



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
- 6 Feast of Epiphany
- 8 Officers' Planning Session, 7:30 PM @ TBA
- 14 Monthly Business Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 21 Council Free Throw Championship
- 25 Deadline for next month's Newsletter articles
- 27 2019 Catholic Schools Week

GOOD OF THE ORDER

We request prayers for our Brother Knights, relatives, and friends: † Mary Buettgen, † James Janak & Family, Craig Baxter, Barb Chengary, Becky Govey, Erica Faulhaber, Donald, David, & Alli Gniech, Dennis Paoli, Diana Valdivieso, Gloria & Robert Cook, Beverly Glowacki, Jim Murphy, Joe & Mary Ksandr, Mike Hoban, Tom Shelven, † SK Raymond Boshma, † Patrick Link

2018-2019 COUNCIL LEADERSHIP

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Dear Brother Knights,

On January 1, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God and conclude the Christmas Octave. The Church honors the most fundamental belief we have regarding the Blessed Mother. Mary is the Mother of God.



Everything we believe as Roman Catholics about the Blessed Virgin Mary — her Perpetual Virginité, her Immaculate Conception, and her Assumption body and soul to Heaven — builds on the foundation that she accepted God's call to be the Mother of His Son!

On the first day of the New Year, we give glory to God for sharing his Mother with us. Mary is the Mother of the Church! We ask for Our Lady's powerful intercession before the throne of Almighty God as we begin this New Year 2019: For an end to terrorism and war, for peace in the world and peace in our own hearts, and for the recovery and renewal of life of those nations who were devastated by natural disasters this past year.

A Blessed and Happy New Year 2019 to you and yours!

In Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Fr. Jim Presta

GRAND KNIGHT'S CORNER

May you and the ones you love find the New Year filled with Joy, Peace, Health, Happiness and Charity!

With only six month left to our Fraternal year, the New Year finds us with five less members bringing our total down to 161 with a current recruitment goal of 11 new members and four insurance members and the hope that our Brothers who were outstanding in their membership dues will be in good standing again. Along with increased member participation in all of our Faith in Action Programs, Recruiting of new members is essential to the continued growth and well-being of our council! There are many qualified Catholic men at our parishes that just need to be asked to "Join Us." Now is the time for you to offer these men membership. Information can be found on our Council Website kofc6481.org and literature can be picked up after our Council Meetings. Signing new men up is quick and easy at kofc.org/joinus.



DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Our First and Second Degree Brothers should take advantage of advancing to full Knight Hood to start off their New Year by attending the Knight-in-a-Day Event on Sunday, January 27 at the KC Hall, 15 N Hickory Ave, Arlington Hts. All the information can be found our Website Event Calendar. In preparation you should refer to your "These Men They Call Knights" booklet. The booklet is available electronically via our Website at the top of the "Links of Interest" page. Although not required but great to have someone to share in the occasion, please ask a Brother Knight to attend the event with you and consider staying for the dinner to celebrate!



Visit us on the Web at
<http://www.kofc6481.org/>

IN MEMORIAM

Mary Buettgen: <https://everloved.com/life-of/mary-buettgen/obituary/?flow=201>

James Janak: <http://www.nelsonfunerals.com/obituary/jim-janak-5734355>

SK Raymond Boshma: <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/raymond-boshma-obituary?pid=190681047>

Patrick Link: <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/patrick-link-obituary?pid=191012135>

KNOW YOUR FAITH

Growing secularism, attacks on the value and the gift of human life, attempts to redefine traditional marriage, and serious curtailments of our religious rights are threats that emphasize the need for a *New Evangelization* in today's world. It calls us to faith, instills hope, and fills us with love. This month we highlight the next booklet in the series.

Light and Silence: A Eucharistic Diary

To understand the Eucharist, one must understand silence: The silence of God the Creator, the silence of that moment when everything came forth from his hand, in which there was no voice except the roar of the waters and the storms, the planets, and the magma that crept slowly, forming as it went. And over everything, the silence of the Spirit of God the Creator.

