



Knights of Columbus Mt Prospect Council N^o 6481



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OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 1 Publication of October Newsletter
- 1-8 KofC Charitable Service Outreach Week
- 3 Officer Planning Session
- 9 Council Business/Social Meeting @ 7:15 PM
- 25 Deadline for November newsletter articles

GOOD OF THE ORDER

We request prayers for our Brother Knights, relatives, and friends: † Ariyah Mikayla Hoover; † Miriam Jane Uddin; † SK Anthony Portiera; Rob Glowacki's Sister, Beverly; Barbara Chengary; Dan Burkhardt's friend Diana Valdivieso; Ron Matella's niece Diane Strezlecki; Dennis Gawlik; Rudy Faulhaber's granddaughter Diana; Donald and Lolita Gniech; victims of the recent hurricanes and earthquakes; Bob Gniech; † Kathy Keane; Rev Robert Heinz

2017-2018 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain	Fr. Jim Presta
Grand Knight	Dennis Gawlik
Deputy Grand Knight	Dan Burkhard
Chancellor	Rob Glowacki
Advocate	Mike Hoban
Financial Secretary	Stephen Abbott
Treasurer	Russ Holmgren
Recorder	Jim Chengary
Warden	Dan DeGregorio
Inside Guard	Bob Gniech
Outside Guard	C Dennis Paoli
Lecturer	Rudy Faulhaber
Three-Year Trustee	John Fannon
Two-Year Trustee	John Hadfield
One Year Trustee	Paul Birch
General Agent	Jim Lutz
Field Agent	John Kiener
District 3 Deputy	<i>To be appointed by State</i>
District 3 Warden	Ray Cordell

SURGE WITH SERVICE DIRECTORS

Church	Paul Birch
Community	<i>Position Available</i>
Culture of Life	Don Hand
Council	Rudy Faulhaber
Family Life	<i>Position Available</i>
Youth Activities	Dennis Gawlik

ROUND TABLE COORDINATORS

St Alphonsus Liguori	Gary St Onge
St Cecilia	Ron Boucher
St Emily de Rodat	Jim Chengary
St Raymond De Penafort	Rob Glowacki
St Thomas Becket	Mike Hoban



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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Dear Brother Knights,

During this month of October the Church urges us in a special way to pray for all human life, from "the womb to the tomb," for an end to abortion, war, terrorism and senseless killings, and for a greater respect for all human life.

As Catholics, we hold that all human life is sacred, from conception to natural death. We must protect and preserve life because it is a gift from God. These are difficult times in which we live. May Almighty God, the author of all life, bless us, protect us, and watch over us always.

The month of October is also dedicated to the Recitation of the Rosary. From the time I was a little child, I fondly remember my parents with a rosary in their hands, devoutly praying to Our Lady for the many intentions they carried in their hearts. Both of my parents talked about how much the family rosary formed them, growing up as Roman Catholics. The rosary is a powerful prayer in the lives of Roman Catholics around the world. Take some time to pray the rosary each day during this month of October for the many intentions you hold deep in your heart. Pray for a greater respect for all human life. Pray for peace in the world and an end to violence on our city streets. Pray for those whose lives have been devastated by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria as well as the recent earthquakes in Mexico. Ask Our Blessed Mother to intercede before Almighty God to grant our most urgent needs.

In Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,

Fr. Jim Presta

GRAND KNIGHT'S CORNER

The basic principle of our Order is charity, the greatest of all virtues, and the crowning glory of a Christian life. Where there is plenty, charity is a duty, not a courtesy.

Many people in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands are reeling from the devastation caused by hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria. Thousands have evacuated their homes, many of which have been damaged or destroyed. The recovery process is going to be a long and painful one. Please visit kofc.org/disaster to help those suffering such devastation. One hundred percent of the proceeds will go directly to relief efforts. This includes meeting immediate needs such as food, clean water, shelter and other necessities. God bless you for your support.

Our fall Intellectual Disabilities Fund Drive is one of the most recognizable activities that we do. I thank Brother Ron Matella for coordinating the drive, and Brothers John Baggot and Dan DeGregorio for organizing the direct-mail appeal, which has raised \$255.00 so far and giving us a sum of \$15,567.67 collected. We met our State goal but are below last year's total of \$17,412.03. We still have Brother Jim Chengary's collections from various local businesses as well as our bulk sales. Our Round Table Reports give the results for our weekend parish Drives. Next month I will recognize those many volunteers that gave time to collect at street corners and store fronts.

