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## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brothers, I am at a loss to explain why time goes by so quickly and can only say WOW when I look back and realize a year has come and gone. We are approaching the end of our Fraternal year and that means we are preparing for another election of officers in June. Our Slating Committee headed up by our immediate Past Grand Knight Rich Czarnecki has been working hard these past months interviewing Brother Knights who desire to hold an elected position. As well the committee is interviewing Brothers interested in our appointed positions. Included in this news letter will be the list of slated Knights for the election. It is important if you are interested in a position that you contact PGK Rich Czarnecki and let him know you desire to become more involved.

ready for the annual drive to help people with Intellectual Disabilities. You may be wondering what I'm talking about as we have traditionally referred to this fund raiser as the Tootsie Roll Drive, or the MR/LD drive, or a drive to help the retarded. It's very difficult to be politically appropriate when referring to a group of people even when all you mean to do is help. And as time goes by words once in favor are no longer appropriate to use in our society. As a result our Supreme leaders have been working hard to come up with a new name for the drive, The R word is no longer appropriate, and the reference to MR/LD was very vague. The feedback from many people giving to MR/LID is they no longer know exactly who they were helping when they give. So the final decision was to name the benefactors of the money raised as people with Intellectual Disabilities.

Time for me to take a moment and give thanks to some Brother Knights that took on the responsibility for running some of the Knights core events. In March PGK Pete Marx chaired the Annual Regional Spelling Bee. Brother Bob Layne Chaired the Annual Regional Free Throw, and Brother Mike Kabala chaired the Annual Memorial Mass. Big thanks 10 all of them for stepping up to the challenge and representing Lansing Council in our region and at St Ann. All of the events were a great success and showed support for our community and Church.

Now for my plea to all; please start making plans now to help support the drive to help people with Intellectual Disabilities in September. I offer my thanks to Delmar Angel for once again this year offering to chair the event. More information on the drive will be forthcoming in the next news letter as we get closer to the date.

Until next time  
Vivat Jesus, Brian Fisher GK

September will be upon us very soon and we need to start getting

## MAJOR DEGREE

On Palm Sunday, March 28, 2010, Fr. Perez Council #1444, hosted a Major Degree at St. Christina Parish in Chicago. There were 22 new candidates that received their 1st Degree, with 35 receiving their 2nd and 3rd Degrees. Our sincere congratulations to ALL our new Brother Knights! A "SPECIAL" best wishes and congratulations goes out to our very own, Mr. Wade Cooper, from Lansing Council #3540, who received his 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degrees that day! It was a memorable day that was enjoyed by everyone. Thank you to the 5 members of our Council that accompanied Wade that day!

## MEMORIAL MASS

On Saturday, March 6th, 2010, the annual Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass was celebrated at the 5:00 pm mass at St. Ann's. This was the first year that we shared our solemn mass with the general public. Many surviving members of the deceased, attended the Mass. The names of the deceased were mentioned during mass, and a candle was lit by a member of the family. That candle was given to the family after mass, to always remember their loved one. Fr. Fred celebrated the Mass and 12 Sir Knights participated in a Step-Out. The Mass was also attended by members of the Columbian Ladies. Again, let us not forget those that have gone to their eternal reward . . . John C. Althoff, Daniel T. Bednarek, Charles, Brisco, Andrew Fedorenko, Nick D. Massocco, Frank C. Szabo, Joseph J. Szarek, and Joseph Windhauser. Adeline Collins also passed away. She was the wife of our past Grand Knight, Ken Collins, and a member of the Columbian Ladies.

## ABOUT THE KNIGHTS

Dedicated to the values of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism, the Knights of Columbus is the oldest service organization in the Catholic Church in North American, and Lansing Council #3540 has over 50 years of history. But it is one of the newest Knights who has gained the most from his participation. "In anything that I do in life, I try to do it the best I can," says Mike Kabala, a Fourth Degree Knight who joined in 2007. "So when I got involved in the Knights of Columbus, I jumped in with everything I had." So he now serves as the membership chairman and church director, where he is responsible for any interactions between parish and the council, which includes member from other area parishes.

