



# Knightly News



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## FALL, 2010 ACTIVITIES



Left: September 17/18 Intellectual Disabilities (Tootsie Roll) Drive



Above: September 5 Holy Family Blood Drive, co-sponsored by Council 11981



Right: September 12 Corporate Mass, followed by family breakfast



KNIGHTS AND LADIES CHRISTMAS PARTY  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2010  
WATCH FOR NOTICES

# Grand Knight's Korner



Dear Brothers,

With the last days of the summer's weather behind us, it's time to prepare for the upcoming cold months. Lots of things to do — check the furnace, winterize the car, rake the leaves, etc. ... the tasks seem to be endless. So it is with our council. There are many activities coming up that we need to prepare for — our annual Turkey Bowl, Kringle Classic, and the Christmas PADS Program are but a few that need your assistance. When the sign-up sheets come around, please consider donating your time and talent to the cause. The directors cannot do this alone; it's through your participation that we can offer these events to our community.

Our "official" semi-annual membership drive has concluded with a few interested men as well as a few brother Knights requesting to transfer into our council. However, it's not just the months of October and March that we recruit, but all year long. Each one of us should be on the lookout for good, Catholic men to join our Order. If each one of us can bring in just ONE new member this fraternal year, membership blitzes would be unnecessary. Carry a Form 100 with you so you're ready; you never know who can cross your path.

Family involvement is critical in our council. The Christmas PADS program is again headed up by Recorder Ron Schulz. This is a great way for your family to get involved. More information about this activity will be posted soon, as well as the Turkey Bowl and Kringle Classic.

If you have any ideas for family programs, please let Ed Adams or myself know. This is something I want to stress this fraternal year; family involvement. We have the Ladies Auxiliary and the Squires Circle that help us in service programs, so all can get involved in some way.

Brothers, we are all busy men with many commitments, both large and small. We also made a commitment to each other as Knights. They say if you want something done, give it to a busy person. As always, I look forward to working with all of you.

We are still in shock and grief with the passing of Mary Kate Barrio, daughter of our Warden and Intellectually Disabled (ID) Drive Co-chairman, Jerry Barrio. May our Lord keep her close to Him and look over Jerry, Kim, Meaghan, and all in the Barrio and Mahoney families. Please keep them in your daily prayers.

The harvest is plenty; laborers are few. Come with me into the fields. Your arms may grow weary; your shoes will wear thin. Come with me into the fields. (John Foley)

I bid you peace!

Bob Wagner  
Grand Knight



## LIFE INSURANCE

### Retirement income you can't outlive

People are living longer today than in any other time in history. While certainly a good problem to have, it creates a new worry for those facing retirement: what if I outlive my savings? How does a retirement income that you cannot outlive sound to you?

This sounds pretty good to most members and it can happen if you open a Knights of Columbus annuity, which is designed to provide guaranteed long-term security. As a Knight, you can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into this annuity over time can guarantee you an income at retirement that you cannot outlive. Couple that guarantee with the fact that no one has ever lost money put in a Knights of Columbus annuity (remember, absolute safety of principal) and you will have peace of mind.

Don't forget contributing money to an annuity will allow you to save some money on your income tax return. And our annuities offer a very competitive interest rate, (through December 31, 2010, 3% guaranteed minimum lifetime), consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. These benefits are similar to those of an IRA or similar product, but ours is backed by the strength and financial stability of the Knights of Columbus.

At your convenience, I will happily meet with you to explain in detail the benefits of selecting our annuity, along with the benefits of our top-rated life insurance and long term care insurance plans.

When you consider options as you proceed toward retirement, think about one thing guaranteed to help you — a Knights of Columbus annuity.

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Larry Szmurlo  
Field Agent

## THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Lecturer, Dave Pipitone

Presented: September 22, 2010

Come Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of the faithful with the fire of your love. Come Holy Spirit; fill the Knights of Columbus with the fire of Your love! As Knights, how do we imagine the Holy Spirit's fire filling us? What does it mean to be on fire with charity, fraternity and unity? I offer these brief images for your personal reflection.

As the month of October begins, days grow shorter and cooler. Have you seen or used a portable fire pit before? A fire pit is a round or square structure that burns wood, coal or gas to contain a fire. The safety of a fire pit is rated on how well it contains the fire and keeps the fire from spreading. A fire pit can take the heat and then radiate it to everything near-by.

