



Council Comments

Knights of Columbus

Holy Family Council 4179

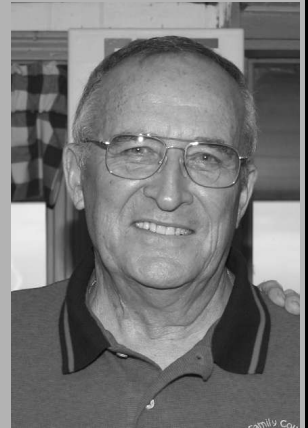


March, 2007

GRAND KNIGHT'S COMMENTS

Right in the middle of probably our busiest time ever old man winter reared his head and slowed us down. We had to cancel our M. R. Awards Night, our second fish fry week and the pheasant hunt. Brother Enlow continues to keep us active and looking forward to another night out with the upcoming tour of the Power Plant. Brother Mares has rescheduled the M.R. Awards night and the fish fries are back and better than ever.

With the approval of the members present, we are proceeding to replace our downstairs ice machine and working toward building our pavilion roof. Everyone seems excited about this project as well as erecting the long awaited playground. Hopefully we will be finished by early spring, weather permitting, and can enjoy both this summer. In regards to the pavilion structure, please keep in mind that to stay within our budget we will need help. Some have already come forward, but we need more, especially those members who work in the trades or are handy with tools. We are over 50 years old as a council and some members have considered helping monetarily with this project due to age or lack of time and skill. If you are inclined, note "Pavilion" on your check and we will list donors in our future newsletters



This addition will be available for family reunions, outdoor functions, rentals , etc. The officers and members, by approving these improvements, will make our grounds much more useful for members and their families for many years to come.

Brother Rolando and his wife Sandy again made the Valentines Dinner Dance a very special and memorable evening. This couple are especially talented and one big asset to our Council. When they chair an event, I can only say one thing. GO. You won't be disappointed. We are blessed to have them.

If you see Brother Steve, tell him hi and thanks for the Frozen Open and don't forget Brother Mumbles.

In closing I am asking you to consider being more active as we move forward to assist our Brother Knights and become even more charitable in the future. Please continue to pray for peace and the unborn.

Fred

P.S. Brothers Meyer and Rolando have been working on updating our website. Check it out at www.kc4179.com. Neat!

MEETINGS

Thursday, March 1st @ 7:00PM

Thursday, March 15th @ 6:00PM

After a couple of truly hectic months, this month

things start to slow down but only a little bit. Things to be discussed at the business meeting include the Pacha Plunge on March 3rd; the remaining Lenten Fish Fries; the March Mania fundraiser; the State Free-

Throw Competition and the State Spelling Bee. There will be other items of interest and some planning for events like the annual Family Easter Egg Hunt, the forthcoming Poker Tournament, the State Free-Throw Competition, and The State Spelling Bee.

The second meeting in March is going to be a tour of the CWLP Power Plant. If you have never been on a power plant tour, this is a really big treat. It is truly incredible the amount of effort that it takes to bring that omni-present electricity to your door at a cost that is extremely reasonable. The power plant tour really puts all of this in perspective. **Please note the time change to 6:00PM for this meeting.** See the Program Director's notes below for more details.

MR PRESENTATION RESCHEDULED

Thursday, March 8th @ 6:30PM

As you are all probably aware, the MR presentation that was scheduled for February 15th was postponed due to the snow and cold weather. It has been rescheduled for Thursday night, March 8th beginning at 6:30 PM. MR Chairman Tony Mares has promised a touching and poignant ceremony with plenty of opportunities to interact with both the service providers and with some of the recipients of their services. Immediately following the ceremony will be an outstanding meal cooked by Brother Bill Groves and his more-than-able crew.



This event is open to all Knights and their families and friends. We think it is a particularly opportune time to let your children see what being charitable to those with an obvious (and sometimes not so obvious) need is all about. It should make us all feel really good!

PROGRAM NOTES

by Jim Enlow, Program Director

Mar. 1st, Thursday, 7:00 PM - Business Meeting
Mar. 15th, Thursday, ****6:00 PM**** Social Meeting
****Note Time Change**

March Business Meeting - Thursday, Mar. 1st at

7:00 PM. - Time and Meeting Content Subject to Change To Accommodate Storm-Cancelled Events.

