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JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2010 EVENTS



Top: February 10 Council Spelling Bee contestants and winner, Kellie Halloran, with Pronouncer Jill Harris and HF Academy Principal, Dr. Gretchen Ludwig.

Middle: Ladies Auxiliary President, Jill Harris, and some of the 100 participants in the February 5 L.A. Bunco Party.

Bottom: February 5 Council and District Free Throw Competition with District Deputy, Peter Justen.

Grand Knight's Korner



THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Lecturer, Tom Jensen

Presented: January 27, 2010

Brothers and Ladies:

I want to start my column today by paraphrasing from Luke 5: 1-11:

Jesus said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon replied, "Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing. But if you say so, I will lower the nets." They caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break.

Commentary: When we work for our own profit alone, we work in vain. When we work in order to bring the reign of God – when we do the work that Jesus did – God blesses that effort whether we realize it or not.

This verse struck me this week as I have been thinking about Brother Bob's Hajicek's life and example. Our Brother Bob gained his eternal reward on February 4th after a 5-year battle with brain cancer. He was only 52 years old and a member of our council for only 21 months. During those 21 months, he taught us what it meant to have profound faith in God and place himself in God's hands.



After Bob's death, Dawn wrote and explained how important it was for Bob to be a Knight and, in return, what the Knights gave to each of them:

"Thank you very much for all the support and friendship you and all the Knights have provided to us. Bob truly loved being a Knight and the brotherhood was something Bob cherished. He put his heart and soul into everything he did and the Knights organization was not any different. If Bob had the chance to touch someone's life, he would do so. He always wanted everyone to know how important their life was and by recognizing them he had a gift which made each of them feel special. This is why so many people loved spending time with him. If Bob would have lived long enough to invest all the energy he had wanted to bring into the KOC, I truly believe there would have been even a greater newfound excitement within the council."

Bob taught all of us how to trust, and he lived each day trusting God, knowing that he was doing God's work. Bob approached everything he did with the "servant leadership" attitude that I have often talked about. Bob's work here on earth is done, but our work is not!

I have had the opportunity to travel to Europe on business many times. Some of the most fascinating sites when traveling to Europe are their beautiful cathedrals. I often found myself feeling very humbled as I stood in them. It was not uncommon for these buildings to take 100 years to build. Now let's think about that for a minute. If the average life expectancy for a man back then was 40 or 50 years, that means that it required two to three generations to build one of these awe-inspiring structures. Men and women would dedicate their entire lives to something that they believed would glorify God. These buildings were built for one reason and that was for men and women to connect and be one with God. The irony is that today we often do not know who the architect was. Nor do we know the names of the men and women who labored to build tremendous detail into every thing they did.

Brothers and Ladies, I pray that we will learn from these architects, laborers, and Bob's life — that our words and charitable actions can make a huge difference in lives of people we will never know. We simply need to go about having a servant leadership attitude while approaching those things we do to bring the reign of God to people. God will, in turn, use our work to transform peoples' lives, just like God used Bob's life to change our attitudes. We have many events coming up where you can get practice the example that Bob gave to us all. Please consult the back pages of this newsletter for a detailed listing. For those of you not active in our council's events, I challenge you to get involved and make a difference.

Finally, I would like to recognize the following Knights and Ladies for their outstanding support to both Bob and Dawn Hajicek, especially during the last two months of Bob's life. Their commitment to fraternity, to a fellow Brother and his family, is commendable and deserving

Greg Flannagan
John Posch
Dodie Carney
Ken Dirnberger
Barb Dirnberger
Steve Wolski
Frank Zito
Marianne Zito
Dan Doles

Pax Tecum,

Bob Seguy
Grand Knight

The purpose of individual prayer is to establish ... to have ... communion with God. To what degree of communion do I...do you, do we...have with God in prayer? Two weeks ago, I was privileged to attend a men's power breakfast to meet and listen to Dr Erwin Lutzer. Dr Lutzer is Senior Pastor at Moody Bible College in Chicago. He has authored more than 20 books and has spoken on scripture, worldwide. He shared with the almost 400 of us a way in which one can improve individual communion with God while in prayer.

I believe there are many ways to pray that will allow good communion with God. Our Creator hears everyone if prayer is offered sincerely...no matter the words. But, the unique way to pray that he offers allows one to have even closer communion with God. He calls it "Praying Scripture." It combines meditation and prayer as one takes a passage of scripture and uses words, the "meaning," from that passage in one's prayer.

For example, Matthew 6: 24 reads: "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

This passage used in "Praying Scripture" could be prayed as follows: "Lord, I need to work to take care of my wife, I need to earn money. Although I must earn an income, please Lord help me so I do not desire or 'worship' money and what it can do in my life. I pray, Lord, that You be the very center of my life.... my all, my everything."

