



Knights of Columbus



LANSING COUNCIL # 3540

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO THE COUNCIL:

Raphael Paramo Sr., and Raphael Paramo Jr.,



THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION!

Coach Michael Collins & Dennis Sullivan



Swim Team Update

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Want to know how the athletes did when competing down state?

Good Neighbor Day Parade

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How did the Knights participate this year, you'll want to see this year's car...

Council Golf Outing

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Did our brother Knights make the cut?!



JULY'S GENERAL MEETING ..

Date and time have changed !!

Due to Independence day on July 4th, the General Council meeting will be **RESCHEDULED** for **Monday, July 9 at 8:00 PM.** Please make a note of this!

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT:

Brother and Sir Knights,

Thank you for once again allowing me to lead this great council. I hope everyone had a fun and safe Independence Day. This year we have been a little behind in getting things going. With the Columbian Club deciding not to host the annual "Cheeseburger in Paradise," we have had to start the year from scratch. We are currently behind in getting our annual council raffle going and tickets will be available soon. I would like to thank Chris J. Siatta and Michael Sanchez for spearheading the raffle again. This year the raffle will be held at our new event featuring Latin Satin Soul on September 29th.

I would like to thank the members and their families that came out to the installation of officers held on Thursday June 28th. We had approximately 90 people come out to welcome the newly elected officers and celebrate with brothers getting awarded for service to the council. We have many returning officers this year, but some new officers also. To the new officers joining us I want to welcome them to our team, and the re-elected officers let us strive to make this year great.

For those of you unable to join us, we honored Brother Knight Carl Neiman with the Knight of the Year award for his service and dedication to what it means to be a Knight. Carl is a Century Donor with the Newman Fund, which is the oldest charity started by Knights of Columbus in Illinois. He also attends council functions, donating his time to the pancake breakfast and spaghetti dinner every year. He is also an usher at St. Ann's Church. Any time a brother or the council is in need Carl is there willing to help any way he can, even stepping up and being elected to guard this year. Also awarded was the Family of the Year which went to Roger Tyderek Jr and his family, Elayne, Georgina, and Peter. They have been faced with a difficult time with Roger's loss of his eyesight and battle with cancer. This did not slow him down, he continued to run events such as, Clergy Night, and organizing the mass at St. Ann's dedicated to our deceased members, all with the help of his family.

We also congratulated Dennis Sullivan and Michael Collins for their service to the Special Olympics Swim Team. Dennis and Mike are stepping back leading the team after many years of service. We were fortunate enough to have members of the swim team and staff that have worked with Dennis and Mike join us.

We have had several new members join us this past year and have also lost some great members. To the new members who joined our Council, I encourage you to come out to meetings and events and get active. This council has a long history and I am glad to be a part of it, with your dedication this council will have many more years of great times to come.

We will be holding a calendar-planning meeting on Saturday July 14th at 5pm at Kacey's, all are welcome to join us to help plan the events for the year.

With your help we can make this year another great fraternal year - and thank you for your support!

Fraternally Yours,

Christopher A. Siatta

Are you up to date with your dues?*PGK Peter Marx, Financial Secretary*

This year, if you have not noticed that we are using a new format for billing. Presently we will be using both formats until we get all the bugs out of the new one. I ask that you send the top copy of the dues notice with your payment. The bottom copy is yours for your Record. If you wish to make monthly payments on your dues this new system allows for this, but you will not receive your travel card till your dues are paid in full. Please do not allow your dues to fall behind, your Council depends on your dues to keep the programs going.

NOTICE to ALL MEMBERS...

The Newsletter is no longer being sent by Bulk Mail. With First Class mail, the Post Office is not forwarding mail, and your Newsletter is being sent back to the Council. So, if you are planning to move or being temporarily away for a period of time, please let the Financial Secretary know. Therefore, you will be receiving your Newsletter without interruption and saving the Council the postage.