March Social Meeting - Thursday, Mar. 15 at 6:00 PM - Tour of Dallman Power Station at CWLP'S Lakeside Power Plant. Through the efforts of our Grand Knight Fred O'Connor, Bill O'Rourke and the staff at CWLP, we have been given a rare opportunity to tour our power plant. We will gather at the Lakeside Power Plant Parking Lot at 6:00 PM. We will be taken inside and shown a safety video to prepare us for the tour. We will be divided into two groups, one to be conducted by Brother Knight Pat Pappa, and given a comprehensive tour. Because of the new construction and other safety considerations, tours are no longer generally available so this will be quite a special event. In view of the safety concerns, there are a few special rules needed for the event. Please note:

1. We will be limited to 25 total visitors for the tour. A sign-up sheet will be in place downstairs at the Council by the time this newsletter reaches you. Anyone not able to come out and sign up can make a reservation by calling 544-6929 (Jim Enlow, Program Dir.).
2. We will need to car-pool so that all can arrive in a body at 6:00 PM to view the safety video in one showing. It is suggested that we meet at the Council at 5:30 PM; fill five or six cars; and leave for the tour at 5:45 PM
3. The tour must be limited to adults 18 years and older.
4. All those taking the tour will be required to be wearing pants and sturdy, sensible shoes.

With those few rules in mind, please mark your calendars, sign up and be a part of a great tour.

Regional Spelling Bee March 10th, 2:00 PM at our Council Hall. The three top spellers from three neighboring councils will meet at this event to determine the contestants who will move on to the **State K-C Council Spelling Bee**, Mar.31st, to be held in conjunction with the State Free Throw Tournament at Glenwood High School, Chatham, IL. The public and especially our council members are welcome at these events. A good, supportive audience would be great!!

CONDOLENCES

Four Deaths in February

It has been a tough month for our extended Knights of Columbus family at Holy Family Council 4179. Brother Gary Achas died on Tuesday, February 13. Also dying during the month (to date) were Joan Gewartowski -- wife of Brother Paul Gewartowski; Bredgetta Lenn -- mother of Brother Leo Lenn; and Wilma Myszak -- mother-in-law of brother Terry Tuttle and mother of Mary Tuttle.

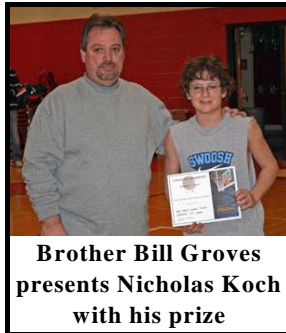
When you say your daily prayers, please take the time to remember these departed souls and their families.

FREE THROW COMPETITION

Despite the horrific weather on Saturday, February 17th, we had 18 Free Throw Contestants along with several younger future contestants. The competition was pretty fierce and nearly every participant could teach the Fighting Illini a little about shooting free throws. The winners of the girls bracket were: Kaitlyn Fleigle, Madlyn Lawrence, and Kimberly Wilson. The boys winners were Nicholas Koch, Ian Groves, C.J. Baker, and Zack Cormier. We want to wish the winners the best of luck as they move on to the District Competition.



Brother Jose Lopez presents Ian Groves with his prize



Brother Bill Groves presents Nicholas Koch with his prize

SPELLING BEE

The Annual Holy Family Council Spelling Bee was held on Saturday, February 10. There is so much competition for the attention of children in this age group that we only had four participants show up. This editor's own grand-daughter has competed the two previous years but had at least three other things that called including a trip to the 8th grade state BB tournament as a cheerleader for the Auburn 8th



Sydney Enlow, Anna Talley, Logan Todd, and Abby Flesher competed in spelling Bee

graders. Those that participated included Sydney Enlow (St. Agnes school), Abby Flesher (Chatham schools), Anna Talley (Chatham schools), and Logan Todd (St. Joseph's school). Sydney Enlow won and Anna Talley and

Logan Todd also qualifying for the Regional Spelling Bee.

EVICION OF FAMILY

Masked Marauders at Club?