Meditating on a chosen passage, before praying, allows the Holy Spirit to assist us in framing words in this unique way of offering prayer to God.

Luke 24:45 reads as follows: "Then He opened their understanding that they might comprehend scripture."

This reading from Luke could well be the result every time one "Prays Scripture" and strives to be closer to Almighty God.

I will continue to pray as I have since 2nd grade at St. Philomena School in Chicago. That form of prayer is most sincere, yet (in some ways) very informal. Even to the point, as I have shared before... when God has answered a prayer of mine or something good has occurred for one of mine, I will literally offer a "thumbs up" to God and say "thank you Lord." I pray each morning and evening, offer my thanks to God for the many blessings he has bestowed on me and those I love. I ask Him to please watch over, bless, protect and keep safe from harm ... then I name my wife, my children, etc. **However**, I will pursue, as well, Praying Scripture, as Dr Lutzer suggests. I love God more than anything in this world, He has blessed me beyond measure, even though I am a huge and repeated sinner. I will do all that I can (with His help) to be in closer communion with Him.

Deputy's Dispatch



The past few weeks have been rough on many of the Knights, especially those who were close to Brother Bob Hajicek. Others have experienced loss in other ways. Yet, there are Knights that are always there for each other, being supportive in any way they can. That's one of the best traits about the Knights of Columbus. It's a true fraternal brotherhood that exemplifies the other virtues of charity, unity, and patriotism.

We've had very successful programs since our last issue: Kringle Classic, the Christmas PADS program, the Free Throw competition, and the Spelling Bee. This is thanks to the Knights who take charge in running an event as well as those volunteers to help any way they can. For this, I am thankful and proud of our involve-

ment in the parish community. Many times, our involvement is a 'behind the scenes/supportive' role, which is true servant leadership. I ask our new Knights to get involved at the beginning to continue these great programs that we have established. There are many programs to volunteer for that are coming up in the near future. So volunteer, wear your Knights shirt, put on your name badge and join your brother Knights in servant leadership.

Vivat Jesus,

Bob Wagner,
Deputy Grand Knight

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Chancellor's Chat



Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism

To become a full Knight, each member is encouraged to attain the third degree level. Within the Order itself, there are four "degrees" of Knighthood, each one meant to exemplify one of the four principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. Current first degree members are experiencing the fundamental principle of the order: charity. A deeper understanding of unity and fraternity comes as you progress through the degrees. As a fourth degree Sir Knight, I highly encourage all first degree Knights to seriously consider participating in the up-coming Major Degree at Queen of Peace on March 28, 2010. (See the announcement on page 7 of this newsletter). Completion of this exemplification will move you to full Knighthood and put you in position to serve your fellow brothers as an officer of the council. As you search your soul during this Lenten season, please consider the four principles of our order: charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. We are looking for the next generation of Knights, men of character and conviction, who are driven by both faith and conscience to do truly meaningful works.

FY 2009-2010 Membership Goals

1. Increase participation of all council members by 30%. We are a council of 176 men. On average, we have 50 to 60 Knights who regularly participate in our charitable and community activities. Council leadership would like to see 65 to 85 active members.
2. Increase the number of members participating in our fraternal benefits by 25%. Since July, we have converted only one member from Associate Member to Insurance Member. Note: To learn more, please visit [Fraternal Benefits](#).
3. Introduce 50 good Catholic men to the council and convert at least 15 to be new members. To date we have ten new members, including Father Terry. (See the note, below, regarding our March Membership Drive).
4. Have fun as brothers, quarterly. We are doing this through fraternity, snacks, and beverages after select meetings. In addition, our Christmas party and Grand Knights Ball serve to promote this goal.

Upcoming Membership Drive

Now is the time to invite all the prospects you have ever thought about encouraging to become a Brother Knight. Our March membership drive will include a "get to know the Knights of Holy Family" via an open house:

When: Wednesday (March 10, 2010) before the business meeting - 6:15 PM
Where: Holy Family lower level
Light snack: Pizza and beverages

When: Sunday (March 14, 2010) after the 9:00AM and 11:00AM masses
Where: Holy Family lower level
Continental Breakfast

Please provide me the first and last name of those you plan to invite. This will allow us to send an e-invite to these potential brothers.

Have a peaceful Lenten journey.