Fire pits are as old as humanity itself, relating back to the days of cave dwellers, who tended the flames to keep them burning, prevent theft and harmful spreading of the fire. Through the ages, a fire pit has served as a place where friends and families gathered together to experience warmth; to cook a meal; to tell stories and listen to each other. Huddling around a fire pit on a cool October night was a way to build fraternity and deepen relationships with others.

As friendship and fraternity grow, so does unity. Picture yourself rubbing your hands in the warm glow of a fire, feeling a sense of oneness with others around the blaze. As the wood crackles and sizzles, and the flames dance in front of your eyes, you are connected on a deep level of belonging. The world is all right, the fire is warm and your heart is filled with thanksgiving for the special moment of being together.

It is easy to think of fire as a consuming, destructive force. The 10:00 PM news often shows the tragedy of a burning house, a forest fire or a city aflame. Fire can be imagined as a source of power that creates steam to drive engines. Movies on TV and in theaters show the apocalyptic power of fire as earthquakes, volcanoes or asteroids ravage the earth.

Yet the fire of the Holy Spirit, the fire that fills us with charity, fraternity and unity, is the fire that binds us together, gives us purpose and right actions. The power of the Holy Spirit is a gentle, kind and patient force.

My brothers, each of us is a portable fire pit — a dwelling place for the Holy Spirit's fire of love. A warm love of charity and peace. A bright love of belonging to a fraternity of men who serve. A dancing love of togetherness that unites council, family, church, and community.

As October begins, when days turn shorter and cooler, let us remember that our hearts can be on fire with God's love. We can take the heat and radiate it to those nearby. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of all faithful Knights with the fire of Your love.

# Deputy's Dispatch



This month's gospel message highlights discipleship, what it means, and who and what we are about. We, as members of the Knights of Columbus, endeavored to live this gospel message of service this month, through our volunteer efforts, as we served meals, cared for the sorrowing with household service, offered hospitality, coordinated efforts for our gatherings, and raised funds for the disabled. Many have given generously of their time and talents and I would like to personally thank each brother Knight. This spirit of service so generously given by you offers living examples of discipleship.

At the conclusion of each Holy Family Mass, we all say, "The Mass never ends as we go in peace to love and serve the Lord and each other, thanks be to God." So it was this past month, as we gathered for our Corporate Mass and breakfast afterwards with our families, thanks to the organized efforts of Ron Wojewoda; as we solicited and collected funds for the disabled, which was organized by Jerry Barrio and Pete Salerno; and as we were welcomed with hospitality after the Intellectually Disabled (ID) "Tootsie Roll" drive at the home of Jerry and Kim Barrio.

Our work is never done! Do you have a special love for the youth of our parish from the beginning of life to the nurturing of adolescents? Well if you do, we have two programs that are in need of co-directors. Please contact the following directors for information: Steve Wolski, Youth Program, and Bob Seguy, Right to Life Program.

In closing, I would like to highlight the following events that are being organized and will be more successful with your help (please contact each director for information):

- Vocation Raffle: Director, Si Wilson and Ron Wojewoda
- Christmas Pads: Director, Ron Schultz and Greg Flanagan
- Kringle Classic: Director, Steve Wolski

In gratitude we serve!

Joe Ferlita  
Deputy Grand Knight



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# Chancellor's Chat



## THE ROAD TO SUCCESS IS OFTEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION

It is often said that we have two seasons here in Chicago: "winter" and "construction." Neither is particularly enjoyable, but both are important. During a cold winter, the trees and flowers are dormant and "recharging" themselves. When spring arrives, they burst forth, displaying their splendor and beauty for us to enjoy. Our roads, like the trees and flowers, have only a limited life-span, after which they must be repaired. During the construction phase, traveling these roads can be challenging. It takes time and patience, and there is a hassle factor that must be dealt with until the repairs are completed.

I want to focus on the importance of "construction" for a moment, but in the context of our council. Continuing to build our council with new members and keeping our existing members engaged are both very important.

For Christians, service is not something to be tacked onto our schedules if we can spare the time. It is the **heart** of Christian

life. Jesus came to serve and to give — and these two verbs should define **our** lives on earth, too. Mother Teresa once said, "Holy living consists in doing God's work with a smile."

Serving is the opposite of our natural inclination. Most of the time, we're interested in "serve us" rather than "serv-ice." We say, "I'm looking for a church that meets my needs and blesses me, " not "I'm looking for a place to serve and be a blessing." As Knights and Ladies of the Auxiliary, we joined a fraternal order that is here to provide charity and service. We should not be looking to have others serve us. As we mature in Christ, the focus of our lives should increasingly shift to living a life of service. The mature follower of Jesus stops asking, "Who's going to meet my needs" and starts asking, "Who's needs can I serve." How often do we ask ourselves that question?

