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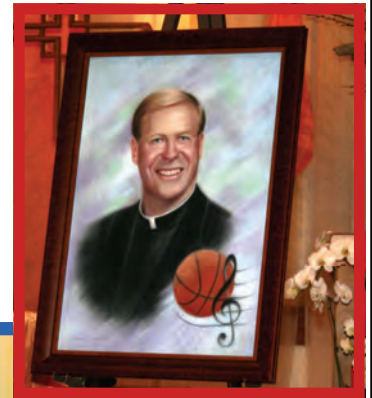
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Dave Pipitone

FR. TERRY'S 25TH & ANNUAL AWARDS



A Celebration
with our
Pastor



Left: Frank Zito,
Knight of the Year,
2010-2011.



Right: Bob Seguy,
Fr. McGivney
Award, 2010-2011

Grand Knight's Korner



It seems like only yesterday that I was asked to consider being the Deputy Grand Knight for our council, but, in fact, it was March of 2009. And, now, it's down to the end of my term as being your Grand Knight!! How fast over 2 years of your life goes by when you're having fun!! This was fun and a pleasure working with all of my Brother Knights and Ladies. We've had many fantastic events, programs, good times, laughter, and brotherhood. But we've also had a few disappointments, loss of family and loved ones, as well as things not turning out the way we expected them to. That's life and we have to deal with life on its own terms and not on ours.

We congratulate our Chaplain, Fr. Terry Keehan, on the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood this month. We thank you, Fr. Terry, for the words of wisdom, guidance, and leadership you've given Council 11981 this year.

When I see spouses and children of our Knights attending Mass together and helping out at the Knights Café and many other activities at Holy Family, I know we kept our vision of family. I believe we've grown closer together, just as a family does when it works, prays, and eats together!

There are many people to thank, but I want to especially recognize the officers who served in various capacities this year. Joe Ferlita did a wonderful job of Deputy Grand Knight and Program Director, keeping all the events coordinated and running smoothly. Our Chancellor and Membership Director, Jim Posch, did an outstanding job with the various membership and degree programs. Through his tenacity, we have added over 14 new Knights to our council. Our Directors for Church, Council, Community, Right to Life, Youth, and Family did a wonderful job on our many successful events this year.

Brothers and Ladies, it's been a pleasure to serve you as Grand Knight. I'm proud of everything we've accomplished as a council and look forward to continued success next year under Joe Ferlita. We do this, not for each other, but for the glory of God through our works of charity, both at Holy Family and in our community. God Bless!!!

Thank you and good night!!!!!!!

Bob Wagner
Grand Knight



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When you're family is hungry, you see that this need is taken care of quickly. You don't put it off until tomorrow... you act immediately to the best of your ability. As a provider to your wife and children, your responsibilities are great and your time is spread thin. It is easy to forget important tasks or let them slip to the backburner for later.

Everything, including your health, can change in the blink of an eye. Don't put off today what can't wait until tomorrow. As your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, I urge you to make securing life insurance for you and your family a top priority.

It is my fraternal obligation to make sure that every member has the opportunity to protect his family with the order's top-rated insurance products. I'll work with you to put a plan in place that will help your family when that help is needed the most.

Your Knights of Columbus insurance program is second to none. As the premier safety net for Catholic families for more than 129 years, our insurance program makes me proud. But I'm also concerned that too many of our brother Knights have not yet looked into the needs of their family. I suspect that, for many, life insurance has drifted to the backburner, waiting until tomorrow. Don't be one of them — move your insurance needs to the forefront today.

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Let's talk.

Larry Szmurlo
Field Agent

THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Lecturer, Dave Pipitone

Presented: May 25, 2011

Brothers, tonight we witnessed a very important event in the history of our council – the election of officers for the new fraternal year. What makes this election such a special occurrence? Why do elections bring new hopes and goals?

Let's review the meaning of the words. "To elect" means to choose or make a decision. By voting, we act to select those who will govern. And those who govern provide leadership, direction, and vision. Leaders are honored for their willingness to act and serve for the greater good of their organizations and society.

