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LA PIETA VISITS HOLY FAMILY



With the assistance and participation of Holy Family Council 11981, the only full-size replica of Michaelangelo's Pieta was placed on display at Holy Family in February and will be available for public adoration through Lent and the month of May.

Grand Knight's Korner

Think Spring!!!!!! ...or think Lent!! It seems like our winter is that much longer when Lent begins so much later. Actually, March 9th is the latest Ash Wednesday can occur, which means that Easter is the latest it can be as well. We survived the winter snows and still we see a few mountains of leftover snow gracing our landscape. But hope springs eternal..... hope of a warm spring and hope of the celebration of the Resurrection.

I'm proud to say that our council has been instrumental in getting the La Pietà exhibit to Holy Family. It was wonderful to see so many brother Knights with their name badges on at the Mass of blessing with Cardinal George. Thanks to all who made that night possible. Many people will benefit from Holy Family having such a great piece of art.

March is certainly a busy month with us hosting a KC Academy, Regional Spelling Bee, Lenten Fish Fry's, Knights Café, Membership Blitz (two weekends), Wheelchair Program, and more. Please try to volunteer to help out at some of these events. Watch your email for notices and volunteering needs. It's through everyone's participation that we can do great charitable works; charity is the first principle of our Order. Even though our March membership drive is about over, please reach out to another man and ask him to join us. It's through this personal contact that we can grow our numbers. "Each One, Reach One" is our recruiting slogan!

Currently, we have close to 10 brothers taking their 4th degree in Lincolnshire on April 9th. If you are a 3rd degree Knight and wish to join us, contact our Chancellor, Jim Posch, for details. Sponsors and other members are also encouraged to attend as observers. There's fun in numbers!!

I pray that your Lenten journey is one filled with hope, prayer, and thoughtful reflection. It's not what we 'give up' for Lent, but how we "give more" to our community.

Happy Resurrection!

Bob Wagner



LIFE INSURANCE

INSURANCE CHECK-UP FOR 2011

Where did 2010 go? It seems like it was summer yesterday and Easter was last week. I hope you and your family had a great finish to 2010. Now, the end of the first quarter of 2011 is drawing near and Lent is upon us again. Time sure seems to fly.

Hopefully, you've established a few goals for this year. I've learned a great tip regarding resolutions. First, write them down. It's not too late if you haven't already done this. Commit your goals to paper and post them someplace where you will see them often. Writing down a goal is the first step towards achieving it. I don't know exactly how this works, but I've heard stories of the success this simple task can bring. Whether your goal is to exercise more, give more to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, resolve to have an expert look at your finances. I recommend that you have a team of experts help you, and I should be among the first you sit with. Schedule some time to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus Field Agent, and I'll provide an "insurance check-up" that will quickly identify gaps in your family's life insurance program. And you'll want to fill in those gaps now, not later. Unlike many other products, you don't just need money to obtain life insurance; you also need good health, and no one knows when your health could change.

Did I mention my check-up is free of charge? When was the last time you received something for free that could be providing value to you and your family for generations?

Contact me today. I'm at 630-913-6003 or larry.szmurlo@kofc.org

Call or write. Let's talk.

Larry Szmurlo
Field Agent

THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Lecturer, Dave Pipitone

Presented: January 23, 2010

Sacred Words about the Sacredness of Life

Whose words affirm the dignity of life? On what words will we hang our life?

On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court rendered its decision on Roe vs. Wade, the beginning of legalized abortion in the United States. Ever since, we recall the dignity of all life, unborn and born. In late January, the Church and many others pray for an end to abortion. And while appointed judges decide how to interpret law and use words to explain their decisions, those words do not always convey the sacredness of life.

Whose words always affirm the dignity of life – for us and others? I invite you to reflect upon these few words from Sacred Scripture – about the beauty, significance and dignity of life – our lives and the lives of our families and friends, neighbors and strangers. Everyone.

From the Book of Genesis

"Then God said: 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and the cattle and over all the wild animals and all the creatures that crawl upon the ground. God created humans in his image; in the divine image he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, saying: Be fertile and multiply, fill the earth and subdue it....and so it happened. God looked at everything he had made and he found it very good.'

From Psalm 8

"O Lord our God, how awesome is your name through all the earth. When I see your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and stars that you set in place – what are humans that you are mindful of them, mere mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made them little less than a god, crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them rule over the works of your hands, put all things at their feet."

From Psalm 139

"Lord, you formed my inmost being, you knit me in my mother's womb. I praise you, so wonderfully you made me; wonderful are your works!

From Isaiah 43

But now, thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, and formed you, O Israel; fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine...you are precious in my eyes and glorious and because I love you.

From Isaiah 49

Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even if she forget, I will never forget you; see upon the palms of my hands, I have written your name.

The Words of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Deputy's Dispatch



"Nothing great was ever done without much enduring," said by St. Catherine of Siena. So it has been for our Squires Program. Stephen Alekna has been an inspiring presence, along with Harry Tourville and Jim Leggett, bringing a new vitality to the Squires this year. The Squires Program is providing a solid framework for young men from our Holy Family Parish to prepare for Knighthood which, in turn, means added vitality to our council in future years.