Bringing in new members to our council, while encouraging existing members to recommit to charitable service, is my goal as the council's Chancellor. We need the new members, but we also

need existing members to reengage, if only for one event per year, so that we can continue to do God's work in his Kingdom on Earth.

The road to success is always under construction. Our attitude must be that of our Lord and Savior — "I, the Messiah, did not come to be served, but to serve and to give my life." (Matthew 20:280)

During our recent "Membership Blitz" on the weekends of October 2/3 and October 9/10, we were able to achieve a measure of that success. We had a table in the Narthex and passed out informational literature, including our updated "quad-fold." As a result, we received several applications, including new candidates and transfer requests. Thank you to all who helped.

Vivat Jesus,  
Jim Posch  
Chancellor



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IN MEMORIAM



Mary Katherine Barrio  
May 7, 2009 — October 12, 2010

Loving daughter of Sir Knight Jerry Barrio (council member, Warden, and Community Director) and Kim Barrio ( choir cantor), Mary Kate was taken to heaven after only 17 months of earthly life. She now enjoys a place reserved for the most innocent of the innocents — a little angel in the arms of God. In addition to her parents, Mary Kate is survived by her beloved big sister, Meaghan, her maternal grandparents, Jack and Eileen Mahoney, her paternal grandparents, Gerardo Sr. and Gema Barrio, as well as many relatives and friends of the family. A wake was held at Ahlgrim Family Funeral Home in Palatine on October 15, with the funeral Mass and luncheon at Holy Family Church on Saturday, October 16. Mary Kate was interred at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside, joining cousins who preceded her. The council extends prayers, condolences, and best wishes to the entire family.

Supreme Website  
[www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)

State Website  
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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](http://www.my.yahoo.com), click on "Sign Up" and follow the directions.

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

- Brother Allen Dedick**
- Brother Jim Andrews**
- Brother Russell Ganji**
- Brother Dr. Gerald Smith**
- Kathy Wolski**  
(Wife of Brother Steve Wolski)
- Sophie Scholtes**  
(Wife of Brother Ron Scholtes)
- Cheryl Pipitone**  
(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 (August, 2010) — Brother Mike Lutka**

Mike Lutka is being recognized for his many contributions to the council, its members, and the spouses of deceased members. In August, after one of the council members suffered a stroke, Mike installed numerous "assist railings" throughout the member's house at a cost well below the norm, generating favorable correspondence to the council from the member. In previous months, this concerned Knight assisted the surviving wives of deceased brothers by making home repairs and improvements that the wives were unable to perform themselves. Mike Lutka is also one of the first to volunteer for council activities. He is a member of the Board of Directors for the monthly Knights Café, in addition to personally managing major portions of each café's offerings. He also volunteers for council activities in support of Holy Family Parish, such as ministry and parish-wide cook-outs. Because of his outstanding support of the council and parish, Mike Lutka is especially deserving of selection as Knight of the Month for August, 2010.

### **Family of the Month (August, 2010) — Brother Frank Biank Family** (Frank, Nancy, Frank W., Chris, and Anthony)

Seldom do so many members of one family provide such exceptional support to a Knights of Columbus council. Frank and his three sons are all members of Council 11981. Nancy, Frank's wife, is a member of the Ladies Auxiliary. Frank and Nancy volunteer for nearly every monthly Knights Café — the son's participate when they can — making major contributions to the success of this important event. They also volunteer for council activities in support of Holy Family Parish, such as ministry and parish-wide cook-outs. The entire family has been exceptionally involved in scouting activities for many years. Recently, Frank volunteered to take on the role of Scouting Charter Representative for the council, responsible for coordinating the council's role with the Boy Scout and Cub Scout units sponsored by the council. Frank is also involved in other Holy Family ministries, including audio-visual. Through their many contributions to the council and parish, the Biank family has earned selection as Family of the Month for August, 2010.

