



Brother Knights—Greetings to all!

Well, we have breezed through the first quarter and the Council seems to have survived the transition in leadership. So far, we have made progress on the three goals we established for the year – Increase Membership; Improve Communications; and Increase Involvement.



Recruiting - we have added five members and moved several Knights forward on the degree path. We are working toward a major recruiting effort in the next month to be held at each of our parishes and we will be seeking your assistance in the drive by staffing the tables after the weekend Masses.

That said, recruiting is not a one time activity, but, it is a really simple process. **It starts by asking another man – are you a Knight?** Then, have you considered becoming a Knight? After that you are in a conversation about the Knights and why you are a Knight – what that means to you - and how the Knights add value to your life. Try it – you may be surprised at how it works!

If you don't have a new member Form 100 in your car call me or our Financial Secretary Tony Bliss and we will immediately mail one to you.

Communication – Although progress on the new web site has been slow, we are continuing with the building process. We have, however, moved forward with improving our e-mail process.

We now use the system on the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council site which enables us to reach almost 65% of our members where the other process didn't have that level of coverage. That change will help us reduce our printing and postage costs by around \$2000.00 per year.

We are also trying to send out more timely messages regarding meetings, agendas, and programs which are having an impact on our third goal. For members without e-mail we will continue sending out these periodic newsletters to keep you connected.

Achievements – Over the past three months we have made real progress on the path of streamlining our meetings, delivering programs of interest, and providing extra time for our members to interact socially. It appears the word is getting out because we have seen modest increases in attendance.

In September we conducted a First Degree Exemplification and last month listened to a program presented by the Kane County Assessor's Office.

This month we will have a presentation on the peculiarities

of signing up for Social Security and Medicare. We understand that this topic may be of limited interest so it will convene immediately after the regular meeting.

We have received positive feedback from members to these changes. I remain committed to keeping the business portion of our meetings focused and brief – specifically an hour or less. Come to a meeting – see for yourself.

We are also experiencing increasing participation in new ventures like the Keep Christ in Christmas cards sales at our parishes, families volunteering for the Adopt-a-Family gift distribution, and the coming renovation of the Club bar where members (not on the Board) are volunteering their time and energy to the planning and build out.

Soon to come – we will be selling Christmas trees at St. Peter to raise funds for their Pro-Life Garden. It shows that our members are excited by the things we are taking on and want to be a part of the process.

From time to time I regale my wife on a wide variety of topics. Being a good wife she smiles and declares that I am a Master of the Obvious. In turn, as a long term egotist, I smile, accept the compliment, and continue my pontification. The next few sentences illustrate this skill but are nonetheless sincere.

The success of a volunteer organization rests in the hands of its members. In the five years I have been a member of this Council I have often been excited to watch the willingness of members to step forward and help out.

I also know that it is often difficult to find the time to join in – we all have busy lives. I realize that the next paragraph does not apply to everyone – but believe it is worth posing no matter your level of involvement.

I ask you to consider these questions. Why did you become a Knight? What needs to happen for you to become more active? Are there things we do, or don't do that create a barrier for your participation? Your Officers are keenly interested in your input.

When you have an answer – call me or another Officer and tell us what you need, to find again, the reason you became a Knight.

God Bless You All! Nick Hall, GK

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Columbian Council #2191

Fox Valley Taste of Pizza at Holy Cross Sat. Nov 19

The 5th annual Fox Valley Taste of Pizza, will again be hosted by the Knights of Columbus in Donovan Hall of Holy Cross. A sensational feast will be provided by the generosity of pizza parlors from St. Charles to Aurora.



GK Nick Hall, PGK Pat Murtaugh and PGK Lew Girmscheid will get the Taste rolling on Nov. 19, after the 4:30 Saturday mass. Plans are for feeding about 400 people. Consequently we will need a whole lot of help ... You and your family to can enjoy this spectacular feat and the pizza too.

This year again, with the help of Knights, their families and school volunteering families we hope to raise the money needed to send teens and willing adults to Washington D.C. to march in the March for Life event this coming January.

Msgr. Dan has offered to pay up to 1/2 the cost of those Holy Cross parishioners, be they traveling with Rosary, or Aurora Catholic, or Marmion, or through the Rockford Diocese busing program which costs about \$300 to \$350 depending on occupancy (2, 3 or 4 to a room). This pays for the bus, food, and 2 nights hotel. We expect to have a banner year turnout.