Lenten fish fries will begin this month and that means opportunity for each brother Knight to serve our community. These Friday night fish fries have been very successful in gathering families for dinner before the weekly Stations of the Cross, facilitated by various ministry groups. More help is always needed, so please pitch in and help Jim Posch.

We look forward to the Grand Knight's Ball this year, held at the Seville Banquets on May 1. This is your chance to have the night off (no cooking, serving, selling, setting up table, clean up, etc.), enjoying dinner, dancing, and mingling with brother Knights, some you know and others you may want to get to know better. Bring your favorite date and enjoy the

evening with us.

Your council is responsible for multiple layers of successful events here at Holy Family. We provide funds, volunteer support, dinners, breakfasts, etc. — and all done with gratitude for serving as Christ's hands, feet, heart! We are always in need of help so, if you are not already serving in an event, please see activity directors to help in the events of your choice.

Do we ever say thank you enough? I guess the answer to that is "never enough!" So lets thank those program directors, Ken Dirnberger (Council), Ron Wojewoda (Church), Jerry Barrio (Community), Ed Adams (Family), Steve Wolski (Youth) and Bob Seguy (Right to Life), who provided leadership within their program teams for outstanding successful events.

In gratitude we serve!!

Joe Ferlita
Deputy Grand Knight



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Chancellor's Chat



A Word On Membership and Degrees

By the time this is printed, our March membership drive will be in full swing or completed (probably the latter). As brothers, we have always taken an active participation in this event, knowing that by recruiting new members, we make ourselves a stronger council.

As I look back on our membership statements, I find many interesting facts that stand out. We had 187 members to begin the fraternal year. We now have close to 200. One more Honorary Life and one more Honorary were added to the list. Three transfers were also brought in. Our disability list was increased by one. Unfortunately, three members had to be suspended. This should bring us back to 197 members. The mark of 200 can be reached again through your efforts.

The future does look good for our council. At the end of April, we will, by then, have 9 new members who have achieved their 4th degree, and about 6 members who have received their 2nd and 3rd degrees. These numbers show a very positive trend. Also, we have at least 3 men who have shown interest in becoming candidates for membership.

We still need new members for the 1st degree on March 19, 2011. It is through constantly

asking new candidates to join our council that our membership goals can be achieved. New members bring vigor and vitality to our activities and are necessary if we are to maintain a healthy and active council.

I have noticed that our active involvement in the church and community is one of the key ingredients in the success of our membership drives. Men see what we do and are impressed by our actions. With a little personal encouragement from current members, explaining in more detail what we do and the reasons we do them, those seeds of interest can be nurtured and grow into real desire to join such an outstanding organization. Result: new members involved in the promotion of our principles of charity, unity, and fraternity.

A membership drive is not only eight weeks per year, but every day of the year. I encourage you to use every opportunity to promote our order to those you consider to be the kind of potential candidates we need in our council as members.

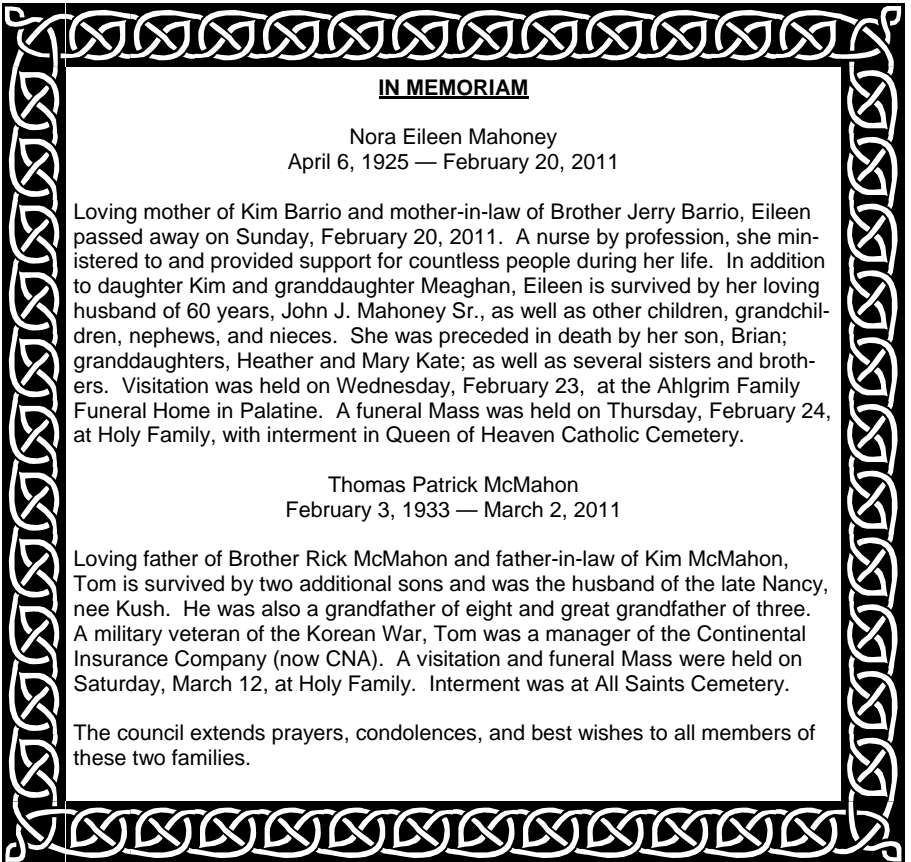
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IN MEMORIAM