Council Sick**Pray for those IN NEED!**

Please, keep all our members and ladies in your prayers as we must intercede in prayer for them. The list includes: BK Harry Baranowski, PGK Robert Blake, BK Jim Burke, BK Jesse Avila, PGK Rich Czarnecki, BK Robert DiCarlo family, BK Ron Fisher, Genevieve Haney, BK Raymond Kuczynski, BK John McLain, PGK Ken Cuprisin and Martha Pope. Please pray for the repose of BK Larry McGrath and Sylvia Onwunghai, Daughter of BK Sylvania Onwunghai, both who recently passed away.

If there is someone you want to add to our Council Sick List, contact the Grand Knight.

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We meet the First Tuesday of Each month at: **Kacey's Banquet Hall—17800 Lorenz Ave, Lansing, IL 60438.**

Kacey's Restaurant one week before or after your Birthday, you will receive your age percentage off your dinner. For Example: if you are 50 years old you will get 50% off on your dinner. It is only good for the person having their Birthday.

Birthdays

Have a Great Year!

Knights in July - Hector Caballero Sr 2nd, Thomas L Tucker 4th, Kenneth C Kristin 9th, Rafael B Paramo 11th, John E Raymond 11th, George R Sinchack Jr 14th, Hector Caballero Jr 15th, Joseph H Darragh 15th, "80", Bruce R Kwoka 15th, Louis J Larrieu 16th, Nick A Grigutis 19th, Karl P Marx 19th, "30", Patrick J Winters 22nd, James E Dobrez 23rd, Nicholas G Swartz 23rd, Thomas A Kapera 25th, Edward R Rosinski 25th, "80", Dan R Podgorski 26th, "50", Eugenio Sanchez 26th, Charles L Kirby 28th, David Davila 30th.

Knights in August- Dominic Femminella 1st, Stephen Lorenz 1st, Albert L Sheetz Md 1st, Ronald J Urbanowski 2nd, Ronald D Jedlinski 5th, Donald S Szala 6th, Jerome L Bolek 7th, Donald F Sciackitano 7th, Emil Riccio 8th, Daniel J Tiltges 9th, William E Rohaly 11th, Thomas N Glowacki 12th, George T Cummins 14th, John J Bush 15th, Howard C Morrison 15th, "60", Gerald S Banach 16th, Michael D Kubiak 17th, John P La Banca 18th, Tony Los 18th, Allen K Sizemore 20th, Richard A Baltrus 27th, "80", Michael A Barlage 28th, "50", James A Riffice 28th, Joshua H Fonseca 30th.

Lansing Swim Team

TORCH RUN AND STATE TALLY



On the left, The Lansing Knights of Columbus swim team and coaches participated in the torch run for Special Olympics on Tuesday June 12th. 6 coaches and 6 athletes participated.

Below, on June 15th and 16th the Lansing Knights of Columbus swim team participated in the 50th anniversary of Illinois Special Olympics. Four GOLD, Three SILVER and Two BRONZE medal winners also there were; Three 4th place winners, Three 5th place winners, Three 7th place winners and One 8th place winner. Please visit the council website for a complete list of winners, and their metal count.



Columbian Club is Amending its Bi-Laws

ATTENTION ALL SHAREHOLDERS!

At the last Club meeting, the board has decided to begin the process of amending its bi-laws. This will serve as the club's official written notice to this affect. All shareholders are invited to join the board at their regularly scheduled board meetings; (July 16, and August 20,) to be a part of the discussion on these changes. At the Club's Annual meeting which will be held on September 3rd, a final vote will be made on these changes.

Good Neighbor day Parade!

CHECK OUT THIS YEAR'S RIDE...

Once again, the Lansing K of C Council #3540 participated in the annual Good Neighbor Day parade. This year was the Village of Lansing's 125th Anniversary. The weather was just perfect, very sunny and warm. The past few parades, the Lansing Council #3540 had been awarded trophies for Best Classic Vehicle. Although this year there were none awarded, the Brother Knights who attended were proud to be part of the parade.