Breakfast with Santa. Saturday, Dec 17 9:00–11:00am

Santa is watching and coming to town. Word has it that he will be at the club house Saturday, December 17, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM for breakfast and to give presents to the boys and girls. As in the past, Parents, Grandparents, children, and Grandchildren are invited.



There will be breakfast food, fruit, donuts, juice, hot chocolate, milk, and coffee. Parents/Grandparents are asked to bring a wrapped, tagged gift for each child they bring. Gifts should be under \$10.00.

There will be a short supply of gifts for boys and girls if needed. There will also be games and crafts for the kids.

Anyone wanting to assist in this fun filled event, or for more details, or to make reservations call Jim Gehring at 630-208-9453.

Cards to Keep Christ in Christmas

Chairman Jason Thompson reports that the first week sales were solid and he is optimistic that we will see an up tick in the sales for weekend two. We already have orders for about 200 packs of cards which



means additional sales will add to the income the Council earns from it efforts. If you use Christmas cards each year – consider purchasing some of these truly awesome cards.

Look for your brother Knights in the rear of your church after Mass or call Nick Hall or Jason to place an order – we will have the cards in hand well in advance of December. Jason can be reached at 630-401-9113.

Adopt –a – Family

Brothers Pat O'Conner and Nick Hall are co-chairing this year's program. Already we have a number of Knight's families ready to be involved helping those in need. We expect that the mailing for donations will be sent about Nov 1.

We are hoping for a continuation of the response you have provided in past years. There is no doubt that the weak economy and joblessness will increase the number of families who require assistance. Please respond by providing a donation.

Fresh cut Christmas Trees –

Once again we will be selling Christmas Trees. However, this year we will also be selling wreaths, garland (roping), canes, door charms, and crosses.



Trees, either Balsam or Fraser will be available in heights from six to 12 feet.

The cost is \$49.00 for either type of tree or any size. Garland will be available for \$1.50 a foot. Wreaths are 14 inches to 60 inches in size and made of Balsam. They sell for \$20.00 to \$85.00, depending on size. Canes, Door Charms, and Crosses will be made from Balsam. Canes and Door Charms will sell for \$25.00 and Crosses will cost \$30.00.

This year, we will have products on display at St. Peter Church after each Mass on November 5 and 6, November 12 and 13, and November 19 and 20 in the Multi-Purpose room. Items will be available for pickup after each Mass on December 3 and 4.

Fish Fry Friday, Dec 2 at the Club 5-8 pm

Join in a celebration of St.

Andrew, the patron of fishermen, for a delicious fish fry. The menu will include baked and fried fish, deep fried shrimp, potatoes, tossed salad, cole slaw, dinner rolls, and coffee. There will be a pasta dish for those that cannot eat fish and a cash bar.



The price for a delicious meal with friends and neighbors is only \$13 for adults and \$6 for children under ten years of age.

Although reservations are not required, parties of six or more should call **Troy Gower at 630-232-9250..**



Parish Activities

St Katherine Drexel "September Fest" Picnic

On Sunday, September 25, the Knights of Columbus roasted the corn for the annual event at Rich Harvest Farms. Mr. Jerry Rich thanked us for participating and we enjoyed talking with him about all the wonderful things the Knights do.

Thanks to Nick Hall, Kevin Kennedy and Jason Thompson for helping at the event by cooking and clean up. Co-chairing were Ernie Telfer and Roy Christopher.

St. Gall Gazette

St. Gall recently held their annual Gala event of fine dining and dancing. There was also a Silent Auction for which our Council donated, for the second year, a gift basket. The theme this year was "MAKE YOURSELF A SOUPER TIME!" The basket was stuffed with various soup and chili mixes, soup bowls and ladle.

St. Peter Post

Barn Sale At St Peter

In September, St. Peter held their 15 th Barn Sale and members of our Council were once again on the scene. Aside from helping during the year collecting, sorting, transporting, storing, transporting again, and setting up items at the various booths, as well as clean-up, we also, once again, roasted corn. We roasted over six cases of corn which resulted in approximately \$400 worth of revenue. Thanks to all members and their families who participated in all aspects of the Barn sale. See you next year.