Nora Eileen Mahoney
 April 6, 1925 — February 20, 2011

Loving mother of Kim Barrio and mother-in-law of Brother Jerry Barrio, Eileen passed away on Sunday, February 20, 2011. A nurse by profession, she ministered to and provided support for countless people during her life. In addition to daughter Kim and granddaughter Meaghan, Eileen is survived by her loving husband of 60 years, John J. Mahoney Sr., as well as other children, grandchildren, nephews, and nieces. She was preceded in death by her son, Brian; granddaughters, Heather and Mary Kate; as well as several sisters and brothers. Visitation was held on Wednesday, February 23, at the Ahlgrim Family Funeral Home in Palatine. A funeral Mass was held on Thursday, February 24, at Holy Family, with interment in Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery.

Thomas Patrick McMahon
 February 3, 1933 — March 2, 2011

Loving father of Brother Rick McMahon and father-in-law of Kim McMahon, Tom is survived by two additional sons and was the husband of the late Nancy, nee Kush. He was also a grandfather of eight and great grandfather of three. A military veteran of the Korean War, Tom was a manager of the Continental Insurance Company (now CNA). A visitation and funeral Mass were held on Saturday, March 12, at Holy Family. Interment was at All Saints Cemetery.

The council extends prayers, condolences, and best wishes to all members of these two families.

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www.kofc.org

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<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/KofC-Council-11981/>

*Note: For Knights of Columbus members only.

If you don't have a Yahoo account, go to www.my.yahoo.com, click on "Sign Up" and follow the directions.

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 IMMEDIATE FAMILY
 IN NEED OF PRAYERS**

- Brother Allen Dedick**
Brother Jim Andrews
Brother Russell Ganji
Brother Dr. Gerald Smith
Brother Dave Pipitone
Kathy Wolski
 (Wife of Brother Steve Wolski)
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 (Wife of Brother Ron Scholtes)
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 (Wife of Brother Dave Pipitone)
Gladys Vega
 (Wife of Brother Cesar Vega)
Dawn Hajicek
 (Wife of departed Brother Bob Hajicek)
Dennis Trocola
 (Brother of Brother Joe Trocola)
Sharon Zemla
 (Sister of Dawn Watkiss)
Loretta Acres
 (Sister of Dodie Carney)

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

MONTHLY AWARDS

The following Knights and families are recognized for outstanding service to church, community, and council:

Knight of the Month (December, 2010) — Brother Ron Schulz

Ron has chaired the Christmas PADS Program for the past few years, including December 25th, 2010. He very successfully led a team of more than 50 people, including 20 Knights and 13 LA members, who gave up part of their Christmas Day to serve 62 less fortunate guests at Holy Family this year. Through his efforts, these homeless members of the surrounding communities were provided a warm place to spend Christmas Day, in addition to food, clothing, and entertainment. Ron also leads the council's Wheelchair Program and holds the position of Recorder this year, doing an exemplary job of carrying out both responsibilities.

Family of the Month (December, 2010) — Brother Ken Dirnberger Family (Ken and Barb)

Ken and Barb have opened their lovely home to all of us for the Knights Christmas Party year after year, including December 11, 2010, with decorations and a spirit of welcome to all the Knights, Ladies, and their guests. Ken, as Council Director, Trustee, and Knights Café co-director, works very diligently in many aspects of council business to keep things running smoothly. Barb is always helping out at the café and Ladies Auxiliary events, as well. Our council would not be what it is without these two wonderful people.

Knight of the Month (January, 2011) — Brother Steve Wolski

As Youth Director for our council, Steve was a very busy Knight during November, December, and January, organizing and leading the Turkey Bowl Youth football tournament, the Kringle Classic 7th Grade Girls Basketball tournament, the Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw competition, and the Knights of Columbus Council-level Spelling Bee. His exceptional efforts were critical to the success of all of these youth activities. He has also been planning and organizing a Spring Sports Fest, a pioneering program he conceived and initiated for the youth of the community.

