



Council Comments

Knights of Columbus Holy Family Council 4179



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Brother Knights,

The Lenten fish fry's are in full gear and I wanted to give a big thank you to all the members who have stepped up to work on a team, make sure the hall was clean, and to make sure there was a clear and safe path to get into the hall. There are many of you and you all deserve a pat on the back. Your Deputy Grand Knight, Pat Pappa, and Trustee, Bill Groves, and myself are having a discussion about adding some activities to the spring and summer agenda. Part of this includes purchasing a projector similar to what Brother Rolando lets us borrow for the Super Bowl party. Please plan on attending the business meeting for discussion and possible approval of these items.



The social meeting will bring the distribution of the MR "tootsie roll drive" money. This is always a special night at the council, with great food to follow. There are more details in this newsletter regarding this.

Please remember our troops in your prayers and may God bless you and your family.

Chris

MEETINGS

Thursday, March 6th @ 7:00pm
Wednesday, March 19th @ 6:30pm

The regular monthly business meeting of Holy Family Council 4179 will be held on March 6th at 7:00pm at the Council. Among the items on the agenda will be final planning for the Special Olympics Polar Plunge on March 8, planning for family Easter Party, information on the Poker Tournament, a report on the Lenten Fish Frys, a report from the Boat Dock Committee, a report on the NCAA Final Four Party, a report on the HoopsMania fundraiser, and a vote on a new projection TV for the upstairs (see page 3 for more information). It is a very busy agenda and every member's input is very important. Please take the time and plan on attending.

The social meeting for March will be held on

WEDNESDAY the 19th and will feature the presentation of checks to the recipients of the \$7500+ that we all helped collect in September at our Tootsie

**Please note
Change of Date
and Time for
March Social
Meeting –
Wednesday,
March 19th @
6:30pm**

Roll Drive. Brother Tony Mares, the MR Chairman, and Brother Jose Lopez, our Program Director, have promised us a memorable evening that will touch everyone's heart. This presentation is always open to all of our members, their families and their invited guests. The presentation of checks will be followed by

a dinner. Please plan on coming to not only honor those who provide such wonderful services to the mentally challenged but to also "break some bread"

with some of your fellow knights and their families.
Please note that the presentation is on Wednesday, the 19th and will start at 6:30-pm.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS POLAR PLUNGE

(aka Pacha Plunge for Holy Family Council)

Saturday, March 8 @ 12noon

You will recall that the Knights of Columbus have adopted the Special Olympics as one of our featured partnerships. Knights of Columbus were among the volunteers at the first Special Olympics games in Chicago in 1968. Since that time, we have been at the forefront in assisting Brother Knight Sargent Shriver and Eunice Kennedy Shriver build Special Olympics into a great worldwide initiative. In 2005, the Knights of Columbus announced the new partnership with Special Olympics. It committed \$1 million over the next four years to grow the programs of Special Olympics in North America and pledged more volunteers for state and local games. The Order has also worked with Special Olympics North America to expand its programs to countries currently underserved by it.

Holy Family Council 4179 has, for quite some time, had a particularly strong relationship with the Special Olympics – due to the efforts of Brother Jim Enlow whose grandson Ryan participates in the games. This year we want to make it one of our best efforts.

The big annual fundraiser of the Area 17 of the Illinois Special Olympics is the Polar Plunge. Last year, Brother Jerome Themig organized our team from Holy Family Council 4179 and named it the “Pacha Plungers” in honor of our Charter Grand Knight Harold Pacha. We had quite a few participants



including Brothers Themig and Pacha as well as GK Chris Reichert and Brothers Fred O'Connor, Bill Wehmhoff, and Jose Lopez.

This year's Polar Plunge is on Saturday, March 8 at 12:00noon at the DAV Club on Lake Springfield. Jerome Themig is again helping organize the team. To be a part of the team, all you have to do is collect a minimum of \$75 in donations to the Special Olympics. To either register on-line or download a donation form, go to www.soill.org (click on the polar bear and then look near the bottom of the page). For the \$75 in donations, you not only get to jump into frozen Lake Springfield, you also get a Official Polar Plunge hooded sweatshirt to use for getting warm!



Call Brother Jerome Themig @ 438-4204 or Brother Jim Enlow @ 544-6929 for additional information or to volunteer to be part of the Holy Family Council team. We don't have a time yet but the team will meet at the Council before the Plunge for a little nip of intestinal fortitude (we hear Bloody Marys are good for that!) and then to travel as a team to the DAV. Even if you don't want to swim, how about helping the team with some generous donations.