### **Knights of the Month (September, 2010) — Brothers Jerry Barrio and Pete Salerno**

Jerry and Pete co-chaired the Intellectual Disabilities (ID) "Tootsie Roll" Drive for the council on September 17/18, 2010. Managing this annual activity, as they have for the past 2 years, required a huge commitment of time and energy, including coordination with several villages and retail stores to obtain permission to conduct the collections at intersections and store-fronts, managing the solicitation and assignment of volunteers, orchestrating the collections themselves, and distributing the collected funds to local charities. They did an exception job and came very close to meeting headquarters-established goals, in spite of a poor economy and interruptions by severe weather. As a result of their tireless efforts, many organizations supporting those less fortunate will be able to carry on their programs with increased funding. For their major contributions to council and community, Jerry Barrio and Pete Salerno are selected as the council's Knights of the Month for September, 2010.

### **Family of the Month (September, 2010) — Brother Jerry Barrio Family** (Jerry and Kim)

After the ID Drive on September 18, Jerry and Kim Barrio hosted an appreciation cook-out party for the volunteers of the two-day event. It was a significant undertaking, requiring the purchase of food/beverages, coordinating attendance, arranging equipment and serving lines, and cleaning up following the party. Additionally, Jerry and Kim are very active in council and Holy Family Parish activities. Jerry was elected as the council's Warden, responsible for all council equipment, chamber access control, and facility set-ups. He also volunteered to take on the role of Community Director, responsible for organizing and managing community service programs, such as blood drives, ID Drives, wheelchair fund-raisers, support of the sick and homeless, etc. Both Jerry and Kim are strong supporters of Holy Family Parish, involved in ministries such as the choir (Kim is a cantor), Family Faith, Nursery, Eucharistic Ministry, and more. Their strong Catholic faith is now supporting them through the tragic loss of their daughter, Mary Kate. The council is proud to select Jerry and Kim as Family of the Month for September, 2010.

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

## NEW KNIGHTS AND DEGREES

**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 St. Margaret Mary Center, Algonquin, IL on Sunday, September 26, 2010**

Steve Alekna, Dean Dalaly, Al Dedick, Joe Held, and Cliff Westfall

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

# Ladies Auxiliary-News and Notes

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Jill Harris

**Knights Liaison**

John Posch

## PRESIDENT'S PRESS



Happy October!! The leaves are falling and time is flying by. The nights are getting crisper and sweaters are being pulled out of storage. And.. oh yeah, the Bears are 4-2. What??? Miracles DO happen!

BUNCO SUCCESS!!! AGAIN!!! Thanks to the 88 ladies that turned out for the semi-annual Bunco Party! I would also like to thank Carol Deener and her committee for putting together a wonderfully successful event. There was lots of food and fun to be had by all! And we certainly can't forget to thank the 7 awesome gentlemen who helped serve the ladies for the evening. We love you guys!



For those of you who missed the October meeting, the Ladies are putting together a list of organizations that are close to our hearts. We have to pick our main service project for the year. In the past, we have raised money for Vest-a-Dog, and the survivors of Hurricane Katrina and the Haiti earthquake. WINGS, PADS, and Habitat for Humanity are a few choices that were discussed. If you have any thoughts or would like to have some input on this issue, please e-mail me or show up to the November meeting on Wednesday, November 3, at 7pm.



Christmas is coming! And.... so is St. Nicholas. The Ladies Auxiliary will welcome St. Nicholas to the November café on Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. Details are currently being worked out. Please contact Barb Huss if you are willing to help plan this event. Please put "KOC café" in the subject line. Send correspondence to ladiesauxiliarykofc11981@gmail.com.



I would like to welcome Nancy Hoskins, our newest member.



Reminder: Next planning meeting is October 25 at 7pm at Palatine Inn. Next business meeting is November 3 at 7pm.

I hope all of you have a Happy and Safe Halloween and Thanksgiving!!



Linda Colasanti

President, Ladies Auxiliary  
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# General Announcements

## FIRST DEGREE SCHEDULE

The August and September First Degree Exemplifications were canceled since there were no new applicants for membership. However, the October 27 First Degree is a "go." As a result of the October Membership Drive, we have several new candidates for both October and November, along with candidates from another council.

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

Saturdays at 10:00 AM: 11/13/10, 1/15/11, 2/19/11, 3/19/11, 5/21/11, and 6/18/11.

Wednesdays at 7:00 PM: 10/27/10 and 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 7:00 PM on Wednesday, October 27, in support of those being exemplified.

Ken Dirnberger  
First Degree Team Captain

## MAJOR DEGREE SCHEDULE

Congratulations to our 5 new 3rd Degree Knights, who attained full Knighthood at St. Margaret Mary in Algonquin on September 26 — Steve Alekna, Dean Dalaly, Al Dedick, Joe Held, and Cliff Westfall.