Vivat Jesus,

Stoney Scales
Chancellor

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IN MEMORIAM

Robert J. Hajicek, Jr.
June 15, 1958—February 4, 2010

Bob was an exceptionally active member of Holy Family Council 11981 since April 23, 2008. His exemplary dedication to the council's programs, the enormous strength of his faith in God, and his determination to combat his illness served as an example and an inspiration to everyone who knew him. Although not able to complete his term, he was elected as the council's Recorder for the 2009-2010 fraternal year. Bob is survived by his wife, Dawn; his children, Robert III and Jennifer; his sisters Susan Connelly and Marialice Logan; his mother-in-law, Josephine McLane; his sisters-in law, June Daniels (wife of Jim), Cynthia Calhoun (wife of Mike), and Jill Palmer; as well as numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins. The council extends prayers, condolences, and best wishes to the entire family and all the many friends of Brother Bob Hajicek.

Remembrance masses have been scheduled at Holy Family for the following Saturdays at 6:00 PM: March 13, April 10, May 1, June 5, and July 3, 2010.

Thomas M. Schulz
April 8, 1964—February 10, 2010

Brother to Ron Schulz, Tom was taking care of Ron when he passed away. Our sincere condolences to Ron and to the entire family.

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www.kofc.org

State Website
www.illinoisknights.org

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Council Public Website
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Council Private Website
*see note below

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

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Brother Ron Schulz

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Brother Fred Schalk

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Brother Russell Ganji

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Brother Dr. Gerald Smith

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Cheryl Pipitone
(Wife Of Brother Dave Pipitone)

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Christine Wise
(Wife of Brother John Wise)

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Kathy Wolski
(Wife of Brother Steve Wolski)

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Sharon Zemla
(Sister of Dawn Watkiss)

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Loretta Acres
(Sister of Dodie Carney)

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Gladys Vega
(Wife of Brother Cesar Vega)

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MONTHLY AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

MONTHLY AWARDS

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

Knights of the Month (December, 2009) — Brothers Joe Trocola and Pete Salerno

Joe Trocola has participated in every council event this fraternal year, including chairman of this year's vocation fund. Additionally, he exemplified the principle of fraternity by reaching out and helping a fellow brother in his time of need by building a hand-rail so that people could safely walk up and down the stairs to his front door. His actions are closely aligned to the Grand Knight's vision of a "servant leader." Congratulations, Joe, and thank you for your commitment to the council!

Pete Salerno has never failed to step forward in response to a Grand Knight's request for help. He has been co-director of the MR/LD drive the past 2 years. He volunteered as our Recorder when there was a sudden vacancy. In December, with 3 weeks to go before the event, he volunteered to take a leadership role in the PADS Christmas event because of Brother Ron Shultz's illness. Without hesitation, he stepped forward, covered the morning shift, and got the event kicked-off. His leadership was critical to the success of this important program. Congratulations, Pete!

Family of the Month (December, 2009) — Brother Bob Wagner Family (Dawn and Matt)

This Knight's family has been involved in a number of activities this fraternal year. He is also an active member of the council's leadership. Bob and his family took the initiative in cooking for a fund-raiser for a family whose son is fighting cancer. Again, they took the lead role in preparing the food for PADS guests on Christmas Day. Their commitment to the council's objectives of charity and servant leadership make Bob and his family worthy of this award. Congratulations Bob!

Knights of the Month (January, 2010)

The following Knights are selected as Knights of the Month for January, 2010 because of their commitment to Bob & Dawn Hajicek during Bob's final days: Greg Flannagan (4252923), John Posch (3662692), Ken Dirnberger (3718191), Steve Wolski, (4206556), Frank Zito (4126083), and Dan Doles (4303681).

Fraternity is one of the four cornerstones of being a Knight. It takes form in many ways, including being a "brother" to a fellow "brother" during his final stages of life. These Knights exemplified the brotherly principle of fraternity by transporting Bob to his medical appointments and by daily visits to the home hospice to encourage Bob and to relieve Dawn of some of the burden. They made sure that every need was attended to. They talked, prayed, and laughed with Bob and Dawn. They assisted with Bob's clothing and bedding changes. They exemplified the value of fraternity that Fr. McGivney envisioned.

For their commitment to their Brother Bob and living the principle of fraternity as Fr. McGivney envisioned, each of these brothers is deserving of Knight of Month for January, 2010.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE OUTSTANDING KNIGHTS AND THE WAGNER FAMILY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR EXCEPTIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

NEW KNIGHTS AND DEGREES

The following brothers became new member of the Knights of Columbus and received their First Degree at exemplification ceremonies presented by the Holy Family First Degree Team:

Saturday, January 16, 2010: Steve Alekna and Brian Caffrey

Saturday, February 20, 2010: Chris Mormance and Greg Zarembo

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

Ladies Auxiliary-News & Notes

Officers 2008-2009

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Fr John Paul Cafiero

President

Jill Harris

Vice President

Linda Colasanti

Treasurer

Barb Huss

Secretary

Diane Roisland

Trustees

Pam Biesiada

Dolores Phillips

Carol Deener

Advocate

Dawn Watkiss

Ladies Liaison

John Posch

President's Press



Bunco Night —Another HUGE Success!

