



# Council Comments

## Knights of Columbus

### Holy Family Council 4179



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## TIME TO GET READY FOR LENT

### GRAND KNIGHT'S REMARKS

Brother Knights,

February brings us another busy month at the council with a host of activities for everyone in the family. A big thank you ahead of time to the Ladies Auxiliary for hosting our First Friday Diner and for cooking all the great food at the annual Super Bowl Party. The January First Friday was well attended and everyone seemed to enjoy the unlimited chili. Thanks again go out to Brother Knights Ron and Glen Woerly for their help. First Fridays will be on hiatus during the Lenten Fish Fries but will return in May. If you and your family would like to host it (or one in the future), let me know.



On March 7th we will be hosting the Special Olympics Polar Plunge and we need participants to "take the plunge". Our Charter Grand Knight Harold Pacha will be leading the charge so please (if you cannot participate in the plunge itself) consider volunteering or just show up to enjoy the day.

There are many activities at the council and I hope to see you soon.

May God bless our troops as well as you and your family.

Chris

### MEETINGS

**Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm**

**Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm**

The regular monthly Business meeting of Holy Family Council 4179 and the Southside Columbian Home Association will be held on Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Among the items on the agenda will be a report on the Super Bowl Party; planning and final ticket sales for the Valentine Dinner and Dance; planning for Lenten Fish Fries; and the planning for the Special Olympics Polar Plunge.

The second meeting in February will be the Social Meeting on Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. This is our annual meeting at which Holy Family Council 41679 presents monies raised at our MR/Tootsie Roll Drive every September. The presentation ceremony will begin at 6:30pm and will be immediately followed by a wonderful pork chop dinner (prepared by Brother **Bill Groves**) for everyone who is present. This presentation of monies and dinner is open to all members, their families and their invited guests. According to MR Chairman (and new DGK) **Tony Mares**, the recipients of the monies this year include:

Lincolnland Down Syndrome, Girl Scouts Troop 355, Boy Scout Troop 312, Community Living Options, Brother James Court, Blessed Sacrament PSR religious education for the exceptional, Office of Special Concerns for people with Disabilities, and Special Friends Chapter of the Victorious Mission. You will note that all of these organizations are local entities dedicated to bringing mainstream opportunities to people with Developmental Disabilities. This year we will be presenting about \$9500 in checks to the above named service providers – something that should make all of us very proud.

## VALENTINE DINNER/DANCE

**Saturday, February 14th**

**Reservation deadline: February 5th**

Time is getting short and plans are being finalized for the Annual Sweetheart Dinner and Dance at Holy Family Council 4179. Once again, this year we are being joined by the Council of Lake Springfield Clubs. They had such a great time last year that they asked if they could join us again this year. The date is Valentine's Day -- Saturday, February 14th. The



evening will start with a cocktail hour at 5:30 PM with a cash bar and complimentary hors d'oeuvres prepared by many of the ladies in the Auxiliary. This is followed by dinner at 6:30 PM — catered again by the Brass Door in Carrollton featuring their world famous fried pork chops

as well as roast beef, salad, steamed red potatoes, a vegetable, and a fruit cup. Dinner is immediately followed by fancy dessert cakes prepared by our own Brother Ed Hunter (for some, these exquisite cakes have become the primary reason for attending this event). Then, at 7:30 PM, dancing to the live band "Love Apple" begins. For those of you who attended the 1st Friday Diner in August, Love Apple is the band that provided the great entertainment for the evening.

The price for this full evening of fun, food, and maybe a little romance is only \$20 per person. Tickets are available now from **Bill & Sandy Rolando @ 529-5303; Bill & Teena Groves @ 971-4998; and Ed**

**& Becky Hunter @ 438-3237.** The last day to get tickets or make reservations is Thursday, February 5th so hurry up and get your ticket to join the fun!

## 1<sup>st</sup> FRIDAY DINER

**Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm**

AH! Lent is approaching and that evokes thoughts of New Orleans and Mardi Gras...which, in turn, makes one think of that good old New Orleans specialty – Jambalaya. That is exactly what February's 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Diner's chefs **Pam Wollesen** (Ladies Auxiliary President) and **Jill Reichert** are going to be cooking up. You will get a big bowl of Jambalaya and dessert for only \$5.00. There will be a kids



meal of a hot dog, chips, and dessert for only \$3.00.

Dessert will feature that New Orleans specialty King Cake so be sure to watch for the Baby Jesus as you bite into the delicious cake. To make the evening even more festive, our very own GK **Chris Reichert** is going to be mixing up his own special brand of Hurricanes (another New Orleans tradition) for your drinking pleasure. In addition to the delicious menu, the Ladies Auxiliary will be selling strands of Mardi Gras beads for \$1/each with all of the proceeds to benefit the Holy Family Food Pantry.