For Mike, a lifelong parishioner, being an active member of

the Knights of Columbus is his way of showing his thanks for what he has been given. "St. Ann's parish and school has made me the person that I am today." Mike says. "And through the Knights, I get to be involved with everything I was raised with and support them spiritually and financially."

Around the parish, the Knights host everything from golf outings to pancake breakfasts. And with the proceeds from their fundraisers, the Knights can help our youth fulfill their vocations, both religious and secular. They currently provide financial support to two seminarians and support college students through the Newman Fund.

The opportunity to make a difference through charities and pro-life work is one of the most exciting things about the knights of Columbus for Mike. "Before I joined, I never had realized what the Knights of Columbus were all about," Mike says. "I didn't know how family oriented they are, or how much charity work they have done over the years." Though there are many charities and fundraisers that the Knights are involved with, our Council's number one fundraiser is the annual Tootsie Roll Drive in September. And at Christmas, the Holiday Cheer Program collects donations from the Knights that are donated to local charities, including the Lansing Food Pantry.

The Knights also provide a place for fellowship among Catholic men, which Mike has also enjoyed. "I can honestly say that the Knights are the best bunch of guys that I have ever met in my life," he says. "These guys really care, and they've always been there for me." All men 18 and older are eligible to join the Knights of Columbus. The organization is a great way to get involved, even in a small way, with supporting the parishes and community. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, you can call Mike at (708) 474-5403.

## HOLIDAY CHEER PROGRAM

Thanks to your generosity this years Holiday Cheer Program has collected approximately \$1,400 this year. The money was distributed to the following local organizations

Carmelite Home For Girls  
St. James/Sauk Village Food Pantry • Lansing Food Pantry  
Calumet City Resource • Our Lady of Knock SPRED  
St. Ann's — St. Vincent DePaul Society  
St. Kierin's — St. Vincent DePaul Society  
Catholic Office of the Deaf • St. James Parish

Your contribution will help many in the area.

Ken Cuprisin PGK, Chairman

## Our Council Sick

Please keep all our members and ladies in your prayers as their health is failing and we must intercede in prayer for them. **Our list includes:** Bill Mitchell, Helen Bobalich, BK Gus Landeroz, BK Michael Cernyar, Grace Mary Cernyar, Mary Rita Davis, Pat Nowakowski, James Danielwicz, Al Rogers, Bob Mendez, Louise Kopaczewski, Harold and Mary Ware, BK Gene & Martha Pope, BK Roy Rodriguez, John Ponziano, BK Don & Linda Szala, Daina Wolak Tonry, Eugene Rose, BK Delmar Angeil and PGK Kenneth Collins.

**If you have someone you want added to the Sick List, please call Grand Knight Brian Fisher (708) 646-7920 or Deputy Grand Knight Ron Fisher (708) 895-5579**

## FROM THE DESK OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

At the recent Fourth Degree Exemplification held on February 20, 2010 in Lisle, Illinois we had two members take their Fourth Degree in Knighthood. The Brother Knights are Sir Knight Christopher Siatta and Sir Knight Sylvanus Onwungi.

Recently we had two Brother Knights obtain the ranks of Honorary Life memberships. The two Brother Knights are Raymond A Rigoni and Gerald M. Sebahar. In order to be an Honorary Life member you must achieve two requirements 1) age 70 or more and 25 years a member in good standing or 2) a member for 50 years with no age limit. Honorary Life members pay no dues and are not charged per capita taxes by State and Supreme. We had two members PGK Jerome E. Wayman and Dennis E. Mlynaricik achieve the rank of Honorary Membership. Honorary membership are as follows: Age limit is 65 years and 25 years a member in good standing. You pay no Council dues but you do pay \$10.00 for State and Supreme Per capita taxes.

At the recent Palm Sunday Major degree, we had one Brother Knight take his First, Second and Third degrees. The new Brother Knight is Wade Cooper.