To download *Light and Silence: A Eucharistic Diary*, go to <https://kofc.org/en/resources/cis/cis412.pdf>.

To view on line, [click here](#).



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

We congratulate our fellow Brother Knights on the anniversary of their admission and continual membership in the Knights of Columbus: 1948–Leo Keiffer; 1962–Jim Chengary; 1963–Joseph Klop; 1964–David Lange; 1977–Leo Zegler; 1989–Tom Thomas; 1996–Ernest Niewiakowski; 1997–Gary St Onge; 1998–Rev Crescente DeRivera; 2009–Vince Passi, Fr Rafel Stecz; 2015–Dan Burkhard, Thomas Kinasz, Walter Szymczak, and Mark Voterro.



We pass along happy wishes for a delightful birthday to our Brother Knights: 7-Nick Tassone; 13-John Leone; 14-Ronald Pavlock; 19-Thomas Shelven; 23-John Jocius; 24-Paul Birch; 31-Ronald Alfirevic.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Financial Secretary — 2019 Dues Now Due

Your 2019 dues are now due. On January 15 the Second Notice will be sent to those who have not paid. It cost the Council \$0.50 to mail the notices, so in order to save some of the cost please make your dues payment by our next Council meeting, January 14. The new membership cards have been prepared and will be sent upon receipt of payments.

Treasurer

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Opening: November 1, 2018			\$22,224.52
Wreath Sales	\$5,940.00		
I.D. Drive	\$206.54		
Seminarian Raffle	\$105.00		
Split-the-pot	\$61.50		
Christmas Wreaths		\$4,581.25	
Postage		\$345.00	
Refreshments			\$113.48
Christmas Party – Music			\$150.00
Medallions – four youth programs			\$152.46
Newsletter – Printing			\$31.00
Supplies			\$29.62
Closing: November 30, 2018			\$23,164.75

Membership Director — Free Membership for Seminarians

Supreme Council is pleased to announce that free membership will now be available to seminarians. By using a promo code to join online, seminarians can begin their membership as Knights. Invite seminarians in our parishes to join by visiting kofc.org/joinus and entering the code SEM18.

District Deputy — 2017-2018 Father McGivney Award

Well done to Mount Prospect Council on meeting your membership goal of ten new members for 2017-2018. You received the Father McGivney Award, which I will be present your plaque at your next Council meeting on January 14.

— *Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest*

Congratulations to the Mt Prospect Council artists who are having their posters submitted to the Chicago Chapter for the next level of judging: 5-7 yr-old: Blanka Bosnak; 8-10 yr-old Samantha Amer and Anessa Anderson; and 11-14 yr-old: Marcelina Gorney.



Field Agent – Knights of Columbus Fraternal Benefits

Since 1882, the Knights of Columbus has helped hundreds of thousands of Catholic families get the security and peace of mind they need by offering a complete portfolio of top-quality products for you and your eligible family members. What does you and your family's [Shield](#) look like?

Maintaining consistent connection with my fellow Knights and clients is a core value of how I try to keep everyone up-to-date with important financial information. For a comprehensive and complimentary financial analysis, please contact me, your Field Agent, John Kiener through:

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- Website: <http://kofcknights.org/FieldAgentSite/indexNew.asp?FA=1727>
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PARISH ROUND TABLE REPORTS

St. Raymond De Peñafort — Holy Hour with Benediction

"People ask, 'Where do the Sisters get the joy and energy to do what they are doing?' When the Sisters are exhausted, up to their eyes in work; when all seems to go awry, they spend an hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. This practice has never failed to bear fruit; they experience peace and strength." — St. Teresa of Calcutta, Nobel Peace Prize winner and foundress of the Missionaries of Charity

St. Raymond De Peñafort Parish is having a Holy Hour with Benediction on Thursday nights, January 3rd, January 24th and January 31st 7-8 PM. All are welcome.



FAITH IN ACTION

Faith — Support Vocations Program

The Knights of Columbus stands in solidarity with our priests and religious. Through the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP), our Council raises funds to support seminarians in our area with the Illinois KofC Vocations Raffle and the selling pins/car magnets during Advent at two of our five Parishes, St Emily de Rodat and St Raymond De Peñafort.