Brother Knights who participated were Dom Ramirez PGK, Bob Layne PGK, Don Shiller, Gene Sanchez, and his son Mike. Gene and Mike's family (Sabrina, Jessie, Justin) also walked the parade giving out candy and getting the word out of the great things the Knight's do. Also, Nancy Ambrosini-Surufka rode along and gave her best parade wave and smile.



Every year a different classic vehicle was utilized, and this year a red 1967 Ford Mustang Convertible, owned and driven by Dom Ramirez was utilized. The Mustang has some history as it was previously owned by current Lansing Mayor Patty Eidam and her husband Bud.

The Parade is a great community event that started in 1967 and held the first Saturday in May. The Lansing Knight's always enjoy participating and look forward to the 2019 Parade.

63rd Annual Council Raffle

Have you purchased a ticket yet?!

The council is holding its annual raffle and tickets are going to be \$20 a ticket. If you purchase 5 tickets, your sixth is FREE. The Grand prize will be \$7,000, Second and Third places will be \$1,000 Fourth and Fifth Place will be \$500. We are having 2 early bird drawings and will be July 31st and August 28th for \$250 each drawing to be held at the officer's meeting at 8PM each evening.

The drawing for the main prizes listed above will be on Saturday, September 29th. Tickets should be mailed out in the next few weeks. If you need additional tickets, please contact co-chairpersons Chris Siatta Sr., at 708-495-3766 or Michael Sanchez at 708-927-2753.

"A Knight with Latin Satin Soul", a local musical group will be held on this same evening, admission tickets to this event will be \$10.00 at the gate, a cash bar will be available and so will food for purchasing. We hope to see you at this replacement for our Annual cheeseburger in paradise event!



CHAPLAIN/Rev. Fr. Report

WHAT HAPPENED TO PEACE?

On August 14th, we will celebrate 70th anniversary of the surrender of the Japanese, thus ending World War II. The official celebration will be on September 2nd, the day (V-J Day) the official surrender document was signed on the battleship Missouri. The surrender was precipitated by the dropping of atomic bombs on the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on August 6th and 9th respectively. The estimates of the number killed in these bombings are 66,000 and 39,000, though many think that the numbers should be at least doubled. We are appalled at such a large number of people being killed at one time but can overlook the same or greater numbers dying over a longer period of time and space.

“Love one another!” John 13:34-35

We call the death of one hundred people in a single plane crash a tragedy, but we do not even flinch when we hear that two people in each of the 50 states were killed in auto accidents on that same day. During the duration of World War II, (1939-1945), there were between 60 and 80 million people killed throughout the world. These numbers represent 3.17% to 4% of the world's total population. During the same time period, 4.8 to 5.9 million Jews were systematically eradicated in Western and Eastern Europe. These are the numbers which should be remembered and passed on to future generations. One of the things that you learn when studying history, whether it be religious or secular, is that things do not change because people do not change. One generation just can't seem to learn from the experiences of the prior generation. So we, in our lives, continue to read the stories of wars between countries, civil wars, genocide, religious persecution, and many other ways in which people show hatred toward others. Jesus left us with one simple command, “Love one another!” This is the command which we as Christian leaders must follow in our lives and try to teach others to follow suit. It is only when love becomes the dominant emotion, replacing the currently dominating emotion of hate, will the people of the world end their mistreatment of fellow human beings. The fulfillment of the command to love one another starts with us!

Deacon Jim

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IS YOUR PAYCHECK PROTECTED?

Most people see work as something that will always be there. We live our lives expecting to wake up, go to work, and complete our tasks throughout the day to provide for our families. Work, and the financial stability that it provides, is often taken for granted. What if one day you wake up and you are no longer able to go to work, through no fault of your own? Accidents and illness can affect anyone, at any stage in their career. How will you react to unforeseeable adversity? Do you have a plan in place if you are no longer able to perform your duty?