Other opportunities to attend a Major Degree within the next 3 months at a location within easy driving distance are as follows:

Sunday, Dec 5, 2010 — Naperville  
Saturday, Jan 22, 2011 — Mundelein  
Sunday, Jan 30, 2011 — Arlington Heights

Queen of Peace Council in Lake Zurich hosts a Major Degree on Palm Sunday each year. In 2011, Palm Sunday falls on April 11. We'll be encouraging many of our 1st Degrees to attend on that date, as well.

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

For most men who follow Jesus, there comes a time when duty extends beyond our own lives, beyond how we lead our families, and into how we serve our fellow man. That's what the Knights of Columbus is all about. The 4th Degree, the Patriotic Degree, allows Knights to take this one step further. Patriotism, at its best, is our duty to God, to our church, to our families, to our country, and to our communities. "Sir Knight" is more than a title. It's an honor. If you've been a Knight for more than six months, and you are a Third Degree Knight in good standing, it's time to consider taking your journey one step further. Join the 4th Degree. Contact me, the council's 4th Degree Representative, or any 4th Degree member of our council.

The next meeting of the Bishop Sheil, 4th Degree, Assembly will take place on October 18th, St. Peter Damian Church, Bartlett, at 7:30 PM. All 4th Degree Knights are welcome and encouraged to attend the meeting.

Ed Adams, PGK/PFN  
Fourth Degree Representative

## CHRISTMAS DAY PADS

As the seasons change and the weather gets colder, it becomes more important than ever to reach out to our fellow man and offer a kind gesture of help. The economy remains weak and, even though some analysts are stating that the economy is recovering, it has also been called a "jobless recovery." Things may be easing for some people, but with the unemployment rate remaining around 10%, there are still those who need our help. Many are in the long-term unemployed bucket, so let's not forget those still in need and help them out a little on one of the most blessed days of the year. Once again, Council #11981 will be hosting the PADS folks on Christmas Day at Holy Family Parish. We will be serving a lunch and providing shelter for those who may not have anywhere else to go on Christmas Day. This is a day-long event and it takes a small army of volunteers to make it work. Get ready to help out with a 2-hour time commitment and/or help with the food if you are at all able.

God bless you all.

Ronald J. Schulz  
Activity Director

## BLOOD DRIVE

We had another successful blood drive on Sunday Sept 5. We conduct these on holiday weekends to encourage everyone to celebrate the gift of life by donating. We had 36 sign-ups on the previous Sunday. On the actual day of the drive, we had 50 donors, with another 6-10 Alyx donors. Although the totals are small, we hope that more Knights will check out the eligibility requirements since these have recently changed. This may enable more Knights to donate. Walk-ins are always welcomed. Thanks to all who donated at Lifesource Centers.

Our next drive will be on December 26th, the day after Christmas. The sign-up Sunday is December 19th. This is a critical time for there is an extreme shortage of blood due to many accidents during the holiday period and lack of donors. Our goal will be 60 units. Since many students will be home we hope to get them to donate. Platelets, which have a 5-day shelf life, are in special need during holidays due to auto accidents and always for our soldiers in Afghanistan. If you are unable to donate on Dec 26th, please consider donating at a LifeSource donor site (see [www.Lifesource.org](http://www.Lifesource.org)) and using the Holy Family code which is 025C. Please come to the drive after your Mass, if not to donate, then to have a cup of coffee with us and show that the Knights really support this noble cause.

Respectfully submitted.

Jim Andrews  
Activity Captain

## 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

# Service Program Activities/Announcements

## RESPECT LIFE

Bill Cook died suddenly this week in his sleep. He was only 57. He was a dedicated husband, loving father of two sons, loving son to his mother, a friend to his brothers, and a supporter of everyone he met. He had a very successful law practice in the city. He enjoyed smoking a fine cigar now and then with his friends. From all accounts, he seemed like a man who would be too busy to do anything else. Yet, Bill was also President of Board of Directors at St. Mary's Services in Arlington Heights as a volunteer. Bill found a way to get involved and make a difference in this world, and that is my challenge to all of us reading this article.

As the council's Respect Life Director, I want to take a moment and remind all of us that the term "Respect Life" has a very broad definition. It breaks out into two distinct areas in my mind — focusing on the sanctity of human life, but with a wider implication of extending to the environment. Specifically, the environment refers to the world in which we live, where we need to conserve resources, respect God's flora and fauna, and wisely use the resources with which we have been blessed.