GK O'Connor and his intrepid band of pest exterminators have been locked in battle for the past 2 months trying to evict a family of racoons! It was discovered early in January that we had what we thought was one racoon in residence in the attic of the club. After live-trapping the first one and releasing it over near the Lincoln Memorial Gardens, there were almost immediate signs that there was a second "critter" in the attic. It, too, was live-trapped but the release was in the Wildlife Sanctuary across the lake from the club (trying to keep the "gang" apart). Thinking that would take care of things, the band of trappers relaxed only for the tell-tale signs to immediately re-appear – including having one of the roof-top metal ventilators virtually mutilated by a racoon. In the past few weeks, two more racoons have been trapped and all the obvious access holes were blocked. For the past week, there have been no signs but the trap is still baited and we are ready. Let's hope we have gotten them all now and not one racoon has really suffered for its ordeal. GOOD WORK, guys!



HOOPS MANIA

March 14th - Last Day to Turn In

There is only a little over 2 weeks left to sell Hoops Mania tickets. As of this writing, Brother Pat Pappa

has not received any back yet. Anyone still wishing to get more tickets please contact Pat @ 483-5165 and he promises "free delivery"!

Brother Pappa is also looking at having a table at the Sacred Heart Griffin Mostaccioli Dinner on March 4th. Holy Family Council had a table last year and we sold a bunch there. We need some volunteers who are good recruiters and sales people. If you or someone you know is interested, let Brother Pappa (483-5165) know and he will talk to them. All sales at the SHG Dinner will count towards the total individual sales for the \$100 prize.

Again, all tickets and money must be turned in to Brother Pat Pappa before March 14th or they will not get into the computer in time to be qualified to win the prizes.

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

by Sandy Rolando, President

The Super Bowl Party was a great success. I hope you enjoyed the food cooked up by the Ladies. The ladies are continuing to gather recipes for our cookbook, but have changed our deadline to August. We are also adding a section of recipes you might have enjoyed at the club. We have some of the wild game recipes, our Christmas potluck, the Valentine party, birthday parties, etc. Please give us your favorite when called.

Our next meeting will be March 7, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Our hostess is Laurie Mann.

Any female 18 years or older and the wife, daughter or mother of a member of the Holy Family Council or any unmarried or widowed woman of the Catholic faith is welcomed to join the Auxiliary. Please join us on March 7th and learn more about the auxiliary.

NEW MEMBER

Please welcome on board our newest member, Jeff Kirberg, to Holy Family Council 4179. Jeff was sponsored by DGK Chris Reichert and was accompanied to his initiation in Virden by Brothers Reichert, Steve Mann, and Gary Schmidt. If you see

Bother Kirberg and/or his lovely wife Cindy around, please congratulate them for joining and spend a little time making them feel welcome to our family.

BLOOD DONORS

One of Holy Family's ongoing but quiet community service projects is blood donations to the Central Illinois Blood Bank. Here is the up-to-date list of Council 4179 blood donors in 2006: Michael Brown,



6 times; Deborah Calhoun, Sean Fink, Jerry Garvin, 4 times each; Elizabeth Mann, Joseph Meyer, Bruce Thompson, 3 times each; Robert Flesher, and Larry

Michaud, 2 times each; and Samuel Ashmore, Gregory Lenaghan, Paul Clotfelter, Thomas Pacha and Dale Smith, once each.

Members and spouses, if you do not find your name on this list and have given the "gift of life" please let Brother Don Gehlhausen (652-5632) know so that you too may receive recognition. Also, please consider becoming a platelet donor. As such, you can donate every two weeks. "Give the gift from your heart."

BOAT DOCKS

Leases & Payments Are Due Now

Reminder! Boat dock lease holders please return your boat dock criteria forms, executed lease agreements and your payment to Todd Ely at 3925 Old Mill Lane Springfield, Il 62711 or Phil Wilson at one Rock Road Chatham, Il 62629 by February 28, 2007.

Please remember that your lease agreement has the following provision:
"The privilege of renewing a lease or remaining on the official waiting list for leasing docks or slips shall be available only to active members in good standing of Knights of Columbus Council #4179, who also meet the following annual requirements in the prior calendar year.

- *Dues paid for the prior year and the 1st quarter of the current year.*
- *Attendance at a minimum of 4 council meetings.*
- *Active work participation in 1 scheduled Columbian Home workday or other*

Columbian Home activity approved in advance by Boat Dock Committee.

- *Active work participation in 2 scheduled fundraisers sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council #4179.”*

If you are failing to meet any of these (or other) qualifications, your boat dock lease renewal may be subject to review.