Family of the Month (January, 2011) — Brother Joe Ferlita Family (Joe and Mimi)

Showing the example of a Knights of Columbus family, Joe and Mimi Ferlita are exceptionally active in our council, church, and community. Joe was elected as Deputy Grand Knight for this fraternal year, a position which carries the huge responsibility of Service Program Director. Although he had no previous experience in a council leadership position, Joe accepted the challenge and has done a fantastic job of organizing and directing the various program chairmen in accomplishing their duties and tasks. This has been no small feat since our council is one of the most active in the state of Illinois. Joe leads by example, personally participating in all of these activities as a volunteer. He also facilitates a prayer group at his home. Mimi participates as a volunteer in many of the council's activities and is active in the leadership of various Holy Family church programs, including Spirit Journey.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE OUTSTANDING KNIGHTS AND FAMILIES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR EXCEPTIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

NEW KNIGHTS AND DEGREES

The following brothers became new members of the Knights of Columbus and received their First Degrees at an exemplification ceremony, presented by the Holy Family First Degree Team, on Saturday, January 15, 2011:

Bill Marzullo and John Mason

A BIG, HEARTY "WELCOME" AND CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE ENTIRE COUNCIL

The following brothers advanced to full Knighthood in the 2nd and 3rd Degrees at a Major Degree Ceremony, presented by the Holy Spirit Degree Team, at Holy Rosary Council, Arlington Heights, on Sunday, January 30, 2011:

Bob Fallon, Greg Flanagan, John Mason, and Tom Schwartz

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ADVANCEMENT, WHICH BRINGS YOU FULL KNIGHTHOOD AND ELIGIBILITY FOR OFFICER POSITIONS IN THE COUNCIL, AMONG OTHER BENEFITS

Ladies Auxiliary-News and Notes

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PRESIDENT'S PRESS

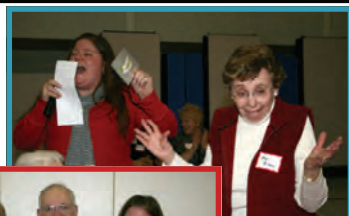


THANK YOU Holy Family!!
Have a Heart for Haiti – SUCCESS!!



We want to thank the Holy Family Parish community for supporting the Ladies Auxiliary, Knights of Columbus as we raised money to have a house built in Haiti for a family in need.

Because of your generosity and support of our "Ladies Night Out- BUNCO," "Have a Heart" Campaign and the LA Bake Sale, we have been able to make the Jean Family's dream of a real home come true!



The biggest news from the Ladies Auxiliary is the confirmation of the completion of the house in Haiti that the Auxiliary paid to have built. Thanks to Diane Roisland for heading the committee that got this accomplished! It was Diane's passion and hard work that made this possible.

Another Bunco success!! Thanks to all those who traveled out after the "Blizzard of 2011" to join us at February's Bunco. The evening was filled with fun and companionship. Thank you to Carol Deener and her committee of hard-working ladies for the wonderful treats!

The next planning meeting will be held at Palatine Inn on Wednesday, March 30, at 6:30 PM. Please let me know if you will be attending so I can get a table to accommodate us — ldcola@sbcglobal.net. Please put LA in the subject line. The next business meeting is Wednesday, April 6, in the Lower Level at 7:00 PM. Please join us!

Linda Colasanti
President

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

FIRST DEGREE SCHEDULE

We held a successful First Degree Exemplification on January 15th, with two new members joining the order and the council. Congratulations to Bill Marzullo and John Mason. Our next degree is scheduled for Saturday, March 19. We are hoping to have a large number of candidates as a result of the March Membership Blitz and the recruiting efforts of individual members.

The new schedule for the remainder of Fraternal Year 2010-2011 is as follows (all in LL 1&2):

Saturdays at 10:00 AM: 3/19/11, 5/21/11, and 6/18/11.

Wednesdays at 7:00 PM: 4/27/11.

It is important for sponsors to attend the First Degree with the new candidate. In addition, all members are encouraged to attend at 10:00 AM on Saturday, March 19, in support of those being exemplified.

Ken Dirnberger
First Degree Team Captain

MAJOR DEGREE SCHEDULE

Great Opportunity to Advance to Full Knighthood

Queen of Peace Council in Lake Zurich hosts a Major Degree on Palm Sunday each year. In 2011, Palm Sunday falls on April 17. We'll be encouraging many of our 1st Degrees to attend the Palm Sunday Major Degree in Lake Zurich, even though our April Knights Café is scheduled on that same date..

There is only one other opportunity to attend a Major Degree within the next 3 months at a location within easy driving distance:

Saturday, March 19, 2011 — Crystal Lake

If you are a 1st Degree Knight and would like to attain full Knighthood on one of the above dates, notify me at jimboelect@sbcglobal.net or (708) 334-0883 (cell).

Jim Posch
Chancellor/Membership Director

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

Nine of our council's brothers plan to advance to the 4th Degree on April 9th at the Marriott/Lincolnshire Resort. We would like to have ten or more from our council. If you are a 3rd Degree in good standing and a member of the Knights of Columbus for 6 months or more, then consider advancing to the 4th Degree. Obtain an application from our Membership Director, Chancellor Jim Posch, and submit it as soon as possible. If you are a member of our council who would like to attend the mass and banquet in support of our council brothers on April 9th, please see Jim Posch to obtain a registration form. All applications must be completed and approved by our assembly by March 19th.