For a moment, compare our elections with the recent National Football League draft. Of the top 32 men chosen in the first round of the draft, 20 were offensive and defensive lineman. Only 4 of the top 32 were quarterbacks. A championship football team has more men in front of the ball than behind the ball.

Our elections tonight were not only about the men who were chosen to lead, but also about those who support the leaders. One of the powerful truths about the Knights of Columbus and our council is the concept of shared leadership. As we congratulate and pledge our support to Joe Ferlita, our Grand Knight-elect, we also honor Jim Posch, our rising Deputy Grand Knight, and the others selected to help them lead the council next year. We look forward to an exciting 12 months in the service of family, church, council, youth, and our community.

We thank and honor Bob Wagner, his team of officers, and our Trustees as they conclude a very successful fraternal year. We recruited many new members to join us. We held many successful events. While this past year held many challenges in which a number of our brothers suffered loss and difficulty, the Knights were there for those in need.

Basic to our call to serve and lead as Knights is our call to serve and follow as disciples of Christ. The 50 days of Easter are filled with new wonder and awe of the elect who entered the church at the Easter Vigil. It is Jesus, through our baptism, who elects us – chooses us and makes a decision to include us in His mission. In just two weeks from Sunday, we will celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. As we help Fr. Terry celebrate his 25th anniversary of priesthood, we will recall the gift of the Holy Spirit — the power to lead with service.

As we voted in our new officers with the words, "All in Favor, say 'Aye'," so too does God say "Aye!" to each of us. God's favor is with each of us, my brothers. Let us be confident that our election as Catholic gentlemen begins with the favor of God, who uses us to make our lives, our parish, and our world a better place to love.

Thank you and God bless you.

Deputy's Dispatch



I attended a workshop this weekend with Fr. Albert Haase, OFM, which focused on St. Ignatius of Loyola's Examen, a method of prayerful reflection on your day, week, or year of events, including personal interaction with people. The first step in this method is to look with gratitude on those events, which brings me to the subject of this article.

As I reflect with gratitude on this past year as Deputy Grand Knight, I am convinced that this year went by quickly and smoothly because of the outstanding support of the Program Directors and their Deputy Directors. While working as a volunteer for many of the activities, I learned that our council has outstanding members who offer continuous servant leadership, volunteering their time and effort regardless of their positions. I have been a member of many ministry and civic organizations and have never before witnessed the kind of dedication that our Knights display. Each Knight has given persistent, generous service for each of the programs and causes we support, and each man serves with a compassionate heart.

I would like to highlight my gratitude toward Ken Dirnberger who teaches servant leadership by example in everything he does for and with the Knights. I came to realize it was difficult to be the first to volunteer because Ken was always the first to offer his time and talent. I want to say a big thank you to Ken for all his support and help in everything!

This year saw outstanding effort from each Program Director, Deputy Director, and support teams: Jerry Barrio, in spite of personal hardships, coordinated a successful ID Drive with the help of Pete Salerno and Ron Schultz; Greg Flanagan and his team organized a very successful and entertaining Knights Ball; Ron Wojewoda led the efforts for Church projects, including the corporate masses, and represented the Knights, professionally, bridging communication with Fr. Terry with an unassuming and admirable style; Steve Wolski developed successful Youth programs; Ed Adams and Deano Delaly smoothly and successfully led the Family programs, including the Evening of Romance and others; Bob Seguy effectively forged new pathways in the Respect Life programs and the Rosary Sunday prayer gatherings, completing our efforts of service and prayer.

I wish there was room to include and name every team member who used his God-given gifts as a Knight Of Columbus servant leader in every project. I believe that it is because of this kind of service that our Knights of Columbus council is considered OUTSTANDING! I am so proud to serve with all of you.

Joe Ferlita
Deputy Grand Knight



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New 3rd Degree Knights

L-R: Fred Larson, Mike Stacy, Eric Siegel, & Dick Hicks

Final Notes

As our fraternal year draws to a close, we can look back on a very successful year from a membership perspective, while looking forward to further growth and exciting activities in the new term.