Religious Education

Our Council assisted the St Peters Religious Education program by directing traffic before and after each class for the first two weeks. Several members set up cones and barriers and waved flags to direct parents who drove their children to and from classes. We were successful, although one impatient lady almost hit a tree. No one was hurt; but the tree was so scared it shed a few leaves!!!

Right to Life

Brother Knights and family members along with St. Peter parishioners assisted St. Peter's Respect Life Committee in erecting over 3,600 crosses to raise awareness of abortion in our country. The crosses were very visible to motorists and pedestrians as they traversed along Kaneville Road. Fr. Mike, a Life Time member of the Knights of Columbus, and a member of the St. Peter Respect Life Committee, also assisted and blessed the workers.

St. Peter Youth Group - The Council will be working once again with St. Peter's Youth Group to raise money for their 2012 trip to help humanity. A Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Thursday, January 26 at the club. Knights will plan and make the dinner and will be assisted by the Youth Group.

Holy Cross Happenings

Holy Cross picnic

On Sunday, September 11th, 2011 Holy Cross hosted a picnic for all of their parishioners. The Knights were asked by Rev. Msgr. Daniel J. Deutsch to cook for the picnic. The food prepared by the Knights included Italian Beef, bratwurst and hot dogs. At the conclusion of the picnic, Rev. Msgr. Daniel J. Deutsch thanked all of the Knights along with all the other volunteers for their help in making the parish picnic possible.

We would like to thank all of the Brother Knights who donated their time. Thank you to Nick Hall and Lew Girmscheid who Co Chaired the event, Kevin Callahan, Mike Callahan, Reed Callahan, Al Garbarz, Jim Fischer, Kevin Kennedy, Kirk Neuhalfen, Jerry Raschke, Bill Stankevitz and Neil Walgenbach who cooked, wrapped and help serve food as well as clean up after the picnic was concluded.

Right to Life

Brother Knights: 2000 thank you's from your fellow parishioners at Holy Cross. The 2000 were for each cross planted along Main Street in front of Holy Cross's church and school.

Knights and their children, together with several other Holy Cross families and teens made short work of a very big job. In talking to Fr. Romke today he mentioned that he had returned from Rome at night and awoke to the unbelievably beautiful scene of white crosses from his bedroom window.

We were aided by at least 9 brother knights, and St. Peter's was equally blessed on that same morning. Removal at Holy Cross will be Saturday, November 5 at Holy Cross, again following the 8:30 a.m. mass and rosary. Packing them away is almost as big a job, so your help is welcome again.

Thank you for showing your dedication for our churches and remember the job is only 1/2 done.

Reed Callahan





Teamwork in operation!!



Our Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities— the Tootsie Roll drive

This year's drive is completed and we must say that it was a great success! Our goal this year was approximately \$9,300.00. Over \$13,000.00 was collected this year which is a record for our council! We would like to say thank you to all of you who volunteered to help out this year. Not only did we break a record for dollars collected but we also broke a record for the number of Knights who participated in the drive. Based on our records, we had 71 Knights participate!

Again, what a great thing it was to see all of you out there participating. We also had a lot of non Knight volunteers as well. Be it wives, family and friends. I would also like to extend my thanks to all of them as well. If not for the participation we had this year, the \$13,000.00 collected would have not been possible. That is the absolute truth!

Even though we had lost Wal-mart, Sam's Club and the Geneva Ace Hardware we were able to exceed our goals.

We were allowed to collect after all the masses at St. Peters (which is a first) and Holy Cross. Between the two parishes, we were able to collect approximately \$3,000.00!. What generous parishioners we have.

We (Kevin and Kevin) would also like to say thank you to all the committee members who worked diligently at securing site locations, calling Knights and staffing our collections sites. This was truly a group effort and it exceeded all of our expectations.

We look forward to even a better year next year. Again thank you all for helping in this most worthy cause! God Bless you all!

The Intellectual Disabilities Drive Committee:
Kevin Kennedy, Co-Chair, Kevin Callahan Co-Chair,
Tony Bliss, Reed Callahan, Pat Murtaugh and Kirk Neuhalfen

Newman Fund Donations – the last couple years the annual mailing for this worthwhile charity has been spotty – for some of us it meant we didn't receive the appeal at all. The problems with mailing appear to have been resolved and every member should have received a donation card by now.