A special thanks to our twenty-seven Sir Knights who participated in the honor guard at Holy Family for the blessing the Pieta on February 23rd. Members in the honor guard came from eleven different councils with their families for this wonderful event. We are in need of Sir Knights who wish to attend as honor guards for the 5:00pm masses on Saturdays and for the 7:30am, 9:00am, and 11:00am masses on Sundays. We will station two honor guard at either end of the statute. They will be seated and may stand when asked for photos by visitors. The honor guards should be in place thirty minutes prior to mass and remain in place for thirty minutes after the mass. We hope to have enough Sir Knights present to allow us to rotate the honor guards similar to the way we do it for wakes. This will be for every weekend until the end of May. There will be additional requests for honor guards for the processions during the Holy Day masses.

Ed Adams
PGK/PFN

LENTEN FISH FRIES

The time has come!! We will probably be underway by the time you read this. We'll be doing the fish fries for 5 Fridays in succession, beginning March 11. Neighborhood Ministry won't be helping this year, so we'll need everyone to pitch in. Cooking and set-up begin at 3:00 PM; serving is from 6:00—7:15 PM. Come and join us when you can.

Jim Posch
Activity Chairman

GRAND KNIGHT'S BALL

SAVE THE DATE
Sunday May 1, 2011
The 2011 Grand Knight's Ball

All Knights, Ladies, and your guest(s) are encouraged to attend this year's ball. We will again be at The Seville in Streamwood where we will enjoy five hours of great food (appetizers then multi-course dinner), open bar, after dinner "sweets table", a grand raffle and, of course, bring your dancing shoes!

And what will such a great evening cost you? We are "holding the line" and offering you the same price as the last two years... only \$40.00 per person. **Consider that you would easily pay this much just for a nice dinner out!** But here you will also get a full evening of open bar, music, dancing and great fellowship — and did we mention the "sweets table" ?

PLAN TO BE THERE!
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
Sunday May 1, 2011 - 5:30pm

Invitations will be sent in mid-March by email —or regular mail if we don't have an email for you.

Greg Flanagan
Activity Chairman

SHINING ARMOR AWARD

Congratulations to Brother Stephen Alekna for recently earning the Shining Armor Award.

For all new members who joined during the past year: Have you worked on at least three council projects? Have you attended at least three council meetings? Have you received your 3rd Degree? Have you met with the council insurance agent? Have you recruited at least one new member? If so, you are eligible for the Shining Armor Award.

Those past their first year can also earn the award by attending a few additional meetings and recruiting one additional new member. To claim your award, contact me at krdirnberger@comcast.net or (847) 346-6807.

Ken Dirnberger
Council Director

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

RESPECT LIFE

In Matthew 11:29-30 Jesus provides us instructions how as Knights and Ladies we should approach our service to others.

“Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly.”

Jesus calls us to a level of intimacy that can only be sustained by his constant presence in our lives. As we go about our charitable works, we must see our relationship with Jesus like the man who finds hidden treasure in a field. He re-prioritizes his whole life because nothing is as important as taking care of that field.

As Catholics, we are challenged to begin to see things through the eyes of Jesus. When we do, our lives are radically changed. Suddenly, we see a cranky child or spouse as an eternal being we're called to love. We see an annoying neighbor as someone who matters to Jesus. And that co-worker who seems to have a unique ability to push every one of your buttons, Jesus loves him/her just as much as he loves you and me.

Jesus uses these people to call you and me into a deeper relationship with Him. Jesus gives us this opportunity everyday to walk with Him and work with Him — when we surrender to Jesus and believe in Him, we can learn live our lives like Christ, which means we'll learn to live “freely and lightly.”

Living life from this perspective provides us an opportunity to rethink some staid opinions and open our minds to His loving approach. The rosary for the months of February and March are dedicated to bringing greater awareness to Racial Justice in our community and the value of meaningful work for people everywhere. I invite you to attend the rosary each month in the chapel to focus on a specific Respect Life theme. The Rosary will be said in the chapel after the Saturday evening and Sunday morning masses. The rosary dates and themes are listed below. I am also looking for

participants to lead a decade of the rosary. If you are so inclined, please let me know and I will schedule you.

- February 19/20 - Racial Justice
- March 19/20 – Meaningful Work for People Everywhere
- April 16/17 – Caring for God's Creation
- May 21/22 – Women's Rights
- June 18/19 – Gun Violence
- July 16/17 – Elder Care
- August 20/21 – Legal Immigration Reform
- September 17/18 – Affordable Housing
- October 22/23 – Domestic Violence
- November 19/20 - People Living in Poverty
- December 17/18 - People Living with AIDS

Pax Tecum,

Bob Seguy
Respect Life Director

FAMILY PROGRAM

An Evening of Romance was held at Holy Family on Saturday, February 19th. Couples, led by Fr. Terry, repeated their marriage vows during the 5:00 PM Mass. Refreshments were available in the Multitorium after the mass. Among the couples in attendance in the Multitorium from our council were Mimi & Joe Ferlita, Pat & Stan Sowizrol, Julie & Neil McManus, and Cynthia & Ed Adams. Also Jean & Rich Wilkins and Donna & Ron Boniecki, who are members of the Hoffman-Schaumburg Council, Church of the Holy Spirit, were in attendance. Rich and Ron, 4th Degree members of our Bishop Sheil Assembly, plan to participate in the honor guard for the mass and unveiling of La Pietà.