Over 100 women attended our latest BUNCO Night on Friday, February 5th. We had our biggest crowd ever and raised money for our Ladies Auxiliary charities. All the ladies who attended seemed to have a BLAST, and many commented about how much fun they had. KUDOS, again, to our chairwomen, Carol Deener and Juliann Rose, who did another terrific job of organizing, promoting, and running the show. Our "Beef Brothers" (Ken Dirnberger, Jim Posch, John Posch, Tom Samuels, and Bob Seguy) were attentive to our every thirst. I'm sure that the next evening of fun will be even bigger and better!

Jill Harris
President



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WHEELCHAIR PROGRAM

Dear Brothers, Ladies, and Friends,

Imagine a child or a family member here in the USA with no insurance who is born with a physical disability or somehow becomes disabled. Imagine the loss of hope and dreams this person experiences as they lie in a bed or need to be physically carried or carted from place-to-place. How can he/she ever have normal quality of life or re-gain his/her self esteem without the ability to be ambulatory? As a brother Knight and a member of the Holy Family community who suddenly became paralyzed, I can attest to the importance a wheelchair can play in someone's life. My name is Ron Schulz. I was a strong able-bodied young man when a spinal cord tumor almost took my life. My doctors were able to save my life, but the operations I endured took a toll and I was left paralyzed. I thank God every day that I had support from my family, friends, God, and, yes, the insurance companies. Even though this was the most difficult time of my life, I eventually recovered and was able to receive a wheelchair at relatively no cost since I had insurance. It gave me back my independence and self-esteem, and I am now at a point in my life where I want to help others who may not have the same opportunity as I have had. Please help me and the Knights of Columbus help others. Simply put, I am requesting your financial support to help change a life. You can do this by donating to the Knights of Columbus, Council #11981 **Wheelchair Program** for fraternal year 2009/2010. The funds raised by the Knights are matched by **The Wheelchair Foundation**. For every \$75 raised by the Knights, **The Wheelchair Foundation** will contribute \$75. Together, our funds will enable the foundation to purchase a wheelchair that will go to an underprivileged person who cannot otherwise afford one. More information regarding the Knights of Columbus Wheelchair program and the Wheelchair Foundation is available via CD. I encourage you to visit [The Wheelchair Foundation](http://TheWheelchairFoundation.com) website to see the outstanding work this organization is doing around the world.

Please consider helping me in this internal donation program and please feel free to contact me at ron.schulz@sbcglobal.net or at (847) 722-8211 if you have any comments or questions. If you are experiencing something similar in your own family, I would love to be able to assist you in any way that I can. Help change a life - please give. May God continue to bless you and your family.

Ron Schulz
Wheelchair Program Chairman

General Announcements

FIRST DEGREE SCHEDULE

Remaining First Degree Exemplifications for FY 2009-2010 are scheduled as follows:

Saturday, Feb 20, 2010
 Saturday, Mar 13, 2010
 Saturday, Apr 17, 2010
 Wednesday, May 26, 2010
 Saturday, June 19, 2010

Please note that the March date has been moved up one week to the 13th.

All degrees will be held in LL 1&2. All Saturday dates are at 10:00 AM and will include an orientation for new members, followed by lunch at Millrose Restaurant. All Wednesday dates are at 7:00 PM, prior to the monthly business meeting.

Council members are encouraged to participate in the degree ceremonies in support of our new members, including the Saturday orientations and lunches.

Ken Dirnberger
 First Degree Team Captain

MAJOR DEGREE SCHEDULE

The Major Degree Schedule for the 2nd half of Fraternal Year 2009-2010 has been posted on the State website. Here's a list of those within easy driving distance from Holy Family through end-June (time listed is the starting time of the 2nd Degree):

Sunday, Feb 21, 2:00 PM, St. Thecla
 Sunday, Mar 28, 1:30 PM, Lake Zurich

Council First Degrees are encouraged to make every effort to advance to the Second and Third Degrees on Palm Sunday, March 28, at Queen of Peace Council's new facility. This is the primary Major Degree that our council attends each year. If you are able to obtain your 2nd/3rd Degree on either of the above dates, please contact Membership Director Stoney Scales at sas3085@sbcglobal.net or (847) 854-1889.

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

Brother Ray Biliskov, PGK, PFN, and District Deputy when our council was founded, ends his four-year term as Master of the Marquette Province of the 4th Degree. We, who have been elected as delegates, will meet in Lisle to nominate a new Master. Our nominations will be sent to Supreme, where a successor to Ray will be chosen. Ray will preside over the 4th Degree Exemplification on April 17, 2010 at the Marriott Lincolnshire Hotel and Resort. This is the exemplification in the Chicago Diocese where our members enter into the 4th Degree. Please contact me to obtain details.