If you haven't received a solicitation but would like to contribute you can send a check to our Financial Secretary, Tony Bliss, for this purpose or come to the November meeting and bring some cash for the cause. If you did get the mailing we would like to encourage you to send in a donation.



Some of our enthusiastic workers.

Jim Adrian and daughter Alexandra.

Jim Keane.



The Newman Centers are a safe haven for our young people, on secular campuses around the nation, where the principles of our faith are alive and well. As Knights, we are committed to preserving this positive environment for our children and grandchildren – please help us in this noble effort.

Respect Life Garden at St Peters

As reported at our last meeting, our Council and St. Peter's Respect Life Committee is developing a Respect Life Garden on the Church property. This garden will consist of a bust statue of Pope John Paul II surrounded by flowers, shrubs, and meditation benches. The base of the statue will be etched with various aspects of life: unborn, born, elderly, mentally challenged, and physical challenged. The project is still in the planning stage; but, the statue has been commissioned to Camaioni Designs.

Columbian Award to Council

Our District Deputy, Bill Landando, presented the Council with the Columbian Award for 2010/2011 at the Sep. 6 Council meeting.



COLUMBIAN CLUB CORNER

Annual Meeting and Election of Directors

On Tuesday, October 4, 2011 the Columbian Club held the annual meeting and an election of three Board Directors.

This year was very exciting as we had five candidates. It was a remarkable vote as two candidates tied in ballot voting. A second vote was taken by a show of hands and again there was a tie. The elected Knight was finally determined by a coin toss.

Congratulations to Ron Cournaya, Joe Sauber and Kirk Neuhalfen who will serve three year terms as Columbian Club Board Directors.

Columbian Club Board Election of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer

On Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at the first meeting after the annual election of three Directors to the Club Board, the members elected from their own number a President, Vice President, Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified.

Roy Christopher was elected as President, Kevin Kennedy as Vice President, Neil Walgenbach as Secretary and Ron Cournaya as Treasurer.

Club Renovation Project

A committee has been formed for the task to renovate the bar and office. Committee members are Jim Ohman, Kevin Kennedy, Roy Christopher, Nick Hall, Kirk Neuhalfen, Pat O'Conner and Tom Pokanowicz.

The project goal is to move the existing bar, open the wall from the hall to the bar area, create a coat room and create a bridal/office room.

The other objectives are to increase seating, improve lighting, increase storage and make the room more inviting to hold Knights events. Work is planned to start about Jan 29 and be completed by Feb 13.

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Roy Christopher - President 630-232-6261
 Kevin Kennedy - Vice President 630-842-0786
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can leave a message if necessary.

We do not want to lose contact with a single member so please – follow up on this as soon as you can!

Swedish Days reminder— Tabs

Only a few worker's tabs remain outstanding. If you had a tab at the booth and have not received a statement contact Jim Gehring at 630-208-9453. If you have not yet paid your tab please do so by sending a check to Ron Cournaya, 113 S Northampton Dr., Geneva 60134. Thanks again to all those Knights and their family members who participated.

Geneva Beautification dinner - The annual Pasta for Posies, hosted by our Council will be Wednesday, March 7, 2012. Look for more information in the future.

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Nov 1 Tue KC Meeting at Club, 7:30 pm
Nov 19 Sat Taste of Pizza at Holy Cross, after 4:30
 Mass at Holy Cross
Dec 2 Fri Fish Fry at Club 5-8 pm
Dec 6 Tue KC Meeting at Club, 7:30 pm
Dec 17 Sat Breakfast with Santa at Club 9-11 am
Jan 3 Tue KC Meeting at Club, 7:30 pm
Jan 26 Thru Spaghetti Dinner at Club,
Jan 29 Sun Club renovation project, schedule TBD
Feb 7 Tue KC Meeting at Club, 7:30 pm

Special Thanks to all the Newsletter contributors and Nick Hall our major writer.

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Insurance Agent for the Council

Our new KC insurance agent is **Steve Hilbert** at 847-903-4487, stephen.hilbert@kofc.org

Riverview Banquets www.riverviewbanquets.net/
 The Club (KC Hall) is available for receptions and other events. Ask for Ann or Tony. 630-761-1590.



MEETINGS: Tuesday, Nov 1 / Dec 6, 2011 - 7:30 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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