On another note as a reminder, if you have not paid your dues lately, please do, your council is depending on your dues. Your dues help keep some of the program here at the council. We do understand that times are hard. If you are having hard times, please let us know. You could either send a letter to the Grand Knight at Lansing Council or e-mail it to my e-mail address listed below. In any case it will be kept confidential.

To any Brother Knight who wishes to get in touch with me, I have established an e-mail address (finsec3540@sbcglobal.net). I would like to thank all the Brother Knights who have sent their e-mail addresses in. Until next time, *Vivat Jesus!*

Richard A. Balturs, FS

## SLATING COMMITTEE

The Slating Committee has finished interviewing members of our council and has completed its recommendation of candidates for the upcoming election at the June council meeting for the 2010 to 2011 term. The newly elected officer and appointed directors being their term July 1, 2010.

Grand Knight- Brian Fisher  
Deputy Grand Knight - Robert Layne  
Chancellor - Michael Wysocki  
Recorder - William Gardner  
Treasurer - Peter Marx  
Advocate - Dominick Ramirez  
Warden - Michael Kabala

Trustees  
3 Years - Ronald Fisher  
2 Year - Richard Czarnecki  
1 Year - Ken Collins

Guards - Tim Studer, Matt Martinez, Roger Tyvarek Jr.

Keep in mind, any third degree or higher member can run for office. All officers need to be nominated! The Slate Committee is run by the immediate PGK who currently is Richard Czarnecki, who wishes to thank the PGK's who assisted with the Slate. Peter Marx, Ken Cuprisin, Joe Matlon, Al Torres, Bob Blake, Ken Collins and John Baran.

## CARDINAL STRITCH ASSEMBLY

Winner of the Holiday Inn Resort in Orlando Florida was Joseph DeLira of the Santa Maria Council #111. The next meeting will be on May 5th at Blue Island Council #1366. Located at 12720 Wood Street at 8:00 p.m. On June 6th, an election will be held at Lansing for the 2010-2011 Fraternal year. The installation of officers will take place June 13th at St. Kieren Church, 724 W. 95th Street, Chicago Heights, IL. A Honor Guard is requested for this event. Show up 2:30 p.m. Mass is 3:00 p.m.

## ADMIRAL GALLERY

The next meeting is May 27th at 7:30 p.m. We were unable to finalize our decision regarding the continuation as a Fourth Degree Club due to illness and other obligations of the officers rendering us short in manpower to vote on it.



## K of C FRIENDS ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 2010 • 12 Noon Start (Scramble format)

Longwood Country Club

\$70 per person includes Golf, Cart, Lunch, Drinks, Dinner and Prizes  
(Singles welcome)

\$20 per person Dinner starting at 5:00 pm

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## **Upcoming Events**

### **MAY**

May 1..... State Convention Peoria IL 1st & 2nd  
May 1..... Lansing Good Neighbor Parade, 1:00 pm  
May 2..... May Crowning, St. Ann  
May 4..... Knights Council Meeting, 8:00 pm  
May 5..... Stritch Meeting General Blue Island, 8:00 pm  
May 17..... Columbian Board Meeting, 7:30 pm  
May 19..... Stritch Officers Meeting Dalaly, 7:30 pm  
May 24..... Columbian Ladies Meeting, 6:30 pm  
May 25..... Knights Officer Meeting, 8:00 pm  
May 26..... Grand Knight Past Grand Knight Meeting, 8:00 pm  
May 27..... Admiral Gallery, 7:30 pm

### **JUNE**

June 1..... Knights Council Meeting  
June 2..... Stritch Meeting General Election of Officers  
Lansing, 8:00 pm  
June 16..... Stritch Officers Meeting Dalaly, 7:30 pm  
June 21..... Columbian Board Meeting, 7:30 pm  
June 27..... Lansing Golf Outing Longwood, Crete, IL 12:00  
June 28..... Columbian Ladies Meeting, 6:30 pm  
June 29..... Knights Officer Meeting, 8:00 pm  
June 30..... Grand Knight Past Grand Knight Meeting,  
8:00 pm