The Columbian Booster Award is an award given to Brother Knights who have gone beyond in their duties while serving as Ministers, Grand Knights, and Faithful Navigators. I am one of three Knights nominated to receive the award this year. The award will be presented at the 25th Annual dinner of the Columbian Boosters.

The dinner will be held at the Wellington At Arlington, 2121 S. Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Heights, Illinois, March 25, 2010. Tickets are \$35. Each ticket includes two drink tickets and an entry into the raffle. I have tickets available.

Ed Adams
 Fourth Degree Representative

LENTEN FISH FRIES

LENT IS HERE!! The Knights and Ladies of the Auxiliary are again preparing and serving the food for each Friday Fish Fry, hosted by the Holy Family Neighborhood Ministry. The fish fries began on Friday, February 19, with approximately 380 guests served (a record for the first night). The February 26 event had almost exactly the same number. The fish fries will continue each Friday through March 19. Food is served at 6:00 PM, with Stations of the Cross to follow at 7:30 PM. We begin the cooking and set-up process at 3:00 PM. Clean-up is usually finished by 8:00 PM. Volunteers are needed on each Friday. Come whenever you can. We had great support the first night — thanks to all who helped. Let's keep up the good work!!

Jim Posch
 Event Captain

BLOOD DRIVES

The Knights of Columbus and Holy Family Parish co-sponsored a blood drive on December 27, 2009. Thanks to the generosity of Holy Family donors, over 200 units of whole blood platelets, red blood cells, and plasma were donated to others in need. Platelets, which have a 5-day shelf life, are always in special need during the holidays.

A spring blood drive will be held on Sunday, May 30, 2010 from 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM. All blood types are needed, especially O-negative. All persons 16 years (with parental permission) and older, who are in good health, can donate. Schedule your appointment after all Sunday masses on May 23rd at the table in the Narthex or call 1-877-LifeSource or schedule on the website www.LifeSource.org, using code 025C. Walk-ins will also be welcome. Be sure to eat before donating, bring identification, and allow one hour for the entire process. By donating blood, you are saving 3 lives.

Brother Knights can help by contacting me at jandrews60714@gmail.com or (847) 692-6991.

If you are unable to donate at Holy Family, please consider going to a LifeSource donor site (see www.Lifesource.org) and using the Holy Family 025C code.

Jim Andrews
 Event Captain

SHINING ARMOR AWARD

Congratulations to Brothers Steve Wolski and Stan Sowizrol for recently earning the Shining Armor Award.

For all new members who joined during the past year: Have you worked on at least 3 council projects? Have you attended at least 3 council meetings? Have you received your 3rd Degree? Have you met with the council insurance agent? Have you recruited at least 1 new member? If so, you are eligible to join Steve and Stan for this prestigious award.

All members are encouraged to attain this award by meeting the above requirements. 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 (847) 346-6807 or krdirnberger@comcast.net.

Ken Dirnberger
 Council Director

General Announcements

SPELLING BEE

The Council Spelling Bee was a huge hit, with 21 contestants competing for the title of "Best Speller." This event was organized in a very short time by Jill Harris, because our council received the kit at a very late date. She did a great job, and the event went off without a hitch. In addition, Jill acted as the "pronouncer" for the contestants. Kathy Wolski (with her neat handwriting) wrote out the participation and winners' certificates. The judges consisted of Ken Dirnberger, Ron Wojewoda, and myself. John Posch acted as impartial observer and critic. The top three finishers were Kellie Halloran (First Place), Gabi Arneri (Second Place), and Jakub Malysa (Third Place). They will now move ahead and compete in the District Spelling Bee at Holy Family on March 6th.

Steve Wolski
Youth Director

FREE THROW EVENT

We had a good turnout for the Free Throw Shooting Championship on February 5th. This also happened to be the same evening as the ladies Bunco night. Altogether, 29 boys and girls (mostly boys) competed in the five age groups. Winners of the council shootout were also crowned District Champs, received medals, and will move on to the regional shootout on March 20th. I would like to thank Ron Wojewoda and Ron Scholtes for their scoring talents and Stan Sowizrol and Peter Justen (our District Deputy) for their rebounding skills. We also had a couple of dads assist us in chasing down the basketballs. Jim Posch was nice enough to tear himself away from the ladies to take some pictures of the participants. We still are looking for a way to bring in more girls. I am thinking about promoting it as a "come out and meet boys" campaign!