FISH FRIES

Every Friday – 6:00 to 8:00PM

The Lenten Fish Fries have started and, thanks to some wonderful volunteers, we have our team leaders



in place for the rest of Lenten season. Brother Paul Ten Eyck and the Mann family is taking February 23rd and

March 2nd; Brother Ted Tracy is the team captain for March 9th and 16th; and Brother Ken List is the team captain for March 23rd and 30th. The current officers will be cooking and serving on Good Friday, April 6th.

If you would like to help and have yet to be asked to help, please call Paul Ten Eyck (787-2423) for his team; Ted Tracy (483-5710) for his team; or Ken List (529-7337) for his team and volunteer today.

The Ten Eyck/Mann Team has also announced that they are going to have a special treat for those coming to the Fish Fries. They have been working diligently to perfect their own version of the Springfield Horseshoe especially designed for Lent – a fried fish horseshoe! The cost will be the same as the standard fish dinner but it should be an interesting alternative to the usual great fish that we serve.



FAMILY EASTER PARTY

Sunday, April 1st @ 2:00PM

One of our family programming highlights each year is the annual Easter Party for families. Put it on your calendar right to save the date and be sure to bring your kids and grand-kids out for a really fun time with games and lots of prizes as well as, of course, the big Easter Egg Hunt. More details will be coming out later in the month.

RUMMAGE SALE/AUCTION

Date set for June 2nd

The date has been set for the 1st (?) Annual Rummage Sale and Auction at Holy Family Council. Brother Larry Michaud asked if we would schedule it to coincide with the Lake Springfield Home Owners Association's lake-wide yard sale. They are planning on having lots of people moving around the lake looking for yard and garage sales and it seemed like an easy extrapolation for us to tie our sale in with theirs. It should help us build bigger crowds and make for a better sale. We are still pondering whether we will have an auction but Brother Jim Kramp has assured us that the sale will be a great success regardless of whether we do an auction or not.

We are just now starting to gather merchandise to be sold. You can contact Brother Kramp @ 525-1960 or GK Fred O'Connor @ 483-4305 if you have "stuff" you want to deliver or need a pick-up.

TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER TOURNAMENT

Sunday, March 4, 2007

Tournament starts at 1:00PM

\$50 Buy-In

Call Bill Groves @ 971-4998

LAST WORD

Donations for Pavilion Roof

GK O'Connor briefly mentioned it in his comments to lead off this newsletter but yours truly would like to add a few "Last Words". Over and over we have heard from virtually every member that putting a roof on the concrete slab and making a high-quality picnic pavilion out of it would be an incredible asset to the Council. It could be used for food serving at our 4th of July Family Picnic and our annual Family Fall Festival. It would be a great base of operations for the entertainment at our Summerfest. And it would be a wonderful place for members to have family reunions or picnics. As discussed at the February meeting, the \$15,000 appropriated that has been will just barely cover the cost of getting the posts & beams set, the

trusses lifted and set, the OSB sheathing on, and the tar paper put in place. We have planned on using volunteer labor to put the shingles on as well as to put on the aluminum soffit and to aluminum side the gables. Upon further investigation, we have found that we could get the shingles put on by a contractor for about \$1000 (maybe a little more) and putting up soffit is tedious work (up on ladders) at best. It occurs to us that we have nearly 330 members of which we routinely see 50-75 at our functions/work days during the year. Combine that with the fact that some of our members are starting to get a little on the mature-side for a day or two of climbing up on a roof or a ladder and we thought maybe quite a few of our members would be interested in donating \$20, \$50 or even \$100 to finishing the pavilion with professional help. If this interests you at all, you can simply write a check to KC4179 and put "pavilion fund" in the note line. As promised by our GK, for everyone that makes a donation to this pavilion fund, we'll make sure that you get recognized with at least a mention in Council Comments. And just to show you that I do believe, I am writing a check for \$100 tomorrow to be deposited.

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- Recorder
- Financial Secretary Bill Rolando, 529-5303
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- Food
- Lake Council Rep. Rob Flesher, 483-5702
- Membership
- Programs Jim Enlow, 544-6929

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- Little Flower Parish, Harold Pacha, 529-6248
- St. Katherine Drexel Parish, Paul Ten Eyck, 787-2423
- St. Joseph's Parish, Chatham Rob Flesher, 483-5702 & Jerome Themig, 438-4204

Hall Rentals: Please call Jim Rosenthal at 217/523-1177

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