We raised sufficient funds to financially support — \$500 each — two seminarians this fraternal year: Daniel Villalobos, a second year theology student at Mundelein Seminary, who will be doing his pastoral internship at St Emily this winter/spring and Joseph Hinderer, a fourth year student at St Joseph Seminary.



Dear Knights of Columbus

I want to say thanks for the gift that you shared with me at your Knights Christmas Party. I truly appreciate it and ask you to pray for me during my studies. I'll keep the Knights I my prayers too.

*Merry Christmas,
Daniel Villalobos*

Family — Keep Christ in Christmas: Poster Contest

We had a record 217 entries this year, more than twice as many as last year. At our December meeting, 18 Knights and two wives helped judge the entries, all of whom attend St Emily School. We thank Principal Mary Hemmelmam for allowing us to conduct the contest and to the art teacher, Mrs Laura Erickson for coordinating the contest within the school. We presented certificates to all participants and, at an all-school Mass, awarded medallions and certificates to our six winners: K-Gr 2 – Samantha Ewig and Blanka Basak; Gr 3-5 – Samantha Amar and Annessa Anderson; Gr 6-8: Amanda Reyes and Marcelina Gorney. Our six victors now advance to District 4 judging. [See District Deputy Report]



Community — Helping Hands: 2018 I.D. Drive

We collected \$336 from our Gift Card Raffle, giving us a grand total of \$17,313.10 collected for the 2018 I.D. Drive. Thank you again to SK Jim Chengary for obtaining the gift cards from various businesses in our community.

— Free Throw Championship



Mt Prospect Council will hold its Free Throw Championship on Monday, Jan 21, at St Emily Gym, starting with registration at 6 PM and competition beginning at 6:30 PM. We need 18 Brother Knights to volunteer for a smooth running event to fill the following positions: Four Judges; eight ball rebounders; two registrars; one announcer; one scoreboard keeper; and, two for completing participants' certificates. Please contact Free Throw Championship Chairman Dennis Gawlik at degawlik@att.net, 847-253-4845, or sign up at our next Council meeting on Jan 14.

Community — *Illinois KofC Spelling Bee*

Several Mount Prospect and Prospect Heights public and private schools will participate in our 2019 Illinois Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee by sending several of their school champion spellers. Schools participating received further information and spelling lists at the beginning of January. Our Spelling Bee will once again be in St Raymond De Peñafort's Community Room on Saturday, Feb 9, with registration starting at 9 AM. We need 6 Brother Knights to volunteer for these positions: One registrar; one pronouncer; three judges; one appeals official; two to handle refreshments. Since our February Council meeting will be after the Spelling Bee, please get in touch with Spelling Bee Chairman Dennis Gawlik at degawlik@att.net, calling 847-253-4845, or sign up at our next Council meeting on Jan 14.



Life — *March for Life Chicago, Jan 13*

Join thousands at March for Life Chicago 2019 as we come together from across Chicago, the Midwest and the U.S. to defend, protect and celebrate LIFE!

- Archdiocese Mass for Life – 11:00 AM – Holy Name Cathedral with Cardinal Blasé Cupich
- March for Life Chicago – Sunday, January 13, 2019 – 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM – Location: Federal Plaza, 50 W. Adams St., Chicago, IL



PATRIOTIC DEGREE REPORT

Marquette Province - Northern Illinois District 1

For information concerning the Northern Illinois District 1 of the Fourth Degree, visit <http://www.4thdegreeillinoisdistrict1.com>.

Bishop Raymond P Hillinger Assembly 1595

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

St Elizabeth Ann Seton Assembly 2410

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



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The Knights of Columbus Mount Prospect Council No 6481 is a Catholic Gentleman's fraternal service organization whose calling is to be a witness to our four principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism, to Lead with Faith, Protect our Family, Serve Others, and Defend Life through performing spiritual and corporal works of mercy.