This month, I want to address the first part of my definition — the sanctity of human life from womb to tomb. Keeping a broad definition of Respect Life is good because I hope it will allow us to somehow connect with the importance of life. I am not the "protester" kind of Respect Life guy who would demonstrate in front of abortion clinics. I am not being critical of this activity; I just feel that my calling is to be involved in a different way. Too often, I have caught myself thinking that Respect Life was all about abortions clinics, but there is so much more that we can do to make this world a better place. We are very blessed that our parish and many members of our community support local Respect Life groups, such as:

- Journey from Pads to Hope (PADS) – assist the homeless.
- Women In Need Growing Stronger (WINGS) – assist battered women and children.
- Preservation of Human Dignity (PHD) - affirm the values of the lives of women & families facing the issues of pregnancy and parenting.
- St. Joseph's Elder Community - give dignity to people who might otherwise be forgotten.
- Rest in His Arms – claim abandon babies and give them a Christian burial.
- The Voyagers – reach out to inner city kids and allow them to experience fun without the threat of gunfire or gangs.

Brothers and Ladies... there is so much need

in our broken world. What can we, as Knights and Ladies of the Auxiliary do? I would simply ask that we become aware of and develop a heightened sense of awareness of Respect Life issues in our community. When we find ourselves reading a human-life tragedy article in the newspaper or watching a "life-threatening situation" on the TV news (no matter the age of the victim), instead of responding that "it's too bad" or "it's a shame," I would challenge us to ask a different question: "What can I do to make a difference in this situation?" If we have been praying about Respect Life, our Lord and Savior will give us a glimpse of what we should be doing.

We all can be like Bill and make this world a better place, but only if we decide that such activities are important to the world in which we live.

Pax Tecum,

Bob Seguy  
Respect Life Director

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Watch for announcements for the following youth programs in November and December:

**Turkey Bowl**, Friday, November 26 in Juniper Park (across Palatine Rd. from Holy Family).

**Kringle Classic**, December 18 & 19 in the Holy Family gym.

Your participation and assistance is vitally needed to make these programs successful. Please consider volunteering when the call comes out.

Steve Wolski  
Youth Director

## VIP RECRUITER

### CONGRATULATIONS BROTHER JOE FERLITA!!

By sponsoring two members (Dean Dalaly and Al Dedick) into the Knights of Columbus, in addition to the three previously sponsored, Joe Ferlita received the Supreme Council's "Very Important Proposer's Award" (at Level Five). The award certificate was signed by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson on July 2, 2010 and was presented by Grand Knight Bob Wagner at the business meeting on September 22, 2010. Both new members are now 3rd Degree Knights, as of September 26, 2010. Well done, Joe!!

## CHURCH PROGRAM

### Ministry Activity

Many of our Brothers are active in parish ministries (Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Ministers of Care, etc.). If you are involved in a ministry, please forward this information (hours/month) to me at [ronwojewoda@comcast.net](mailto:ronwojewoda@comcast.net) or drop the information in Box 35 at Holy Family. To date, we have received information from only 5 Brother Knights. I know that the actual number of Knights involved in parish ministries is more than 5.

### Vocations Raffle

Beginning in October, the Illinois Knights of Columbus Vocation Raffle tickets will be available for sale. The books will be sold at \$15 per book. Our council will receive \$9.00 for each book sold. The grand prize is \$10,000, with 19 other winners receiving from \$100 to \$2,500. Raffle books will be available at our planning and business meetings, as well as at the October and November cafes. Each member is asked to sell as many as you can to benefit both vocations and the council's charitable activities.

### Corporate Masses

We had an overflow crowd at our 9:00 AM Corporate Mass on September 12th — a great showing of Knights, Ladies of the Auxiliary, and their families, celebrating the Eucharist as a body. A large number of us also attended a very enjoyable Corporate Breakfast, following the Mass, at the home of Joe and Mimi Ferlita. They went overboard to make us welcome, with great food. Kudos to Joe, Mimi, Joe Jr., and Laura for your hospitality, planning, and hard work.

Our next Corporate Mass will be on Saturday, December 11th, at the 5:00 PM Mass. The dress is casual. We will need a Cross Bearer and four Gift Bearers. Watch the announcements for more details. Hope to see you there.

### Priesthood Appreciation Sunday

Our council will recognize the priests who service the spiritual needs of Holy Family Community on Sunday, October 31st, at the Knights Café serving following each morning Mass. A Certificate of Appreciation and a monetary gift will be presented to each priest in attendance.