The Knights of Columbus can help you put this plan in place and prepare for unexpected life events. Retirement is often planned, but disability is not. Chance favors no man. Too often people say, "that will never happen to me" or "I will cross that bridge if it comes." There is no bridge that carries you over the void from gainful employment to disability unless you start planning today. Disability insurance is often dismissed by working men and women because they think their jobs are fairly safe. Their lives are fairly healthy. Disability – they say – is simply something they will never experience. The statistics tell a different story.

According to the United States government, a staggering 1 in 4 of today's 20-year-olds will become disabled before reaching the age of 67. The nature of the job is irrelevant. According to the Social Security Administration, 95 percent of all disabling illnesses and accidents happen outside of the workplace.*

Consider a typical male, age 35, non-smoker, who works at an office job with some outdoor responsibilities and leads a very healthy lifestyle. He has a 28 percent chance of being injured or becoming ill and unable to work for three months or longer prior to retirement.**

If this happens to you, not someone else, will you have a bridge to carry you and your family?

If your illness or injury is among the 95 percent that happen outside of work, workers' compensation will be of no assistance to you. 7 in 10 employed Americans say they would feel the financial pinch in a month or less without their paycheck.*** What if your last paycheck really is your last paycheck? There is a solution, however.

"What if your last paycheck really is your last paycheck?"

Your membership in the Knights of Columbus gives you and your eligible family members exclusive access to disability income insurance that can help safeguard your paycheck. With Knights of Columbus Disability Income Insurance, you can ensure you and your family are provided for in the event of unexpected loss of work.

Our disability income insurance is designed to be flexible so that, working with your brother Knight field agent, you can customize it to fit your needs. You choose the monthly benefit amount that's right for you, the elimination period that makes the most sense, and the maximum benefit period for your policy.

By purchasing a disability income insurance policy from the Knights of Columbus, you have the added security of knowing that you are doing business with a Catholic company that makes sure its investments do not violate Church teaching and which has been repeatedly recognized as a "World's Most Ethical" company.****

You owe it to yourself and to your family to make sure that your financial future is secure, regardless of what happens.

Don't be caught off guard by surprises. Be on guard and be prepared.

* "Social Security Fact Sheet," United States Social Security Administration, accessed April 5, 2018, www.ssa.gov/news/press/factsheets/basicfact-alt.pdf.

** "What's Your PDQ?" Council for Disability Awareness, accessed April 5, 2018, www.whatsmypdq.org.

*** "What do You Know about Disability Insurance?" Life Happens, accessed April 5, 2018, www.lifehappens.org

**** "K of C: Most Ethical," February 12, 2018, www.kofc.org/en/news/releases/most-ethical-companies.html

CARMELITE HOME COLLECTION

THANKS FOR YOU GENEROUSITY!

Between two parishes, Holy Name in Cedar Lake, Indiana and St. Ann's in Lansing, IL, the Knights were able to hold its annual Carmelite Home blitz. As pictured below, items were delivered by BK Bill Skarwecki, wife Ivy and BK Ron Fisher with sister Carmelita from the Carmelite Home.



COLUMBIAN LADIES REPORT

COLUMBIAN LADIES CELEBRATE BLESSED MARY MONTH

The Columbian Ladies celebrated Mary's month with a May Crowning outside the Kacey's Banquet Hall at the Blessed Virgin Mary statue at our May meeting. In the month of May, our Blessed Virgin Mary is honored with special devotions. The May Crowning recognizes Mary as the Queen of heaven and earth. This special ceremony was followed by our Annual Installation dinner at J.J. Kelley's where the Columbian Ladies inducted their board members which include; Elayne Tyderek as President; Lena Martinez, Vice President; Lisa Sarwacinski, Secretary, Kathy Schroeder, Treasurer; Cindy Hope, Spiritual Leader; Debbie Bona, Sunshine Lady; and Fran Miller, Joanne Baltrus and Valerie Riley as Trustees. The Columbian Ladies will take a summer hiatus from June to August. We will meet again September 24, at 6:30 p.m. We will start our meeting with a Welcome Back Indoor Picnic.