As Chancellor for the past year, I have been deeply involved in membership activities and I would like to congratulate everyone for your efforts to bring in new brothers who have been contributing to our causes. Recruiting new members into the council is important because the council would stagnate without them. New

Chancellor's Chat



members rejuvenate the council by bringing in fresh ideas and by taking over leadership roles from those who have served long and hard in the past.

Since September, 2010, we have grown our roster from 187 to 203, an increase of 16 so far. By the end of the month, we should be adding another 2 or 3. In addition, we have seen an increased eagerness among new members to advance to the higher degrees of the order. Finally, there has been an increase in the number of new members earning the "Shining Armor Award," a testimony to their involvement in the recruitment program and in council activities. These are all trends in the positive direction.

That said, there is still room for improvement in certain areas. For one, those who propose new candidates for membership in the council automatically become sponsors for those new members, responsible for guiding them to learn about the order, the council, and our activities. They should be leading and encouraging the new members to become involved in activities in which they have an interest and also in attaining the higher degrees of the order. In

addition, we need to do a better job of staying in touch with those members who cannot communicate via email. Although this newsletter does reach those members and provides them with important information, there are other important issues that arise which these members should be informed of on a timely basis. Examples might be topics that arise during our meetings that require immediate attention, upcoming Major Degree dates, and messages from our officers that aren't included in the newsletter. These are areas that we might want to address in the coming year.

Again, I want to thank all those who supported our membership programs so completely during this past year. I offer my congratulations to Brother Roy Balduf for his election to the Chancellor's position in the coming year and ask that you give him the same kind of outstanding support.

Jim Posch
Chancellor



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IN MEMORIAM



Verna M. Wojcik
 February 14, 1917—May 29, 2011

Beloved mother of Janet Hauter, mother-in-law of Brother John Hauter, grandmother of four, great grandmother of five, and devoted friend and mentor to countless others, Verna was a strong, active member of Holy Family and an inspiration to many in the Knights and Ladies Auxiliary. Her viewing and funeral Mass were held at Holy Family on Friday, June 3, 2011. Verna was cremated at St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery. The council extends prayers, condolences, and best wishes to Janet, Brother John, and the entire family for the loss of a dear lady.

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

**KNIGHTS/LA MEMBERS/
 IMMEDIATE FAMILY
 IN NEED OF PRAYERS**

- Brother Jim Andrews**
Brother Russell Ganji
Brother Dr. Gerald Smith
Brother Charlie Camel
Kathy Mazur
Kathy Wolski
 (Wife of Brother Steve Wolski)
Kevin Cafiero
 (Brother of Friar J.P. Cafiero)
Stephen Harris
 (Brother of Brother Kevin Harris)
Cheryl Pipitone
 (Wife of Brother Dave Pipitone)
Gladys Vega
 (Wife of Brother Cesar Vega)
Dawn Hajicek
 (Wife of departed Brother Bob)
Corinne Lundell
 (Wife of departed Brother Ken)
Dennis Trocola
 (Brother of Brother Joe Trocola)
Sharon Zemla
 (Sister of Dawn Watkiss)
Loretta Acres
 (Sister of Dodie Carney)

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

ANNUAL & MONTHLY AWARDS

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

Knight of the Year, 2010-2011 — Brother Frank Zito

Frank Zito has been the council's Financial Secretary for the past 3 years. It's not an easy task to take care of membership dues for over 200 Knights, order and file all the proper forms, including audit reports, manage the council's finances, and serving as the councils' liaison with Supreme, but Frank rose to the challenge and performed admirably. In addition, Frank cooked at every monthly Knights Café, the Lenten Fish Fries, and for every Holy Family special event, including Fr. Terry's 25th anniversary party. A very dedicated man and a strong asset to our council, Frank goes the extra mile to ensure everything runs smoothly. Both Frank and his wife, Marianne, are Communion Ministers at weekend Masses. Thanks for all you do, Frank.