Ron Wojewoda  
Church Director

# General Announcements

## KNIGHTS CAFE

The August and September cafes were well supported by volunteers — many thanks to all those who turned out to help, including several “new faces.” Attendance at the August café was very good; however, there was a fall-off at the September café due to lower attendance at the Sunday Masses, for an unexplained reason. We expect a return to the “norm” in following months.

Our next café is scheduled for October 31st (Halloween), with set-up in the gym/social center on Saturday, October 30th, at 1:00 PM. The theme for October is “All Saints,” which occurs the following day, November 1st. Please come out and give us a hand if you can. Your help is always needed and appreciated.

In November, we’ll be having our café a week early, November 21st, due to Thanksgiving, so please mark your calendars. As usual, there will be no café in December.

We will continue to act as “greeters” at each of the Holy Family Masses on the weekends that we have the Knights Café. The smiles we get from parishioners entering the church reflect their appreciation and generate “visibility” for the Knights.

Your Knights Café Co-Captains

## CHOIR BBQ

The Holy Family Choir & Band held an annual picnic in the courtyard on September 9th, with a BBQ cooked and served by the Knights and Ladies Auxiliary. Nine Knights and four Ladies answered the call, serving approximately 60 members of the parish who have dedicated much of their time and talent to serving the parish and community. The weather turned out great and a fun time was had by all present. The choir and band members have expressed their appreciation to the council for supporting their activity, once again, especially those who cooked and served the burgers, brats, hotdogs, and all the trimmings.

Ken Dirnberger  
Activity Captain

## INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

On behalf of Jerry Barrio, I thank all of the volunteers who came out to help with the ID “Tootsie Roll” drive this year. With about 40 volunteers, we collected a significant contribution to those suffering from intellectual disabilities. We hope to supplement these receipts with additional collections at the cafes.

This year’s event faced a few challenges. We did not use either of the grocery stores we used in the past because of schedule conflicts with other organizations, but Jerry arranged to use 2 Walgreens as replacements. These locations worked well for us, and we will look to use them again next year. The dates conflicted with travel obligations of many of our regular participants, so our volunteer count was down about 20% from the 50 volunteers we had last year. Jerry used creative shift assignments to get all the necessary shifts covered. Finally, the weather did not fully cooperate. We had a downpour during a peak collection time..

We were still able to collect 80% of last year’s number, despite the obstacles, due to the generosity of the people and the tenacity of our volunteer staff. There are 12 local organizations which serve the Intellectually Disabled that will benefit directly from the collections. We hope that next year we will be able to increase both the number of volunteers and the dollars collected.

Pete Salerno  
Activity Co-Chairman

## FUNERAL LUNCHEON

After the tragic loss of Mary Kate Barrio, the Knights and Ladies Auxiliary volunteered to purchase the main course and serve the funeral luncheon at 12:00 noon on October 16th. The response to the request for workers was overwhelming. At least 12 Knights, 6 Ladies of the Auxiliary, and several others assisted with the arrangements and serving the meal — others who had volunteered were released because there were so many already involved. The Barrio Family extends their sincere thanks to all who gave of their time and effort to provide an exceptional meal and place for the family to gather after the funeral. Special thanks go to Jill Harris for arranging volunteers to bring side dishes, Dodie Carney for the decorations, and the funeral ministry for their support.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

A request for urgent assistance got quick response from seven members of our council. After the death of a parishioner, Tom Moore, there was an immediate need to complete work in the house he left behind, including the painting of several rooms. Led by Brother Joe Cajandig, the following Knights grabbed painting equipment and did the job over a period of three days — Bill Hoskins, Mike Lutka, Bob Seguy, Joe Ferlita, Stoney Scales, and Thayer Davis. Well done, guys!! Your concern and support of this need demonstrates the true spirit of “servant leadership.”

### *“HANDLING THE HOLIDAYS, WHEN SOMEONE YOU LOVE HAS DIED”*



Holidays present special challenges for families who are grieving the death of a loved one. There are survival strategies to help you cope during the holiday season and beyond. Cathy Fine, MS, LCPC, Bereavement Counselor at Hospice and Palliative Care of Northeastern Illinois shares new ways of coping during this time, along with ideas for creating new rituals.