HOOPSMANIA

Ticket Return Date: March 16

For the past several years, Holy Family Council has been offering Hoopsmania as an easy and exciting way of raising funds for our many charitable programs. In the past, we have simply distributed tickets to those of you who frequent the club on one or more occasions during the college basketball season. This year we decided to open this up to every member of our Council and have mailed two \$10 tickets to every member. If every member only sells his two tickets, Holy Family Council 4179 will net over \$5000! The tickets are an easy sell. People who do not follow college basketball like them because you don't really have to know anything about the game for your sweepstake ticket to win. And anyone with access to a computer can look up their ticket(s) to see if they have a winner.

DGK Pat Pappa is the chair of this year's HoopsMania. He is responsible for distributing the

tickets and then entering the activation of sold tickets into the computer. Most importantly, all the tickets and money must be returned to him no later than 5:00pm on Sunday, March 16th in order to be eligible for the sweepstakes. Call Brother Pappa @ 483-5165 for more information, more tickets or just about anything else you want to know about HoopsMania.

NCAA FINAL FOUR PARTY

Joint Jaycees and KCs Venture
Saturday, April 5

At the February business meeting, it was voted to accept an invitation from the Chatham Jaycees to co-host an NCAA Final Four Party similar to the Super Bowl Party that we have done for years. The format is very similar. With a \$50 ticket, you get admission for two to the party; a pool square on each of the two games on that day; door prizes; and complimentary food, draft beer, and fountain soda. The goal is to sell 200 tickets which would fill two complete boards for each of the two games. There are 26 ways to win with a maximum single win of \$300 for the final score in each game. General admission tickets (no pool participation) will be available for \$10 on the day of the event and there will be a 50/50 drawing. Doors will open 1 hour prior to the tip-off of the first game and the party will end 1 hour after the final buzzer in the second game.



Tickets are available right now from Sean Fink, 483-5756, who is chairing this event for Holy Family Council 4179. Sean can use a lot of help selling tickets for the next few weeks and then working at the event on April 5th. If every ticket is sold and everyone comes, we could have over 400 people at the club for one heck of a party and Holy Family Council could net \$4000+!

PROJECTION TV?

Vote at Business Meeting for
Up to \$2000

For several years there have been discussions about whether or not we need to buy a projection TV for the main hall at the Council. The prices have always been

exorbitant and hard to justify (well over \$3000). We have borrowed TV projectors from our members for the Super Bowl parties but that is not always the best solution. In his summary report this year, Super Bowl Chairman Phil Talley strongly recommended the purchase of a projection TV as well as the gradual upgrade to flat panel TVs for the smaller sets.

Coupled with that recommendation is the fact that projection TVs have seen significant price drops in the past year. As a result, GK Chris Reichert asked our friends Chris and Nathan at Radical Thinking (they redid our PA system -- outstanding job) to prepare a bid for a projection TV that hangs from the ceiling. In a very recent discussion, Chris indicated that he thought he had located a 3000 lumens overhead projector for a really good price. At 3000 lumens, it would be about twice as bright as the 1400 lumens projector we used at the Super Bowl Party. As of this writing, we don't have an actual bid but, in order to have the TV installed in time for the above-mentioned NCAA Final Four Party, we need to vote on an appropriation. **A motion will be made at the March 6th business meeting to spend up to \$2000 (two thousand dollars) to purchase and have installed a projection TV.**



It is certainly the belief of many (including your newsletter editor) that this is reasonable expenditure that will also be a money maker for the Council. We are already holding Super Bowl Parties and have added an NCAA Final Four Party. We could easily add an extra \$50 or \$100 to a rental price if someone wants to use the overhead projector and the Council could also see NASCAR, All-Star Game, or World Series parties (maybe even an Oscar night party!) as well as some family movie nights for more family recreation. The cost we are suggesting is about the same as what we spent a few years ago on the big screen TV for the downstairs which is very nice but not the revenue generator that this could be.

You will have your opportunity to express your opinion at the meeting. Please come out and vote on March 6th.

DUES ARE DUE

March 31 Deadline

A gentle reminder has been sent to 90+ members of Holy Family Council 4179 that their dues for calendar year 2008 are due. Following the Council's past practice, anyone who has not paid their dues for this year will, effective April 1st, no longer be allowed to participate in council activities including attending meetings and voting on council issues. Among the other things that may be curtailed are use of PIN numbers for entry, boat dock rentals, or access behind the bar.

Check your membership card today. If it is not up to date and you do not have your dues billing, please contact Financial Secretary Bill Rolando at 529-5303 or b.rolando@insightbb.com to make arrangements to pay.

FAMILY EASTER PARTY

Sunday, March 16th @ 2:00pm - 4:00pm



One of our family programming highlights each year is the annual Easter Party for families. Put it on your calendar right now 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.