Father McGivney Award, 2010-2011 — Brother Robert Seguy

For the past year, Bob Seguy has lead the Respect Life activities of the council, working with the Holy Family Service Peace and Justice Ministry to bring this program forward as a parish activity. Working with the Marian Ministry, Bob was instrumental organizing and directing a rosary after all masses, one weekend per month, as well as Respect Life events. Bob lives the order's principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism to the fullest, and he has been a great asset at the Knight's Cafes and other events. A wonderful mentor to new Knights as well as council officers, we congratulate Bob on a job well done!

Knight of the Month (May, 2011) — Brother Greg Flanagan

Greg Flanagan did a fantastic job as chairman and host of the May 1 Grand Knights Ball — just as he did for last year's event. He and his co-host, Linda Colasanti, spent many months of planning, accruing raffle prizes, working with The Seville Banquet Center, and coordinating all the many tasks that needed to be done. For the second year in a row, he was successful in ensuring that everyone who attended had a fun time and really enjoyed the evening. Great job, Greg, as usual.

Family of the Month (May, 2011) — Brother Kevin Harris Family

(Kevin, Laurie, Tyler, Kimberly, Krystal, & Patrick)

You can usually find Kevin and his 4 children at the Knights Cafes, either in the kitchen, washing pots and pans, or doing some other chores, including clean-up. Working quietly behind the scenes, the Kevin Harris family contributes to the overall success of many council activities. The council extends it's appreciation to all the Harris clan for continuing to support our Knights' activities over many years.

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 the following exemplification ceremonies:

May 21, 2011, at Holy Family, presented by the Council 11981 Degree Team: **Airen Jackson and Fred Larson**

June 12, 2011, at Glenview, presented by the Holy Spirit Degree Team: **Dick Hicks and Eric Siegel**

June 18, 2011, at Holy Family, presented by the Council 11981 Degree Team: **Stephen Bergeon and John Sclafini, Jr.**

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 Fr. John J. Dussman Council in Glenview, on Sunday, April 17, 2011:

Dick Hicks, Fred Larson, Eric Siegel and Mike Stacy

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

Ladies Auxiliary News & Grand Knight's Ball

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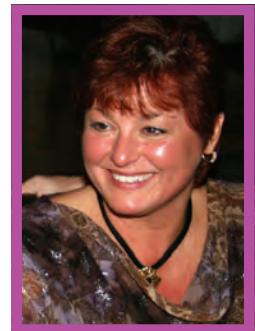
Dear Ladies and Friends,

Another year has come and gone. I would like to thank each and every one of you for your hard work and efforts in the last year. It is through all of your time and energy that this has become such a great organization — one that I am proud to be a part of.

We have some great plans for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. Much of it is already in the works. I'm very excited about these events. I hope you will join us and experience the sisterhood that has brought us all so close together.

Business meetings are on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM. We are now meeting in the Brennan Center, Room 105-106. I'm looking forward to seeing you at our events and meetings during the coming year.

Linda Colasanti
President



2011 GRAND KNIGHT'S BALL



It WAS a "Starry, Starry Knight!!" Following the theme of this year's Grand Knight's Ball, the evening of May 1st was "starry," from the sparkling stars everywhere to the Don McLean music (Vincent") when you entered the ballroom at *The Seville*, to the real stars of the evening — the 80-some handsome, hard-working Knights & Ladies and their guests, in attendance.

During the evening, the "stars" enjoyed a wonderful dinner, viewed a humorous photo/video look at the fraternal year now ending; witnessed the presentation of the Knight of the Year, Fr. McGivney, and Past Grand Knight awards; took chances on 30-plus raffle items; and danced the night away to the music of DJ Kathy Ewing.

Special thanks to everyone who made this "starry night" possible, especially to our co-chairs, Brother Greg Flanagan and LA President, Linda Colasanti. Thanks also go to many brothers (and spouses) who pitched in to help: Jerry Barrio (who assembled the AV presentation), Neil & Julie McManus, Ed Adams, Joe & Mimi Ferlita, Anita Flanagan, Dennis Colasanti, Ron Wojewoda, Tom & Kaitlynn Philbin, Frank Zito, Steve Wolski, Bob & Judi Seguy, Al Dedick, Bill Hoskins, Stan Sowizrol, Ron Schulz, Joe & Geri Trocola, and Pete Salerno.