Our brothers and sisters may want to reacquaint themselves with the official web site of the Knights of Columbus, otherwise known as the Supreme Web Site. There is a lot of good information about our order and some interesting articles about what we do. Read the article about Alex Debogorski. Alex is a member of the Knights of Columbus and is featured on the History Channel as one of the Ice Road Truckers. Alex drives his truck in frozen, snow covered Alaska, passing out tire chains and rosaries. You can access the site at <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/index.html>

If you have ideas about Family Program activities, or would like to help with a family event, please contact me or Dean Delaly.

Ed Adams
Family Director

YOUTH PROGRAM

Spelling Bee

The 6th annual Council 11981 Spelling Bee was held on Wednesday, February 3rd. 20 spellers from the 3rd through 8th grades gave strong performances, with Eric Silva (3rd grade) taking 3rd place, Alexa Ahlgrim (7th grade) coming in 2nd, and Gabi Arnieri (7th grade) earning 1st place. They will now represent Holy Family and will compete against spellers from other councils in a Regional Spelling Bee, which will be held here at Holy Family on Saturday, March 12th. Congratulations to these outstanding students and their families. Our thanks to word pronouncer, Jill Harris, and the members of our council who acted as judges, moderators, photographers, etc. The spelling bee could not have happened without the strong cooperation of the Holy Family Catholic Academy principal, Dr. Gretchen Ludwig, her staff, and the Holy Family staff.

Free Throw Competition

The council hosted a Knights of Columbus basketball free throw competition at the H.F. gym on February 11th. Unfortunately, we had a low turnout due to our original date being changed and a conflict with a 6th, 7th, and 8th grade dance on the new date. There was a total of 9 boys in the competition — no girls. The ten-year-old group was won by Ryan Gilski after a triple overtime shootout. The eleven-year-old group was won by Javen Joerger after the first overtime shootout. James Tiao won the twelve-year-old group against his twin brother and another opponent, and Scott Wolski won the thirteen-year-old group on the first try.

The district contest was the next day. Out of our boys, only Ryan Gilski advanced to the regional contest in March. Good luck, Ryan.

Youth Sports Fest

Planning for this new program is still underway for April. I will be locking down two dates on different weekends. Many Knights are needed to pull this off. Details and sign-up sheets to follow soon. Information will be disseminated as soon as the date is reserved and other arrangements are made.

Steve Wolski
Youth Director

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

KNIGHTS CAFE

The January and February cafes are usually two of our biggest, and this year was no exception — 403 attended in January and 433 in February. We would like to thank all those who responded to the call and kicked in some extra hours in February while your two co-captains were bouncing around in Christchurch, New Zealand. Of special note were Bob Seguy, who took over the primary leadership role; Jim Posch, who purchased and transported the food and products; Scott Dirnberger, who worked two positions (convection ovens and griddle) while sick with a respiratory infection; and Glenn Yamamoto (new Knight), who slaved long hours over the dish washer and sink. Our sister parish, St. Matthias, attended the 11:00 PM Mass and brought 68 people to the café after Mass, hosted by Holy Family. The feedback from that group was exceptionally positive. Well done, everyone!!

Our next café is scheduled for March 27th, with set-up in the gym/social center on Saturday, March 26th, at 1:00 PM. Please come out and give us a hand if you can. Your help is always needed and appreciated.

Your Knights Café Co-Captains

SCOUTING NEWS

All scouting organizations sponsored by our council (Pack 332, Pack 335, Troop 461 and Venture Crew 461) went through their re-charter process in February.

I attended training (2/26/2011) for the Charter Organizational Representative position at the scout shop in Mount Prospect.

The Pack 335 Blue and Gold dinner was held on March 4th, the Knight's were recognized for all the support they provide to the pack. Several cub scouts bridged over to boy scout that evening, the majority going to our Troop 461.

Troop 461 went to Indian Mounds Reservation near the Wisconsin border for their February campout.

The pinewood derby for Pack 335 is scheduled for March 16th.

Spring Camporee for Troop 461 is scheduled for April 15-17th.

Frank Biank
Scouting Representative

COUNCIL PROGRAM

KC Academy

The KC Academy session, originally scheduled to be hosted by our council at Holy Family on March 12 had to be postponed due to a schedule conflict by the Academy Director. Once we have a block of Saturday dates that the Academy staff will be available this spring, we will reschedule the session. To those 9 members of our council who had signed up for the March 12, thank you for setting aside this time for leaning and we hope you will be available on the new date, along with others.

Regional Spelling Bee

A Knights of Columbus Regional Spelling Bee was hosted by our council on March 12 at Holy Family. There were 5 contestants from two councils, including Holy Family and Mary's Millennium.

Fr. Terry's 25th Anniversary

Holy Family will be honoring our pastor, Fr. Terry, with a celebration of his 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. The big date is Saturday, June 11, which will coincide with Pentacost weekend. The current plan is that it will also double as this year's "Pack the Parish" event. A Holy Family committee has been established, with representation from our council. Some details are still being worked out; however, the menu will include roast pig, chicken, pasta, hamburgers, and hot dogs. The Knights will be responsible for providing and cooking the burgers and dogs. So we will be needing the same support we've always had for these kinds of events. More details will follow as the date draws near.

