you to PFN Wayne Jacobs on the past fraternal year!

The June Fourth Degree meeting will be the annual Honor Guard steak fry on Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at the Wooden Nickel in Stillman Valley. Please watch your Fourth Degree newsletter for more information.



## FATHER'S DAY



Don't forget, Sunday June 18<sup>th</sup> is Father's Day. Remember to call your Dad and say Hello and thank him for all that he has done for you. This would also be a good day to take a few minutes and thank our heavenly Father for all of the many gifts He has given us. From the Officers of the Council;



## TIME TO GO

I'm so glad we had this time together. Seems we just get started and before you know it, comes the time we have to say goodbye. I took over the newsletter fifteen years ago and now the time has come to move on and turn it over to someone else. At the time, we were a 2-page newsletter. I got a little rambunctious and expanded it to the current six pages in order to cover all that this active Council does. Some months, six pages is not enough! With my new upcoming role with the Knights, I felt that this would be a good time to move on. Besides, the newsletter could use a new look and perspective. I have enjoyed producing the newsletter for these past 15-years and I hope you have enjoyed reading it. Bob Collins will be taking over as the new newsletter editor. I look forward to seeing and reading his version. Tradition and stability are good, but so is change and new ideas. With that, I turn over the newsletter editing to Bob. Good Luck Bob! Fraternally, Jeff Peters



## **ST. RITA CHARTERED**

St. Rita Council received its Charter on June 26th, 1980. However, prior to that date, a number of gentlemen from the parish met over a period of approximately six months nurturing and preparing the way for the formation of the St. Rita Council. Preparations included recruiting the 30 gentlemen required for new council formation and assignment/election of duties. The gentlemen were recruited, preparations made, and application for a new council submitted; and on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 1980 the dream became a reality and St. Rita Council 7624 received its charter. The original 31 charter members were;

J.A.Laudicina	P.T.Sullivan	J.H.Martin
R.E.McGinnis	P.M.Bederka	D.L.Verheyen
J.C.Holmes	R.K.Keefer	J.V.Provenzano
A.S.Montalbano	G.F.Soderberg	J.H.Martin, Jr.
B.J.Lawson	W.J.Niemeyer	P.J.Montaleone

E.D.McMahon	Z.T.Montefalcon	F.A.Mantello
R.D.Layeux	R.R.Stephan	L.A.Due
A.J.Hainchek	S.C.Frieders	R.S.Hobart
S.O.Straub	R.H.Martin	R.B.Cascio
J.V.Drog	J.H.Corpora	E.M.Reilly
		Rev.E.Hughes

The Knights of Columbus has become a very important part of our lives, and so to you gentlemen, we say "Thank you."

## **COUNCIL BANNER**

The blue & gold St. Rita Knights of Columbus banner that adorns our Council chambers at each meeting was made and donated to our Council by Margaret Martin, wife of Jason Martin, who was the founding District Deputy and charter member of our Council, and Mariem Neimeyer, wife of William Neimeyer who was charter Grand Knight of our Council. Both of these men were very instrumental in founding Council 7624. Both men, unfortunately, died a short time apart from each other during the first year of St. Rita Council's existence. However, thanks to these men, we continue carry on the works of the Knights of Columbus. And, thanks to these women, we have the St. Rita Council Banner that we men of St Rita Council 7624 take pride in.

## **COUNCIL GIFTS TO ST. RITA PARISH**

Are you aware of some of the gifts St. Rita Council has made to St. Rita Parish? Did you know that the Council donated the American & Papal flags that adorn the sides of the altar of St. Rita Church? Also, St. Rita Council and the St. Rita Altar & Rosary Society donated the chairs in the meeting room and chapel. We also purchased and donated the plates, glasses, flatware and storage bins for Wahl Hall. However, the Council's biggest gift is probably one that many of our parishioner's, and Knights themselves, may be unaware of. The two stained-glass windows behind the altar of St. Rita Church. During construction of the new Church, our Council pledged to purchase windows the windows; a pretty ambitious undertaking considering that the Council was barely a year old. The window on the left of the altar represents growing wheat and signifies that our faith will continue to grow. The window on the right of the altar represents a rising column of

smoke and signifies the risen Jesus Christ and is dedicated to all members of our Council & parish that they too may be raised. The Council has continued to support St. Rita Church both financially and spiritually through our service. Our latest gift to St. Rita Parish is the Luminous mystery, the "Proclamation of the Kingdom" in the Parish's Rosary Garden.

## **TRADITIONS**

A number of the activities that we do as a Council are rooted in our Traditions. Tradition is an important part of any Council, and especially St. Rita's. To that effect, I would remind you of some of the Council's long-standing traditions. According to our historian, Ed McMahon, we have a number of activities that we have been doing for a number of years. Five of the oldest include; Special Olympics Bowling, Council Golf Outing, Blood Drive, Christmas Breakfast, and the Mass for Deceased Knights. All five, it is believed, have been a part of the Council's annual activities since the Council was chartered 37-years ago. It is tradition that makes us strong and gives us a sense of continuity. It is what helps us to develop our Unity and Fraternity. It is pretty neat to think that we today are a part of something that was begun 37-years ago. However, as we work towards 50-years as a Council, we should not only continue our traditions, but also evolve and begin new traditions. Just think, in another 13-years maybe another Grand Knight will remind the Council of how you started a new tradition! To all the men of the Council, Thank you for your continued involvement in the Council's activities and the Knights of Columbus.

## **STAR COUNCIL**

St. Rita Council has always been a hard-working and generous Council. Thirty-seven (37) years ago St. Rita Council received its first Star Council award from the Supreme Council, the very first year of our Charter under the leadership of William Neimeyer & Joseph Laudicina. Since then, St. Rita Council has received Star Council in 1980-81 (Joseph Laudicina), 1981-82 (Ed McMahon), 1988-89 (Robert Torgerson), 1989-90, (Paul C. Kotz), 1995-96 (Nicholas J. Giacone, Sr.), 1998-99 (John J. Mann), 1999-00 (Patrick J. Powers), 2003-04 (Jeffery J. Peters), 2004-05 (Jeffery J. Peters), 2008-09 (Kenneth G. Mattson) and 2009-10 (James P. Watson).

## **OTHER RECOGNITIONS**

St. Rita Council has had Brother Knights recognized in other areas too. Past Faithful Navigators of Bishop Peter J. Muldoon Assembly 190 include; Dwane Kaplink (1985), John Mann (2007), Jeff Peters (2009-2010), Nicholas Giacone (2010-2011), George Kujawa (2014-2015) and Wayne Jacobs (2016-2017).

St. Rita Council has also had several Brother Knights recognized by the Rockford Chapter and have received the Knights of the Round Table. They are; Ed McMahon (2000), Nick Giacone, Sr. (2003), Fr. David Peck (2013) and Jeff Peters (2016).

Finally, two members have received the State Medallion. They are; Ed McMahon (2004) and Jeff Peters (2012).



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**KNIGHT SCENES – ST. RITA COUNCIL ANNIVERSARY**

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**Happy Anniversary  
St. Rita Council 7624**

**Chartered  
June 26<sup>th</sup>, 1980**



**ATTENDANCE INCENTIVE**

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For the month of May, the drawing for the Attendance Prize saw Jason So's chip pulled from the can. Unfortunately, Jason 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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