BOAT DOCKS

by Brother Todd Ely, Boat Dock Co-Chair

The Boat Dock Committee has been asked that we clarify for the leaseholders which of the two walkways the leaseholder is responsible to maintain. The answer is very simple. As you approach your dock from the water (facing the land) the walkway on the Starboard side (right or drivers side for you landlubbers) is the walkway you are responsible to maintain. We realize there has been some confusion over this issue and we hope this clarifies it for everyone.

Another issue that has arisen recently is the use of the "C" slips - or the uncovered slips at the front of the Council by the public docks. The "C" slips are for the

use of pontoons only. They are not suitable for the docking of other types of water craft and, as such, are only available for lease to members who have pontoon boats meeting the service criteria requirements for the previous year.

And finally - for those of you on the waiting list for a boat dock, please be aware that, for you to be qualified to rent a dock/slip in 2008 or beyond, you must meet the service criteria requirements as set forth in the Southside Columbian Home Association Boat Dock Rules and Regulations as noted below. Beginning this year, members on the boat dock waiting list will receive a service criteria form in the mail to determine their eligibility to remain on the waiting list. If you do not meet the standards set forth below you will be removed from the waiting list.

According to article #26 in the South Side Columbian Home Associations, Boat Dock Rules and Regulations, leaseholders' eligibility to renew their lease will be reviewed annually by the Boat Dock Committee. "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 the 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 first quarter of the current year.
- * Attendance at at least 4 council meetings
- * Active work participation in one scheduled Columbian Home workday or other Columbian Home activity approved in advance by the Boat Dock Committee.
- * Active work - 2 fundraisers sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council #4179.

All of these requirements must be met each calendar year or you will be removed from the official waiting list. A copy of the Boat Dock By-laws is available to you upon written request or one is posted on the council bulletin board for you to review. The Boat Dock Committee welcomes any suggestions or comments regarding improvements to the Boat Dock By-laws.

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

by Sandy Rolando

As Lent continues we have served ice cream at Friday fish fries and made a significant amount of money for the Holy Family Food Pantry. The brownies, cupcakes, sundaes, and Easter ice cream baskets are big hits. Upcoming goodies include more brownies and homemade "Peanut Buster Parfaits". Please continue to support the food pantry by enjoying our ice cream treats.

The Holy Family Food Pantry "food of the month" for March is Ramen noodles and beans (Beans are one of the favorite staples). And please remember to bring "personal items" to our next meeting for our female troops who are presently deployed.

Our next meeting will be on April 2, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Our hostess will be Kim Flesher. Now is a great time to join the auxiliary, with the Spring Fling/Bunco party coming up in May.

Any female 18 years or older and the wife, daughter or mother of a member of Holy Family Council or any unmarried or widowed woman of the Catholic faith is welcomed to join the Auxiliary. Please be our guest and learn more about the Auxiliary.

BOAT SAFETY CLASSES

As long as we are on the topic of boats and boating, the following was contributed by Brother Rob Flesher, who is our representative on the Lake Council.

The DNR/CWLP Boat Safety classes have been scheduled for March 8 and May 3. Anyone under the age of 18 must have a boaters safety certificate to operate a boat or wave-runner. The classes are from 8:00 AM until 4:30 PM at Bridgeview Park Pavilion (Next to the KC hall). Reservations are first come first served with a limit of 50 students. Call Janet at CWLP 757-8660 Extension 1203. The fine for not having a permit is \$75 and the course is free. You do the math.

GETTING TO KNOW

.....Rob Flesher, Inside Guard

Where were you born? *Born and raised in Springfield (Jerome actually)*

Tell us about your family -- wife, children, pets, etc. *Wife Kim (married for almost 20 years), children Nick (16) and Abby (11). We have fish and dwarf hamsters. We currently have a rule at our house, no*

pets that aren't flushable.

Where do you work and what exactly do you do? *Co-owner of Pease's Candy. I am the 4th generation in the business founded by my great grandfather. I run the retail and wholesale portion of the business and cover all of the financial affairs. When you own your own business you kind of do it all and everyday is completely different.*

What would be your ideal vacation? *I love to travel, anywhere, anytime. I have a special love of the Caribbean but also really like Mexico. I scuba dive so we almost always go somewhere with a beach and water. This summer will include a trip to Idaho to visit my 100 year young aunt and a visit to Yellowstone and the Black Hills.*

Where did you go to school(s)? *Springfield High School and the University of Illinois.*

What was your favorite subject in school? *I was a Finance and Business major so I really enjoyed business related classes. I have always loved History as well.*

Are you a Veteran? What branch; what did you do? *Not a veteran but have the utmost respect and admiration for those who have and do serve*

What is your favorite sport and your favorite player? *I will watch or play any sports. My favorite is probably baseball. Favorite athletes include Walter Payton and Ozzie Smith.*

What are your favorite football & baseball teams?