And, of course, a special acknowledgement to the management and staff of *The Seville* and to those businesses that contributed to our raffle: Agio Italian Bistro, Ala Carte Entertainment, Anna Shea Chocolates & Lounge, Arlington Park, Bob Chin's Crab House, Cartridge World, Cooper's Hawk, Highland Woods Golf Club, Hilldale Golf Club, Northbrook Hilton, Law Offices of Robert J. Ross, Lynfred Winery, Makray Memorial Golf Club, Millrose Restaurant & Brewery, Poplar Creek Country Club, Shaggy Paws, and Sir Nick's Pizza.

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

FIRST DEGREE SCHEDULE

Congratulations to the six new members who joined the Knights of Columbus and the council during the past two months: Airen Jackson & Fred Larson (May 21); Dick Hicks & Eric Siegel (June 12); Stephen Bergeon & John Sclafini (June 18). The June 18 exemplification at Holy Family concluded our council's First Degree program for the fraternal year. A new schedule will be determined by the leadership for Fraternal Year and will be published in the August edition of this newsletter.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Holy Family Council 11981 First Degree Team, who have contributed their talents and an enormous number of volunteer hours to present outstanding exemplifications to those seeking membership in our council over the past 5 years: Ed Adams, Jerry Barrio, Paul Bisek, Jack Collins, Tim Dirnberger, Nick Espinosa, Marty Galiej, Dennis King, Jim Liggett, John Passarelli, Jim Posch, and Ron Wojewoda. As a direct result of their outstanding efforts, our team is known as one of the best in the state of Illinois.

Ken Dirnberger
First Degree Team Captain

KNIGHTS CAFE

Volunteers for the May 22nd Knights Café came out in abundance — 12 Knights and 3 Ladies for the set-up; 32 Knights and 8 Ladies for the café itself. With those kinds of numbers, the burden was very light on everyone, making the event enjoyable, as well as successful, in spite of moving it a week early due to Memorial Weekend. Many thanks to all those who pitched in.

Due to summer vacations, we'll take a break in June (no café), but will return, refreshed and ready to go, for the July café — set-up on Saturday, July 30 and the café itself on Sunday, July 31. We hope to see the same kind of participation as in May. We especially encourage some of our new Knights to become "regulars" each month.

Have a great summer!!

Your Knights Café Co-Captains



New First Degree Knights
L-R: John Sclafini, Jr. & Stephen Bergeon

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

Members of the assembly participated in honor guards at civic events and other venues, including Special Olympic Spring Games Opening Ceremonies at several locations, wakes, funerals, installation Masses of parish priests, and the Annual Memorial Day Mass at St. Michael's Cemetery in Palatine.

The next 4th Degree Ceremony in the Chicago Diocese will be in April 2012. Applications (Form 4) are being accepted now. Members interested should contact me, or any 4th Degree member of our council. Plans are being made to have the ceremony at the Marriott-Lincolnshire Resort Hotel again.

Congratulations to our newly elected assembly officers, who will serve during the 2011-2012 Fraternal Year. SK Eugene Niewiadomski of the Hoffman-Shaumburg Council is our Faithful Navigator-elect. Gene will be installed with our other officers, including Jim Posch, Faithful Scribe; Nick Espinosa, Faithful Sentinel; and Ed Adams, Faithful Trustee-2 yr., on Sunday, July 10, 2011, 4:00 p.m. at St. Matthews Church, Schaumburg, followed by dinner and a seminarian raffle. Attire for the officer's Installation is tuxedo and social baldric for 4th Degree members and conservative business attire with name badge for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degree members and others. Winning raffle tickets will be drawn during the dinner. Cash prizes will be presented to the winners. Notify Faithful Captain Eugene Niewiadomski should you wish to attend the installation and dinner. There is no cost. We need to have a food count.