IN MEMORIUM

Baby Ariyah Mikayla Hoover & Baby Miriam Jane Uddin: <https://www.chicagocatholic.com/chicagoland/-/article/2017/09/21/group-offers-dignified-burial-for-abandoned-babies>

Tony Portiera: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/dailyherald/obituary.aspx?n=anthony-j-portiera-tony&pid=186681747>

Kathy Keane: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/chicagotribune/obituary.aspx?n=kathy-keane&pid=186741055>

OFFICER REPORTS

Treasurer

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Opening: August 1, 2017			\$9,714.11
Newsletter- Postage		\$19.60	
Newsletter- Printing		\$25.00	
Council Meeting- Refreshments		\$45.59	
ID Drive – Tootsie Rolls		\$1,803.96	
Closing: August 31, 2017			\$7,819.96

Trustees – October Anniversaries and Birthdays

We congratulate our fellow Brother Knights on their anniversary of their admission to the Knights of Columbus: 1967- Stanley Martin; 1987-Louis Sbarboro; 1992-Robert Babikan, Richard Lee; 2003-Dennis Gawlik, Rodney Pace; 2005 James Brady & Mitchell Lelito; 2006-Brendan McAleer; 2014-Peter DeGregorio; 2015- Timothy Brennan, Michelangelo Burdi, Steven Scala.

We also pass on good wishes for a happy birthday to these Brother Knights: 4-Stefano Meni & Vince Passi; 12-Ronald L Mc Pheron; 17-John W Mullenix; 19-Salvatore R Hock; 21-Douglas D Grupe; 23-Stephen M Abbott; 25-Jack F Loehr & Sean M St Onge; 26-John J Hadfield; 28-Lou Coco; 29-Achille Scaravalle.

To send an email birthday greeting to a Brother Knight through our website: (1) Go to www.kofc6481.org; (2) Click on EVENT CALENDAR; (3) Check Show birthdays; (4) Scroll over names to find a Brother Knight with an email address; (5) click on that name to complete your birthday wish.

Field Agent – The New Lutz Agency

It has been a great couple of months getting to meet with many of my Brother Knights. As your Field Agent, I have the privilege to sit down with you, and get to know about your family and goals. In April of this year, we welcomed a new General Agent, Jim Lutz. Jim is former Big 10 swim coach, and spent 14 years with New York Life before taking this position. The Lutz Agency serves over 12,000 brother Knights. The overall territory of the Agency includes the majority of the Chicago Archdiocese. Jim's job is to lead the agency, oversee the activities of the Field Agents, and recruit new Field Agents.



As a Field Agent, we sometimes stop to explain when someone refers to us by a different title. Many well-meaning Brother Knights introduce us by saying, "This is our insurance agent, so and so". It is true. We do sell insurance, but that is only a portion of position. Many people choose to become insurance agents. It can be a great profession, and many of them do great work. If someone was interested in only becoming an insurance agent though, it would not be necessary to work as a Field Agent with the Knights of Columbus. The term "Field Agent" isn't just word-play. We work in the Fraternal Benefits part of the industry, and there are some distinct differences in the position, and products. Our job is to meet with member Knights and explain all the fraternal benefits available to them and their families. We update annually their Family Service Record for each member to make sure that his needs are being met. Additionally, we are there to assist with claims, give advice, and help families plan for their future. For the Councils, we help recruit new members, achieve annual goals, and share information and best practices with regard to charitable works. Although we are lay Catholics, most of us feel called to work for the Knights in this capacity. Ultimately, we get to help make decisions that will have a lasting positive impact on their lives and those of their family members.

The Lutz Agency needs more Field Agents, and I would encourage you to think of people you may know who would succeed in that role. If you know someone who is a faithful Catholic, great salesman or communicator, and is interested in serving the mission of Fr. McGivney let me know. You do not have to have your license, or be in the insurance field to be considered. Training and reimbursement for those who need to get their license is available. Men who are bilingual, especially in Spanish or Polish, are encouraged to apply. The most important quality is a desire to help the mission under whom the order was begun: Protecting Catholic families. Thank you and God bless. Vivat Jesus! John Kiener, (847) 764-6447.

District Deputy

It is with regret that I resign as District Deputy for Illinois District 3. I thank my Councils and the State Council for allowing me to represent them as their District Deputy. I also thank the Councils for achieving Star District for two consecutive years along with all the other accomplishments of our District. I will be moving to Racine, Wisconsin as of October 7 and will make every effort possible to come back and visit as time allows.

PARISH ROUND TABLE REPORTS

St. Alphonsus Liguori

St Al's SPRED group, under the direction of Kathy Talkin, with help from Brother Knights from St Cecilia Brother Knights Ron Matella, Frank Low, Dennis Paoli, Vince and Maureen Passi at Sunday evening's Mass, collected \$729.70 for the Intellectual Disabilities Drive.

St. Cecilia

At our parish ID Drive, we collected \$887.73. We thank our Brother Knights for helping: Ron Matella, Frank Lowe, Dennis Paoli, Rudy Faulhaber, Vince Passi, Ron Boucher, Nick Tassone, Wally Fredricks, and Dean Sordyl.