Outdoor Christmas Lights

The warmer weather of spring is approaching, so it is time to take down the Christmas lights that we put up on the Holy Family trees back in November. I will be asking for volunteers soon. It shouldn't take more than a couple of hours to get the job done.

Yellow Ribbon Support Group

Yellow Ribbon Support Group packages will be distributed by our council after each Mass on May 14/15 this year. Parishioners will be asked to mail them to our troops overseas, as we have done for several years in the past. Watch for more information as the time draws closer.

Ken Dirnberger
Council Director

BLOOD DRIVE

A blood drive, sponsored by our council is confirmed for May 29, 2011 in the Holy Family Social Center. Assistance will be needed to sign up donors on the weekends before the blood drive, as well as on May 29th. Additional blood drives for this calendar year are tentatively scheduled for September 4 and December 18. Life source will have their people and equipment there for these dates. Holiday weekends are especially important due to the many accidents and emergency situations that occur at these times. Please help if you can.

Jim Andrews
Activity Captain

LA PIETA

Michelangelo, widely recognized as one of the world's greatest artists, created the incredibly beautiful Pieta, which is on display in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, bringing inspiration to the millions who view it. After nearly 500 years, Vescovo Buonarroti Art was granted an exclusive worldwide license to create and distribute an official full-size replica of this masterpiece.

The replica was cast using a proprietary marble blend, the results of which are said to be faithful in both detail and subtlety to Michelangelo's original. After casting, it was hand-finished by master artisans, ensuring faithful intricate details of the original, including the nuanced folds in Mary's garments, limp muscles in Jesus' body, and Michelangelo's personal signature on the delicate sash that runs across Mary's body.

Under the strong leadership of Brother Bob Fallon and the Marian Ministry, working with Vescovo Buonarroti Art, Fr. Terry, and the Holy Family staff, our parish was chosen as the fourth stop in a worldwide tour of the replica that began at the Cathedral of Saint Paul in Minnesota on Ash Wednesday of 2010. Another Knight, Brother Rick McMahon, arranged for FEDEX to transport the statue to Holy Family, and a large number of Knights assisted a professional moving crew to offload, uncrate, and set it up for display in the Holy Family Narthex on February 8th. On February 23rd, Cardinal Francis George conducted an official unveiling and blessing of the statue, along with a dedication Mass, concelebrated with Fr. Terry, Friar John Paul, and Fr. Dennis. An honor guard of 28 4th Degree Knights lined the processional route for the occasion. The Knights continue to provide an honor guard for the Pieta at each weekend Mass and will continue to do so through the month of May, while it is available for public viewing at Holy Family Catholic Community. Many thanks to all the Knights of Council 11981 who participated in making this event possible.

February, 2011

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2/2—LA Business Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:00 PM

2/4—LA Bunco Party, Social Center, Time TBA

2/6—Columbian Squires Circle Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:00 PM

2/9—Council Spelling Bee, Holy Family Multitorium, 1:00 PM

2/9—Council Planning Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:30 PM

2/11—Council Free Throw Competition, Holy Family Gym, 6:00 PM

2/20—Council Business Meeting, LL 1&2, 10:30 AM

2/21—4th Degree Bishop Sheil Assembly Meeting, St. Peter Damian, 7:30 PM

2/23—La Pieta Mass/Dedication, Cardinal George, Holy Family, 7:00 PM

2/26—Knights Café Set-up, Social Center, 1:00 PM

2/27—Knights Café, Social Center, 5:30 AM-3:30 PM

2/28—LA Planning Meeting, Location & Time TBD

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 <i>LA Business Meeting</i>	3	4 <i>LA Bunco Night</i>	5
6 <i>Squires Meeting</i>	7	8	9 <i>Spelling Bee/Planning Meeting</i>	10	11 <i>Council Free Throw Contest</i>	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 <i>Council Business Meeting</i>	21 <i>Sheil Assembly Meeting</i>	22	23 <i>La Pieta Dedication</i>	24	25	26 <i>Café Set-up</i>
27 <i>Knights Cafe</i>	28 <i>LA Planning Meeting</i>					

March, 2011

3/2—LA Business Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:00 PM

3/6—Columbian Squires Circle Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:00 PM