Ed Adams, PGK/PFN
4th Degree Representative

FR. TERRY'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

From moving and setting up tables, along with slicing, dicing, and prepping much of the food on Friday, June 10; to setting up and decorating the Social Center, cooking and wrapping the food, seating and serving hundreds of hungry people, helping out elsewhere when needed, and cleaning up after the meal on Saturday, June 11, the Knights and Ladies Auxiliary did themselves proud in helping to make our pastor's 25th Anniversary of his ordination a memorable occasion.

The celebration Mass at 5:00 PM, the reception in the courtyard, the meal in the social center, the dessert and beverages in the knuckle, and the entertainment in the multitorium were all conducted smoothly and efficiently, thanks to the excellent job of the Holy Family planning committee and the hard work of the many church ministries involved. It was great to see Fr. Terry and his family having such a good time.

Kudos to the 30 Knights, the 15 Ladies Auxiliary members, and others in our group, who contributed so much of your time and talent. We are proud to have served with you.

John Posch & Ken Dirnberger
Activity Captains

GOLF OUTING

June 27th approaches. As of this writing, we have 14 groups signed up and paid, with the potential for a few others to join us. Fr. Terry will be there, leading the pack, and John Posch will be bringing his magic driver for the par-3 holes. There will be prizes for long drive, long putt, closest to the pin (watch out for John's driver), and more. There will also be two betting holes. Everything is a "go," so now all we need is prayers for good weather. Hope to see you at Chalet Hills on Monday, June 27th.

Roy Balduf
Activity Captain

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

RESPECT LIFE

I have been thinking of Joseph a lot since Christmas. Why? Because I realize that God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things. Maybe it is because I can relate to Joseph being a step-father? For whatever reason, there is this kindred spirit between Joseph and me this Lenten season. The fact that Joseph said "yes," and believed in the "miracle," and stayed by Mary's side, and raised Jesus, and provided a strong male role model for Him for me is a testimony that Joseph was a man of great faith and he both "trusted" and "believed" that God was in charge of his life.

What if Joseph followed his initial instinct and left Mary so that no reputational harm came to both of them? I don't know the answer to this question, but I simply come back to the one point — that he trusted and believed that God was in charge of his life. That has been my inspiration.

Today, I have come to realize how true this is in my life, too. I have surrendered and turned my life over to Him. I trust and believe that God is in charge in every facet of my life and I must work hard to listen to what he wants for me. What does this have to do with Respect Life? Since January, our council has been leading a monthly rosary after the Saturday evening and Sunday morning masses. I honestly cannot say that that it was something that I planned to happen as your Respect Life Director. But, the opportunity came my (our) way and I volunteered to lead this effort, trusting that God was really in charge.

After the three months I can honestly say that the rosary has changed me. I am simply more "aware" of how God is intimately involved in my life. I feel a greater connectedness to our Lord through Mary and Joseph.

If you have not grown up saying the rosary, it may be a foreign devotion for you. On the other hand, the rosary is a cornerstone to what it means to be a Knight. My challenge to you this month is to commit to saying three consecutively rosaries, one every month for three months. You might simply find that meditating on Mary will lead you to a

connectedness with our Lord and Savior. And that, my brothers and sisters, is what I have to offer you. Will you take time and challenge yourself to learn or do something new or start something anew? This is one way that you can learn to trust and believe that God loves you and wants the best for you. It only requires that you surrender to Him.

Pax Tecum,

Bob Seguy
Respect Life Director

COMMUNITY PROGRAM

2010-2011 Wheelchair Program

This year we were proud to support the state's Wheelchair Program once again, raising enough funds to have 11 more wheelchairs built and distributed to people desperately in need of this assistance, not only in the United States, but in other countries, as well. During the four years that I have chaired this activity, **our council's contribution has now reached 37 wheelchairs, a very significant total.**

I want to thank all my Brother Knights and Ladies of the Auxiliary, who have included this program as part of their own annual charitable contributions. Over the period that I have been chairing the program, there has been a variety of Knights and Ladies who have made significant contributions to this worthy cause. Some have made this a regular part of their personal annual charitable giving; others have not been able to contribute each year, but have done so when they could. To me, this is representative of the difficult economic climate we have been faced with. Not everyone can donate every year, but when they can, they choose to open their hearts and pocketbooks in support. This is how I hope to promote the program as we move forward in future years. Not everyone is able to make a contribution every year, but ***I'm honored that you may choose to support this program when you are able to.***

Vivat Jesus!