St. Emily

We conducted our Parish ID Drive on St Emily Festival weekend – there was a very big and *generous* crowd at Saturday 5 PM Mass – and amassed \$2,819.55 at our five Masses. Helping from one to all five Masses were the following Brother Knights, wives, daughters, and Scouts: Joe Corrigan, Bob Fitzgerald, Steve Abbott, Dave Schuster, Jack Hadfield, Ed and Marybeth Janak, Erick Tafel with daughters Chloe and Sophia, Joe and Peggy Florey, Mitch Lelito, Dan DeGregorio, Rudy and Debbie Faulhaber, Jim Chengary, Don Hand, Paul Folino with daughter Tara, Sy Beck, and Dennis Gawlik, as well as members from Boy Scout Troop 235: Bridget Kaempfer and son Sean at all four Sunday Masses and the Scoutmaster with six anonymous Scouts on Saturday evening's Mass.



The St Emily Festival Committee also thanks the Knights of Columbus from St Elizabeth Ann Seton Assembly for the Honor Guard at the 5 PM Mass and the blessing of the new St Emily Statue in front of Church, and for the Knights' help during the Festival Dinner afterwards. Those helping included Rudy Faulhaber, Dennis Gawlik, Dan DeGregorio, Joe Corrigan, Bob Fitzgerald, Paul Folino, Paul Birch, Jim Brady, and Jack Hadfield.

St. Raymond De Penafort

On the same weekend as the community ID Drive, we held our parish ID Drive at St Raymond's, collecting \$543.97 after the four Masses. We are most grateful to our Brother Knights who assisted.

St. Thomas Becket

Brother Knights pulled together to collect \$1137.00 We thank all who solicited funds for the Drive.

SURGE WITH SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community

As our Grand Knight reports in his article, we collected \$15312.67 so far. We still have several cases of Tootsie Rolls available for purchase. Tootsie Rolls make great Halloween candy. A sleeve of 50 is \$8, while an entire case of 300 (six sleeves) is \$50. Please call Frank Lowe at 847-846-3356 with your order and leave a message.



Church – Mary, the Mother of God

Building the Domestic Church Series is a collection of popular KofC booklets focusing on issues of vital importance for Brother Knights seeking to build up and strengthen the Church in their homes.

In a wholly singular way, Mary cooperated fully and completely with God's plan by her obedience, faith, hope, and burning charity in the work of the Savior in restoring supernatural life to souls, as the Mother of God, her Immaculate Conception, Annunciation, Incarnation, and Assumption. To download *Mary, the Mother of God*, go to <http://www.kofc.org/en/resources/cis/cis324.pdf>.



Council – Pizzas 4 Patriots

Pizzas 4 Patriots is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to provide a slice of home to those who serve. Its mission is to comfort active service members, first responders, and veterans by providing America's favorite food while they're far away from home, whether fighting on the front lines, providing humanitarian relief, or recovering in a veteran's facility. It has a continual goal to deliver a slice of pizza to active service members on the days our country celebrates the freedom that they continue to fight for: Memorial Day, The Fourth of July, Veteran's Day, and Superbowl Sunday. Veteran and *Pizza 4 Patriots* representative Jeff Polanski will share his experience in the service of our country and his work helping injured vets at our Council meeting on October 9. Go to <https://www.sgtpizza.org/> for more information about Pizza4Patriots. The presentation will begin around 8:00 PM; we will start our business meeting 15 minutes early at 7:15 PM.



Culture of Life – 40 Days for Life: The Beginning of the End for Abortion

Every year, we use the 40 calendar days around All Saints Day – this year from Sept 27 through Nov 5 –to pray for the elimination of abortion. These dates are set aside worldwide so that prayer groups can gather near abortion sites to pray singly and together. We will be at a new site this year. The vigil will be for 12 hours, 7AM - 7PM, each of the 40 days, starting September 28, at the public right-of-way outside the American Women's Medical Center, 2774 Western Ave, just south of Diversey Ave, in Chicago. Go to <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/chicago/> for more information regarding the *40 Days for Life* campaign.



FOURTH DEGREE REPORT

Marquette Province — Northern Illinois District

For information concerning the Fourth Degree, visit <http://www.4thdegreeillinoisdistrict1.com>.

Bishop Raymond P Hillinger Assembly #1595

Hillinger Assembly meets monthly on the third Monday of the month, at Our Lady of Ransom Church, 8300 N. Greenwood Ave, Niles, at 7:30 PM. For additional information regarding Hillinger Assembly's activities, go to <http://kofcknights.org/Assembly.asp?A=1595>.



St Elizabeth Ann Seton Assembly #2410

Seton Assembly meets monthly on the third Tuesday of the month, at the 15 N. Hickory Hall, Arlington Heights, at 7:30 PM. For more information regarding Seton Assembly's activities, go to <http://kofcknights.org/Assembly.asp?A=2410>.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Annual Rosary in the Park

Knights of Columbus Maria Council № 4836 will be host its annual *Rosary in the Park* to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the final apparition by our Lady of Fatima on October 7, 2017 at 10 AM, in Hodges Park, Park Ridge (Courtland Avenue & Vine Avenue).

The Knights of Columbus Mt Prospect Council № 6481 is a Catholic man's fraternal service organization whose calling is to be a witness to our four principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism by performing spiritual and corporal works of mercy.