Steve Wolski
Youth Director

YOUTH SPORTS FEST

The 1st Annual Spring Sports Fest is just around the corner. It is scheduled to be held on Saturday, April 24th, with a rain-out date of April 25th. It will consist of 7 events that all participants will compete in. Each event will need a scorer and two assistants. I am in the process of designing the scoring sheet and looking into acquiring the necessary equipment. I already have a few volunteers that have offered to run certain events. I will be sending out a sign-up sheet via e-mail in the near future. Please reply to this e-mail as soon as you can. We need a strong turnout of Knights to support this event. Thanks in advance.

Steve Wolski
Youth Director

EVENING OF ROMANCE

The council held its third quarter Corporate Mass/Communion at the 4:30 PM mass on Saturday, February 13, and participated in the Evening of Romance, sponsored by Holy Family Parish. About 20 Knights couples renewed their wedding vows at the mass. During the mass, Fr. Terry recognized the Knights and all we do to support the parish and its operations. It was touching to see married couples stand up all over the church to renew their wedding vows after the gospel. Fr. Terry invited many of the couples that he married in other parishes, so they witnessed the presence of our council. The Knights participated in the reception after mass in the multitorium. Our council purchased the wine for the event. Fr. Terry again recognized the support of the Knights at the reception. Mary Whiteside, the Holy Family Director of Marriage Ministries, was very pleased with all of the assistance our council gave to this event.

Dave Pipitone
Church Director

DAY OF REFLECTION

The Day of Reflection was delayed due to the large number of activities in February. Current plans are to hold it in May. Stay tuned for further developments.

Dave Pipitone
Church Director

VOCATIONS RAFFLE

Brother Joe Trocola spearheaded the annual Vocations Raffle that yielded about 46 raffle books sold by council members this fraternal year. The raffle was held from mid-November, 2009 through early February, 2010. Thanks, Joe, for your exceptional leadership with this important fundraiser in support of religious vocations. A portion of proceeds for each raffle book sold will be returned to our council by the Illinois State Council.

Dave Pipitone
Church Director

SEMINARIAN DONATION

The council made a \$500 donation to Johnny Hetland, a third-year seminarian for the diocesan priesthood in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Fr. Terry recommended Johnny for the sponsorship. Johnny is from St. Matthias Parish, where Fr. Terry was pastor before Holy Family. A letter and check were sent to Johnny in late January, inviting him to join us for a Knight's Cafe.

Dave Pipitone
Church Director

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Our council is sponsoring and leading the Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 19, at 7:30 PM, following the Friday Fish Fry. Jack Collins will lead the prayers; Bob Wagner will lead the music. Please join us to pray during this moving service as we remember the great sacrifice of love that Jesus made for us.

Dave Pipitone
Church Director

General Announcements

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The tree and bush lights at Holy Family stayed lit through early January this year and looked good — no attacks by snow plows. We'll be taking them down as soon as the snow melts and weather permits. About four or five energetic Knights will be needed. Watch for the e:mail request for volunteers.

Ken Dirnberger
Activity Team Captain

EASTER PARKING

Each year, on Christmas Eve and Easter Sunday, the Knights of Columbus assist the parish and its parishioners by donning safety vests, setting out cones, and patrolling the church's parking lots to provide additional slots for the handicapped, help others find places to park, and keep the fire lanes open. Many thanks to Paul Bisek, Tim Dirnberger, Tim Guiheen, Bill Hoskins, Ed Obrzut, Jim Posch, Tim Thompson, Joe Trocola, and Ron Wojewoda for braving the cold and driving rain to perform this valuable service on Christmas Eve, 2009. Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010, is just around the corner. Since I will be out of town that day, we need someone to step up and manage this event. The guys know what to do — you just need to develop a volunteer list and assign their locations. Please contact me at krdirnberger@comcast.net or (847) 346-6807 if you can step up to the plate.

Ken Dirnberger
Event Captain

PADS CHRISTMAS

Nineteen Knights, nine Ladies of the Auxiliary, and numerous family members gave up significant portions of their Christmas Day on December 25, 2009, to provide shelter, hot meals, and entertainment for approximately 72 homeless in the area. Christmas Day is the only day of the winter months that normal shelter facilities are not available to these unfortunate men and women. Due to the illness of the activity captain, Ron Schulz, who had planned and organized the program until his hospitalization, others (Pete Salerno and Jerry Barrio, for example) stepped in to lead the effort and volunteer extra time immediately prior to and during the event. In addition, John and Jim Posch, Dodie Carney, Ed Obrzut, Dee Dee Terry, Joe Trocola, Ken and Barb Dirnberger and Kevin Mondloch (yes, even Kevin Mondloch, currently of Northern Virginia fame) donated extra hours beyond their scheduled 2-hour shifts. Two full meals were served to the guests, including 40 pounds of turkey, 20 pounds of mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, sandwiches, and, of course, Jill Harris' famous soup. In the evening, the guests went to their PADS night locations with smiles and full stomachs, including eleven who were provided transportation in the church van, driven by the Knights. MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!!!