Ron Schulz
Activity Director

COUNCIL PROGRAM

Yellow Ribbon Support Group

A tremendous success for a terrific cause!!! Nine Knights transported the 600 care packages from the Palatine Village Hall on Saturday, May 14. A third of the packages were distributed after the 5 PM Mass on Saturday and they were completely gone by the beginning of the 11 AM Mass on Sunday, May 15. This, in spite of increasing the number of packages by 100 this year.

A huge "thank you" to all who participated. A letter from Pat and Mac McCoy of the Yellow Ribbon Support Group was received, expressing their appreciation to the council and LA for supporting the cause so well, once again. Well done, everyone!!

Shining Armor Award

Congratulations to Brother Bob Fallon for earning the Shining Armor Award, presented by GK Bob Wagner at the May 25 business meeting.

For all new members who joined during the past year, if you have worked on at least three council projects, attended at least three council meetings, received your 3rd Degree, met with the insurance agent, and recruited at least one new member, you are eligible for this award. Contact me at krdirnberger@comcast.net or (847) 346-6807.

KC Academy

There will not be a KC Academy at Holy Family this spring because the Academy Director had a conflict in his schedule and we were not able to determine an alternate date. We'll try again next fraternal year.

Officer Installations

All members, families, and friends are welcome to attend the Fraternal Year 2011-2012 council and LA officer installations at Emmetts of Palatine, 110 N. Brockway, on Wednesday, June 29. The ceremony begins promptly at 7:00 PM, so please be in place prior to that time to avoid disruptions. Officers to be installed should wear a sports or suit jacket (tie optional). Nice casual is appropriate for all others. A social event, with heavy hors d'oeuvres and open bar, will follow the ceremony. Y'all come!!

Ken Dirnberger
Council Director

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

YOUTH PROGRAM

The Spring Sports Fest was a BIG HIT for all who participated. The kids competed in seven different events, including baseball /softball pitching, football throw, putting, soccer kick, free throw shooting, bag toss, and bucket toss. We had many Knights and some Lady Auxiliary members helping out to make the event a success. This was the 2nd try at a new annual event — we were rained out last year and the number of participants was a bit low this year due to conflicts with other activities, such as Confirmations. We hope to have a much larger turnout next year, now that it has finally kicked off and word spreads.

Steve Wolski
Youth Director

FAMILY PROGRAM

A Personal Note

I have been working with my Brother Knight and friend, Ed Adams, as Family Co-Director this year. Ed has recently been offered a position that deserves special recognition — District Deputy. A founding member of the council, Ed has been very involved and instrumental in the order for many years and is an example of what all of us should aspire to become. Working with and observing Ed has led me to make changes in my own life. I am a true “roaming Catholic” — I attend and have friends at seven parishes, including Holy Family. The warmth and kindness that I have received at Holy Family has made me want to spend more time here.

God Bless,

Deano Dalaly
Family Program Co-Director

BLOOD DRIVE

We had an excellent showing for the Knights/Holy Family Blood Drive on Sunday, May 29 — far better than expected. Our goal was 60, but we had a total of 74, including 14 units of red cells. We only had 5 deferrals (those who came, but couldn't donate for one reason or another), a small number compared to past blood drives.

Sincere thanks to all the Knights and Ladies Auxiliary who donated and/or helped with the sign-ups, etc.

Our next blood drive will be in September, in conjunction with Labor Day. Watch the August *Knightly News* for an announcement on date and time, as well as other details.