3/9—Council Planning Meeting, LL 1&2, 8:00 PM

3/11—Lenten Fish Fry, Social Center, 6:00 PM

3/12—Regional Spelling Bee, Multitorium, 1:30 PM

3/13—Corporate Mass, Holy Family, 9:00 AM

3/18—Lenten Fish Fry, Social Center, 6:00 PM

3/19—First Degree Exemplification, LL 1&2, 10:00 AM

3/21—4th Degree Bishop Sheil Assembly Meeting, St. Peter Damian, 7:30 PM

3/23—Council Business Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:30 PM

3/25—Lenten Fish Fry, Social Center, 6:00 PM

3/26—Knights Café Set-up, Social Center, 1:00 PM

3/27—Knights Café, Social Center, 5:30 AM-3:30 PM

3/29—LA Planning Meeting, Location & Time TBD

March, 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 <i>LA Business Meeting</i>	3	4	5
6 <i>Squires Meeting</i>	7	8	9 <i>Council Planning Meeting</i>	10	11 <i>Fish Fry</i>	12 <i>Regional Spelling Bee</i>
13 <i>Corporate Mass</i>	14	15	16	17	18 <i>Fish Fry</i>	19 <i>First Degree</i>
20	21 <i>Sheil Assembly Meeting</i>	22	23 <i>Council Business Meeting</i>	24	25 <i>Fish Fry</i>	26 <i>Café Set-up</i>
27 <i>Knights Cafe</i>	28 <i>LA Planning Meeting</i>	29	30	31		

April, 2011

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4/1—Lenten Fish Fry, Social Center, 6:00 PM

4/1—**Knights-Led Stations of the Cross, Holy Family, 7:30 PM**

4/3—Columbian Squires Circle Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:00 PM

4/6—LA Business Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:00 PM

4/8—Lenten Fish Fry, Social Center, 6:00 PM

4/9—Fourth Degree Exemplification, Marriott Lincolnshire, Time TBD

4/13—Council Planning Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:30 PM

4/16—Knights Café Set-up, Social Center, 1:00 PM

4/17—Knights Café, Social Center, 5:30 AM-3:30 PM

4/17—Palm Sunday Major Degree, Queen of Peace Council, Lake Zurich

4/18—4th Degree Bishop Sheil Assembly Meeting, St. Peter Damian, 7:30 PM

4/24—Easter Sunday Parking Control, Time TBD

4/25—LA Planning Meeting, Location & Time TBD

4/27—First Degree Exemplification, LL 1&2, 7:00 PM

4/27—Council Business Meeting, LL 1&2, After First Degree

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>Fish Fry/ Knights Stations</i>	2
3 <i>Squires Meeting</i>	4	5	6 <i>LA Busi- ness Meet- ing</i>	7	8 <i>Fish Fry</i>	9 <i>Fourth Degree Exemplifi- cation</i>
10	11	12	13 <i>Coun- cil Plan- ning Meet- ing</i>	14	15	16 <i>Café Set-up</i>
17 <i>Knights Café/Palm Sunday Ma- jor Degree</i>	18 <i>Sheil Assem- bly Meeting</i>	19	20	21	22	23
24 EASTER SUNDAY	25 <i>LA Plan- ning Mtg</i>	26	27 <i>First Degree/ Council Bus. Mtg.</i>	28	29	30

Calendar events on these pages will be “fleshed out” in the next newsletter

May, 2011 (all dates tentative)

- 5/1—Grand Knights Ball/Dinner Dance, Seville Banquet Center, 5:30 PM
- 5/1—Columbian Squires Circle Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:00 PM
- 5/4—LA Business Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:00 PM
- 5/11—Council Planning Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:30 PM
- 5/14—Yellow Ribbon Support Group Military Package Program, HF, Before/After 5:00 PM Mass
- 5/15—Yellow Ribbon Support Group Military Package Program, HF, Before/After Morning Masses
- 5/15—“Senior Prom,” Social Center, After 11:00 AM Mass
- 5/16—4th Degree Bishop Sheil Assembly Meeting, St. Peter Damian, 7:30 PM
- 5/21—First Degree Exemplification, LL 1&2, 10:00 AM
- 5/21—Knights Café Set-up, Social Center, 1:00 PM
- 5/22—Knights Café, Social Center, 5:30 AM-3:30 PM
- 5/25—Council Business Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:30 PM
- 5/30—LA Planning Meeting, Location & Time TBD

June, 2011 (all dates tentative)

- 6/1—LA Business Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:00 PM
- 6/5—Columbian Squires Circle Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:00 PM
- 6/11—Fr. Terry’s 25th Anniversary Gala/Pack the Parish, HF Parking Lot, Times TBA
- 6/15—Council Planning Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:30 PM
- 6/18—First Degree Exemplification, LL 1&2, 10:00 AM
- 6/20—4th Degree Bishop Sheil Assembly Meeting, St. Peter Damian, 7:30 PM
- 6/25—Knights Café Set-up, Social Center, 1:00 PM
- 6/26—Knights Café, Social Center, 5:30 AM-3:30 PM
- 6/27—LA Planning Meeting, Location & Time TBD
- 6/29—Council Business Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:30 PM

July, 2011 (all dates tentative)

- 7/3—Columbian Squires Circle Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:00 PM
- 7/6—LA Business Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:00 PM
- 7/13—Council Planning Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:30 PM
- 7/18—4th Degree Bishop Sheil Assembly Meeting, Location TBD, 7:30 PM
- 7/25—LA Planning Meeting, Location & Time TBD
- 7/27—Council Business Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:30 PM
- 7/30—Knights Café Set-up, Social Center, 1:00 PM
- 7/31—Knights Café, Social Center, 5:30 AM-3:30 PM