Illini, Bears and Cardinals.

What is the name of the best book you have ever read?

I don't read a lot but when I do it is always something by John Grisham. It's also tough to beat a good atlas.

It's your birthday; what would be your favorite meal?

If we are going out it will be some form of seafood, if we are staying home, steak on the grill with mushrooms. I would have to finish the meal with blueberry pie.

What do you like to do on a day off? *What's a day off? Actually summer is my slow season so I love to spend time on the boat or watching a Cardinals game.*

What are your hobbies? *Beyond travel I really don't have any serious hobbies. Does eating count?*

In your whole life, who do you admire the most?

Why? *My parents were a huge influence on me. I had the honor of being able to work along side my father for several years. He taught me so much about running a business and how to treat people. My mother was a grade school teacher and never stopped teaching me.*

HALL RENTAL FOLLOW-UP

Must Have a Contract

Due to some recent confusion over the rental policies for members, this is a little follow-up to last month's article about member ½ price rentals. If you recall, last month we outlined the new procedure for securing the member's ½ price rental. In that article, it was explained that the member must appear in person at a meeting to petition for the member's price break. This month we are reiterating the long standing policy that a rental is not secured until a person has signed a contract and paid the initial monies. Article 7 (b) of the 2004 Hall Rental Policy states: *"All rentals will be on a first-come, first-served basis. First-come shall be determined by the date and time that a contract is signed and delivered to the Rental Chairman with all deposits and fees attached."* In order to be assured that you have a hall rental, it is incumbent upon you, the member, to secure and sign a contract and submit the initial deposits and fees. If you don't, then the Rental Chairman may rent to hall to someone else who does.

WEB SITE ADDITIONS

Look on www.kc4179.com

In order to make our website a little more usable, we've added an area in the "Related Links" area that is specific to Roman Catholic sites on the internet. Among the things added is a link to the Springfield diocese site. This site includes, among many other things, a weekly podcast from Bishop (and our Brother Knight) George Lucas. Also included are links to a fully referenced Catholic Bible site, some daily mass readings site, and a "Saint of the Day" site. One of the most fun ones is, for us travelers, one called "Mass Times". At Mass Times, you can look up churches and mass times for almost any town in the world to which you might be traveling. I haven't tried anything but the United States but found that using the town name works a lot better than the Zip Code. I don't know if you are like me but sometimes finding a church and mass times when traveling can be a challenge (I hit one last year up on the east coast that only had mass in Italian – which, regretfully, I don't speak). This makes it a lot easier to plan ...wish I'd known about it sooner.

You can get directly to our "Related Links" site by going to <http://www.kc4179.com/RelatedLinks.asp>.

NEW MEMBERS

Holy Family Council 4179 has been blessed with five new members in the past couple of weeks. Calvin Converse and Glen Woerly are brand new members of the Knights of Columbus who have been recently initiated. In addition, we have had three new transfers in: Charles Beeman (from the Kincaid council), Stevie Davis (from a Odenton, MD council), and Robert Headley (from a Bettendorf, IA council). Please take the time to say "Howdy" and welcome any and all of these new members to Holy Family Council.

LENTEN FISH FRY

Through March 21st

The first few weeks of our Lenten Fish Frys have gone extremely well with the number of meals served running ahead of last year. Brother Bill Groves volunteered at the last meeting to be the general chairman and he has kept things rolling. Kenny List and his team of fish cookers worked the first two

weeks and had rave reviews from a lot of our old regulars on the quality of the fish. The following two weeks were under the leadership of Sean Fink & Pat Pappa and weeks 5 and 6 will be handled by Charlie Mann and the rest of his clan. Week 7 is in on Good Friday (March 21st) and a lot of other organizations don't do their fish frys. We do and it is to be handled by the officers of the Council. If you are interested or can even be talked into it, please call Bill Groves @ 971-4998 and volunteer to help. We need everything from cookers to money-takers to runners.

And don't forget – the Ladies Auxiliary is serving ice cream (and some additional treats) at every fish fry. For only \$2, you get a huge bowl of ice cream and, best of all, all of the proceeds go to the Holy Family Food Pantry.

IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers.....

The **Kulavic and Szabo families** in remembrance of the death of Jim Kulavic, Sr.

Brother **John Casson**, who is seriously ill.

Brother **Jerry Garvin**, who has been undergoing medical tests for ongoing problems.

Brother **Ted Tracy**, who is about to finish his tour of duty with the U.S. Army in Iraq.

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

Are you looking for a new full time career?

Ever thought about a career in KofC insurance?

We are in need of a Field Agent with the

Knights of Columbus

for Holy Family Council 4179.

For more information please call

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FAMILY COUNCIL WISH YOU THE
HAPPIEST AND MOST BLESSED OF EASTER!**