Holy Family Catholic Community, 2515 Palatine Road, Inverness, Illinois 60067.  
Wednesday, November 17th, 2010. 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Sponsored by Holy Family’s Pastoral Care Bereavement Ministry

To Register for This Event  
Please Call: (847) 359-0042

# October, 2010

## October, 2010

**10/1**—LA Bunco Night, Holy Family Social Center, 7:00 PM

**10/3**—Columbian Squires Circle Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:00 PM

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

**10/13**—Council Planning Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:30 PM

**10/18**—4th Degree Bishop Sheil Assembly Meeting, St. Peter Damian, 7:30 PM

**10/23**—Fourth Degree Exemplification, Holiday Inn, Crystal Lake (Time TBA)

**10/25**—LA Planning Meeting, Location/Time TBD

**10/27**—First Degree Exemplification, LL 1&2, 7:00 PM

**10/27**—Council Business Meeting, LL 1&2, After 1st Degree

**10/30**—Knights Café Set-up, Social Center, 1:00 PM

**10/31**—Knights Café, Social Center, 5:30 AM-3:30 PM

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

## November 2010

**11/3**—LA Business Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:00 PM

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

**11/10**—Council Combined Planning/Business Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:30 PM

**11/13**—First Degree Exemplification, LL 1&2, 10:00 AM

**11/15**—4th Degree Bishop Sheil Assembly Meeting, St. Peter Damian, 7:30 PM

**11/20**—Knights Café Set-up, Social Center, 1:00 PM

**11/21**—Knights Café, Social Center, 5:30 AM-3:30 PM

**11/26**—Turkey Bowl, Brennan Field, Time TBD

**11/29**—LA Planning Meeting, Location & Time TBD

# November, 2010

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 Plan./Bus. Meeting</i>	11	12	13 <i>First Degree</i>
14	15 <i>Sheil Assembly Meeting</i>	16	17	18	19	20 <i>Café Set-up</i>
21 <i>Knights Cafe</i>	22	23	24	25 <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>	26 <i>Turkey Bowl</i>	27
28	29 <i>LA Planning Meeting</i>	30				

# December, 2010

## December, 2010

- 12/1**—LA Business Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:00 PM
- 12/5**—Columbian Squires Circle Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:00 PM
- 12/8**—Council Combined Planning/Business Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:30 PM
- 12/11**—Council/LA Christmas Party (Tentative)
- 12/18-19**—Kringle Classic, HF Gym, Time TBD
- 12/20**—4th Degree Bishop Sheil Assembly Meeting, St. Peter Damian, 7:30 PM
- 12/25**—Christmas Day PADS, Social Center, Time TBA
- 12/27**—LA Planning Meeting, Location & Time TBD

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i> <i>LA Business Meeting</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>5</i> <i>Squires Meeting</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> <i>Council Planning/Business Meeting</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> <i>Christmas Party (Tentative)</i>
<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i> <i>Kringle Classic</i>
<i>19</i> <i>Kringle Classic</i>	<i>20</i> <i>Sheil Assembly Meeting</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> <b>Merry Christmas PADS Christmas</b>
<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> <i>LA Planning Mtg</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>	

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

### January, 2011 (all dates tentative)

- 1/2**—Columbian Squires Circle Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:00 PM
- 1/5**—LA Business Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:00 PM
- 1/12**—Council Planning Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:30 PM
- 1/15**—First Degree Exemplification, LL 1&2, 10:00 AM
- 1/17**—4th Degree Bishop Sheil Assembly Meeting, St. Peter Damian, 7:30 PM
- 1/24**—LA Planning Meeting, Location and Time TBD
- 1/26**—Council Business Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:30 PM
- 1/29**—Knights Café Set-up, Social Center, 2:00 PM
- 1/30**—Knights Café, Social Center, 5:30 AM-3:30 PM

### February, 2011 (all dates tentative)

- 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, Multitorium, 1:00 PM (initial planning date)
- 2/9**—Council Planning Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:30 PM
- 2/19**—First Degree Exemplification, LL 1&2, 10:00 AM
- 2/21**—4th Degree Bishop Sheil Assembly Meeting, St. Peter Damian, 7:30 PM
- 2/23**—Council Business Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:30 PM
- 2/26**—Knights Café Set-up, Social Center, 1:00 PM
- 2/27**—Knights Café, Social Center, 5:30 AM-3:30 PM
- 2/29**—LA Planning Meeting, Location & Time TBD

### March, 2011

- 3/2**—Columbian Squires Circle Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:00 PM
- 3/6**—LA Business Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:00 PM
- 3/9**—Council Planning Meeting, LL 1&2, 7:30 PM
- 3/11**—Lenten Fish Fry, Social Center, 6:00 PM
- 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



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