The Columbian Ladies meet the 4th Monday of the Month at 7 p.m. at Kacey's Banquet Hall, 17800 Lorenz Avenue, Lansing. We sometimes meet at 6:30 when we serve food other than refreshments. You do not have to have a spouse who is a Knights of Columbus member to join. For more information, contact us at columbianladies3540@gmail.com.

READY FOR THE "RAT PACK" ATTACK?

4TH ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS SHOW

On Friday, December 14 the Lansing Council #3540, will be hosting its 4th Annual Christmas Show.

This year be ready to go back in time to the Las Vegas casino scene of the 1950's and 1960's. Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis, Jr. were part of a group named the RAT PACK. The group was famous for the way they improvised on stage with dancing, singing and cracking jokes with the audience. Please check the Council website for additional information, and join us for a fun evening of entertainment!

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS

BELOW ARE THE COUNCIL'S LEADERSHIP FOR 2018-2019

Chris Siatta Jr., Grand Knight,

Michael Kabala, Deputy Grand Knight,

Roger Tyderek, Jr., Chancellor,

Pete Marx, Financial Secretary,

Dean Hope, Treasurer,

Anthony Pellerito, Recorder,

Dominic Podsiadlik, Warden,

Michael Sanchez, Advocate,

Inside Guard Gene Sanchez, Outside Guard Carl Neiman, Outside Guard Steve Hauser,

3 Year Trustee Robert Layne,

2 Year Trustee Matthew Martinez, and

1 Year Trustee Ron Fisher.

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

WHO MADE THE CUT?!



(l) Grand Knight Chris Siatta Tees Off with his foursome, and (r) Deputy Grand Knight Mike Kabala and his foursome.

On Sunday, June 24th, the council held their Annual Golf Outing at Lincoln Oaks Golf course in Crete, IL. We had 42 players; PGK Peter Marx's team won first place and BK Art Sobczyk won longest putt. The food was good, and the weather was perfect! Everyone received a prize! GK Chris Siatta thanked all who came out. Next council golf outing will be last Sunday of June 2019, at Lincoln Oaks. Thank you, from chairmen PGK Joe Matlon, PGK Bob Layne and PGK Al Torres.

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END OF THE YEAR AWARDS BELOW ARE THE WINNERS AS AWARDED BY THE GRAND KNIGHT

In keeping with tradition, Grand Knight Chris Siatta on June 28, awarded The Knight of the year to Carl Neiman (I), Family of the year to the Roger Tyderek family(ctr), and Our Swim team Coaches, with their spouses (r) were honored for their Combined years of service to the council. No award was given for Senior of the year.



UPCOMING Events...

July 9... Lansing Council General Meeting Kacey's Banquet Room...8:00 - 9:00 p.m.

July 14... Council Calendar Meeting ...5:00 PM Kacey's Banquet Hall

July 17... Columbian Club Meeting Kacey's Restaurant ... 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

July 25... Lansing Council Officer's Meeting Kacey's Restaurant... 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.

July 26... Grand Knight / PGK Meeting... Location to be determined ... 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Aug 1... Lansing Council General Meeting Kacey's Banquet Room...8:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Aug 2....Samuel Cardinal Stritch Assembly #205 Meeting... St. Theodore Guerin Council #14057 St. Alexander Parish
7025 W 126th Street Palos Heights, IL. 60463 ... 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Aug 21... Columbian Club Meeting Kacey's Restaurant... 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Aug 29... Lansing Council Officer's Meeting Kacey's Restaurant... 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Aug 30... Grand Knight/PGK Meeting... Location to be determined ... 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.