CORPORATE MASS

On February 13, about a dozen Knights came with their wives to the 4:30 PM Corporate Mass to renew their vows in conjunction with the Holy Family Evening of Romance. Participating members included Jim & Sharon Andrews, Jerry & Kim Barrio, Thayer & Pam Davis, Joe & Mimi Ferlita, Greg & Anita Flanagan, Dan & Mary Hall, Bill & Nancy Hoskins, Dave & Cheryl Pipitone, Stoney & Bridget Scales, Stan & Pat Sowizrol, Harry & Linda Tourville, and Joe & Geri Trocola. Ed and Cynthia Adams sang beautifully for us in the choir, accompanied by Dennis King and Larry Mersereau. Father Terry presided, said some great things about our council and Ladies Auxiliary, and expressed his appreciation. It was a very touching moment when we looked into our partners' eyes while affirming our vows. After the mass, almost everyone joined us in the multititorium for wine (supplied by the council) and appetizers. Fr. Terry regaled us with his singing of "Oh, Pretty Baby." Five Knights couples then went out to dinner together. It was a great evening of fellowship and romance!!

Our next Corporate Mass will be in May.

Dan Hall
Family Director

KNIGHTS CAFE

The new, restructured Knights Café, attempted for the first time on January 31, was a big hit and went exceptionally well, with very few glitches, due to the record support received from council and auxiliary members, scouts, and others. At least 36 Knights helped with the café and 18 with the set-up. L.A. participation included 11 for the café and 3 for the set-up. The roast beef, strip steaks, and ice cream were especially popular—the new salad bar was also well received. Lots of compliments came from the large turn-out of guests. Under the leadership of the guy who won't stand still, John Posch, we made it happen — congratulations to all.

At the February 28 café, we introduced additional new menu items. We also welcomed a large number of guests from our new sharing parish, St. Matthias, after the 11:00 AM mass (along with Fr. Terry and Holy Family escorts) and we supported the restocking of the Holy Family food pantry. The L.A. held a bake sale to benefit Haiti.

The same kind of outstanding support will be needed on **March 21**, when both co-captains will be out of town. Come out and join us as we continue our service to the parish and community. **Please note the change in date for the March café!!!**

Your Knights Café Co-captains

SCOUTING REPORT

The following Webelos II scouts from Pack 332 attained the Arrow of Light on February 21 at their annual 'Blue & Gold' banquet: **Patrick Dohm, Alexander Gaul, Tyler Glinka, Peter Hammel, Justin Klonder, Richard Medina, George Moe, Thomas Morel & Ginafranco Torres**. Congratulations to all the scouts who received advancements at this time.

Over 70 scouts from 6 troops and packs attended the 9:00 AM Mass at Holy Family on Scout Sunday, February 7, to celebrate 100 Years of Scouting. Scouts and parents from our own Troop 461, Pack 335, and Pack 332 were in attendance.

Pack 335 held its Pinewood Derby on Wednesday February 17 at Thomas Jefferson School.

Numerous scouts also attended the Pine-wood Derby held in the Holy Family gym on Saturday, February 30.

Bob Wagner
Scouting Charter Representative

RECTORY PAINTING

Another job well-done in the service of our parish!! Thanks to the painting skills and donation of time/effort by Ron and Cathy Wojewoda, Tom Kortendick, and Ron Scholtes, the first-floor bedroom in the rectory was re-painted on Friday, January 22, in approximately 3 hours, including clean-up. Fr. Terry stopped by briefly on his way to a meeting and thanked everyone for their service. Dolores Siok, staff project coordinator, also added her gratitude to the painters. Many thanks to this team for stepping up to the plate and volunteering when the call went out.

Ken Dirnberger
Council Director

February, 2010

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

February, 2010

- 2/3—L.A. Business Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:00 PM
- 2/5—L.A. Bunco Party, Multitorium, 6:30 PM
- 2/5—Free Throw Championship, Gym, 7:00 PM
- 2/7—Columbian Squires Mtg, LL 1&2, 7:00 PM
- 2/10—Spelling Bee, Multitorium, 1:00 PM
- 2/10—Council Planning Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:30 PM
- 2/13—Evening of Romance & Council/LA Corporate Mass, 4:30 PM
- 2/15—4th Degree Bishop Sheil Assembly Meeting, St. Marcelline, 7:30 PM
- 2/19—Fish Fry, Social Center, 3:00-7:30 PM
- 2/20—First Degree Exemplification, LL 1&2, 10:00 AM
- 2/24—Council Business Mtg, LL 1&2, 7:30 PM
- 2/26—Fish Fry, Social Center, 3:00-7:30 PM
- 2/27—Café Set-up, Social Center, 1:00 PM
- 2/28—Knights Café, Social Center, 5:30 AM - 3:30 PM