Jim Andrews
Activity Captain

2011-2012 FRATERNAL YEAR OFFICER ELECTIONS

Congratulations to the following Brother Knights, who were elected to Holy Family Council 11981 officer positions for the 2011-2012 fraternal year during the May 25, 2011 business meeting:

Officer Position

Grand Knight
Deputy Grand Knight
Chancellor
Recorder
Treasurer
Advocate
Warden
Inside Guard
Outside Guard
Outside Guard
3-Year Trustee

Electee

Joe Ferlita
Jim Posch
Roy Balduf
Ron Schulz
Neil McManus
Bob Wagner
Ron Scholtes
Dean Dalaly
Bernie Rupe
Glenn Yamamoto
Bob Seguy

The following Trustees were previously elected to 3-year terms and will move to new positions as follows:

John Posch — From 3-Year Trustee to 2-Year Trustee
John Passarelli — From 2-Year Trustee to 1-Year Trustee

Some council positions are appointed rather than elected: Chaplain, Financial Secretary, and Lecturer. Financial Secretary by the Supreme Council; Chaplain by the Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, and Trustees; Lecturer by the Grand Knight.

Officer Installation: Installation of elected council and LA officers will take place at Emmetts of Palatine, 110 N. Brockway, on June 29, 2011, at 7:00 PM.

June, 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 LA Business Meeting	2	3	4
5 Corp. Mass/Squires Meeting	6	7	8 Council Planning Meeting	9	10	11 Fr. Terry's 25 Yr Anniv.
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 First Degree
19	20 Sheil Assembly Meeting	21	22 Council Open Business Mtg	23	24	25
26	27 Golf Outing/LA Planning Mtg	28	29 Officer Installations	30		

June, 2011

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

6/5—Corporate Mass, Holy Family, 9:00 AM

6/5—Columbian Squires Circle Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:00 PM

6/8—Council Planning Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:30 PM

6/11—Fr. Terry's 25th Anniversary Gala, HF Courtyard, Social Center, and Multitorium after 5:00 PM Mass

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

6/22—Council Open Business Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:30 PM

6/27—K of C Golf Outing, Chalet Hills GC, Cary, IL. 8:15 AM Shotgun Start

6/27—LA Planning Meeting, Location & Time TBD

6/29—Council & LA Officer Installations for 2011-2012, Emmetts in Palatine, 7:00 PM

July, 2011

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

7/25—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

July, 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Squires Meeting	4	5	6 LA Business Meeting	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Council Planning Meeting	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 31 Knights Cafe	25 LA Planning Meeting	26	27 Council Business Meeting	28	29	30 Café Set-up

August, 2011

August, 2011

8/3—LA Business Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:00 PM

8/7—Columbian Squires Circle Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:00 PM

8/10—Council Planning Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:30 PM

8/24—Council Business Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:30 PM

8/27—Knights Café Set-up, Social Center, 1:00 PM

8/28—Knights Café, Social Center, 5:30 AM-3:30 PM

8/29—LA Planning Meeting, Location & Time TBD

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

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

September, 2011 (all dates tentative)

9/4—Columbian Squires Circle Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:00 PM

9/7—LA Business Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:00 PM

9/14—Council Planning Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:30 PM

9/19—4th Degree Bishop Sheil Assembly Meeting, Location TBD, 7:30 PM

9/24—Knights Café Set-up, Social Center, 1:00 PM

9/25—Knights Café, Social Center, 5:30 AM-3:30 PM

9/26—LA Planning Meeting, Location & Time TBD

9/28—Council Business Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:30 PM

October, 2011 (all dates tentative)

10/2—Columbian Squires Circle Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:00 PM

10/6—LA Business Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:00 PM

10/12—Council Planning Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:30 PM

10/17—4th Degree Bishop Sheil Assembly Meeting, St. Peter Damian, 7:30 PM

10/26—Council Business Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:30 PM

10/29—Knights Café Set-up, Social Center, 1:00 PM

10/30—Knights Café, Social Center, 5:30 AM-3:30 PM

10/31—LA Planning Meeting, Location & Time TBD

November, 2011 (all dates tentative)

11/2—LA Business Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:00 PM

11/6—Columbian Squires Circle Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:00 PM

11/9—Council Planning Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:30 PM

11/21—4th Degree Bishop Sheil Assembly Meeting, Location TBD, 7:30 PM

11/23—Council Business Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:30 PM

11/26—Knights Café Set-up, Social Center, 1:00 PM

11/27—Knights Café, Social Center, 5:30 AM-3:30 PM

11/28—LA Planning Meeting, Location & Time TBD