March, 2010

- 3/3—L.A. Business Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:00 PM
- 3/5—Fish Fry, Social Center, 3:00-7:30 PM
- 3/6—Regional Spelling Bee, Multitorium, 1:30 PM
- 3/7—Columbian Squires Circle Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:00 PM
- 3/10—Council Planning Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:30 PM
- 3/12—Fish Fry, Social Center, 3:00-7:30 PM
- 3/13—First Degree Exemplification, LL 1&2, 10:00 AM
- 3/15—4th Degree Bishop Sheil Assembly Meeting, St. Marcelline, 7:30 PM
- 3/19—Fish Fry, Social Center, 3:00-7:30 PM
- 3/19—Knights' Stations of the Cross, 7:30 PM
- 3/20—Knights Café Set-up, Social Center, 1:00 PM
- 3/21—Knights Café, Social Center, 5:30 AM - 3:30 PM
- 3/24—Council Business Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:30 PM
- 3/28—Palm Sunday Major Degree, Queen of Peace Council, Lake Zurich, 1:30 PM

March, 2010

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

April, 2010

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- 4/4**—Columbian Squires Circle Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:00 PM
- 4/7**—L.A. Business Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:00 PM
- 4/14**—Council Planning Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:30 PM
- 4/16**—Grand Knight's Ball, Seville Banquet Center, Time TBA
- 4/17**—First Degree Exemplification, LL 1&2, 10:00 AM
- 4/17**—Fourth Degree Exemplification, Marriott Lincolnshire, Time TBA
- 4/19**—4th Degree Bishop Sheil Assembly Meeting, St. Marcelline, 7:30 PM
- 4/24**—Youth Spring Sports Fest, Time/Location TBA
- 4/24**—Knights Café Set-up, Social Center, 1:00 PM
- 4/25**—Knights Café, Social Center, 5:30 AM - 3:30 PM
- 4/28**—Council Planning Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:30 PM
- 4/30**—Illinois State Knights of Columbus Convention, Peoria, Illinois

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 <i>Squires Meeting</i>	5	6	7 <i>LA Business Meeting</i>	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 <i>Council Planning Meeting</i>	15	16 <i>Grand Knights Ball</i>	17 <i>1st Degree 4th Degree</i>
18	19 <i>Sheil Assembly Meeting</i>	20	21	22	23	24 <i>Spring Sports Fest Café Set-up</i>
25 <i>Knights Cafe</i>	26	27	28 <i>Council Business Mtg</i>	29	30 <i>State Convention</i>	

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

May , 2010 (all dates tentative)

- 5/2**—Columbian Squires Circle Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:00 PM
- 5/5**—LA Business Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:00 PM
- 5/12**—Council Planning Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:30 PM (Officer Elections)
- 5/17**—4th Degree Bishop Sheil Assembly Meeting, St. Marcelline, 7:30 PM
- 5/22**—Knights Café Setup, Social Center, 1:00 PM
- 5/23**—Knights Café, Social Center, 5:30 AM-3:30 PM
- 5/26**—First Degree Exemplification, LL 1&2, 7:00 PM
- 5/26**—Council Business Meeting, LL 1&2, After First Degree Exemplification
- 5/30**—Blood Drive, Social Center, After Each Morning Mass

June, 2010 (all dates tentative)

- 6/2**—LA Business Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:00 PM
- 6/6**—Columbian Squires Circle Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:00 PM
- 6/9**—Council Planning Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:30 PM
- 6/19**—First Degree Exemplification, LL 1&2, 10:00 AM
- 6/21**—4th Degree Bishop Sheil Assembly Meeting, St. Marcelline, 7:30 PM
- 6/23**—Council Business Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:30 PM
- 6/26**—Knights Café Setup, Social Center, 1:00 PM
- 6/27**—Knights Café, Social Center, 5:30 AM-3:30 PM

July, 2010 (all dates tentative)

- 7/4**—Columbian Squires Circle Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:00 PM
- 7/7**—LA Business Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:00 PM
- 7/14**—Council Planning Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:30 PM
- 7/19**—4th Degree Bishop Sheil Assembly Meeting, St. Marcelline, 7:30 PM
- 7/21**—Council Business Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:30 PM
- 7/24**—Knights Café Setup, Social Center, 1:00 PM (subject to change)
- 7/25**—Knights Café, Social Center, 5:30 AM-3:30 PM (subject to change)x