**You just never know what the Ladies will be serving in the kitchen, so come out and lets see if we can find the baby in the king cake?**

Due to the Lenten Fish Fries, this will be the last 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Diner until May. You will want to come out and celebrate Mardi Gras in your own special way... and support the Food Pantry!

## SPECIAL OLYMPICS POLAR PLUNGE

**Saturday, March 7**

Don't forget! Holy Family Council 4179 is hosting the 2009 Polar Plunge for the benefit of the Special Olympics in central Illinois. The event will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2009. We will not only need

volunteers to "take the plunge" and help raise money for Special Olympics but we are going to need lots of volunteers to help with the BIG party at the club before and after the actual plunge. Brother **Jim Enlow** is (as always) chairing this really special opportunity for Holy Family Council to help a truly deserving charity. Put March 7th on your calendar and call **Jim Enlow @ 544-6929** to volunteer.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by **Kevin Collings**

Gentlemen -- we have the tough part behind us. Thanks to several members who have participated in the insurance program we have those numbers that we need. We also have a few of the new guys who have said that they would purchase the \$100 annuities to give us the necessary cushion. The membership chairs from the past said make sure that you have a few extra just in case.

**Devon Loftus**, a senior from Chatham Glenwood High School, is our newest member. I met Devon through my work in youth ministry while at Little Flower Parish. He is currently a Eucharistic Minister at Little Flower. He is a great young man who is interested in becoming involved at our council and hopes to do some leadership roles before heading to college in the fall. He has been accepted at Purdue in the School of Engineering but would really love to attend University of Illinois School of Engineering.

(Editor's note): *There is a First Degree Initiation at Holy Family Council planned for the Social Meeting night on March 19<sup>th</sup>. This would be a great time to get another couple of members. Call Kevin Collings at 259-6884 to get the Form 100s filled out.*

## LENTEN FISH FRIES

Fridays starting February 27<sup>th</sup>

Holy Family Council will, once again, be having our wonderful Lenten Fish Fries. We have had three of our members step up and volunteer to be Team Captains to cover the 6 basic Fish Fries in Lent. Brother **Charlie Mann** (522-1678) will handle February 27<sup>th</sup> and March 6<sup>th</sup>; Brother **Kenny List** will be handling March 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>; and Brother **Sean Fink** will be handling March 27<sup>th</sup>



and April 3<sup>rd</sup>. It is not too early to call any one of these three to volunteer to work. Be sure to add these six weeks to your calendars to support your Council as well as meet your Lenten obligation.

## BOAT DOCK NEWS

by **Todd Ely, Boat Dock Chair**

Well, it's that time of year again and boat dock criteria sheets and leases have been mailed to all current leaseholders. If you have not received your renewal packet in the mail please contact Todd Ely at 241-1219. Also all criteria sheets, lease's and lease payments are due by February 28th. Please do not drop off lease payments to the council but rather mail them to the address in your renewal packet, thank you.



For those of you on the waiting list for a boat dock, please be aware of the following: 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.

### Eligibility Requirements

According to article #26 in the South Side Columbian Home Associations, Boat Dock Rules and Regulations, lease holders' 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 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 fund raisers 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.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL KC PHEASANT HUNT**

**Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**

Brother (and PGK) **Jerome Themig** is again chairing the Annual KC Pheasant Hunt and has supplied the following information. The hunters will gather on February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 AM for breakfast at the Myra's Restaurant (Old Truckers Homestead) at exit 82. From there we will travel to:

Wild Rural Park  
Hunting & Fishing Preserve, Inc  
23225 Sulphur Springs Road  
Waggoner, IL 62572

The cost of the hunt is \$50 per person and includes 3 pheasants, lunch and libations following the hunt. For those that do not hunt, you are welcome to come on down with the group or join us for lunch at the clubhouse. If you don't have a hunting license, you may purchase a hunting



pass for \$7, which is good for a year. Plan to join your Brother Knights for the hunt of the season. Bring your hunting dogs and shotguns. Those who participated last year had a great time with plenty of action for all. Contact Brother Knight Jerome Themig on or before Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 217/438-4204 for a reservation.

### **LADIES AUXILIARY**

#### **Pam Wollesen, President**

Happy Valentines Day everyone! Hope to see you all at the Valentines Day Dinner & Dance on February 14th! We want to welcome new member, Amy McKenzie, who joined our Auxiliary at the January meeting.

By the time you receive this newsletter, the Super Bowl Party will be over but we want to thank all the ladies who helped prepare and serve all of the great food served at this event.

The Ladies Auxiliary is hosting the Friday Night Diner February 6, 2009. We will be having a Mardi Gras night with lots of Mardi Gras favorites. Jill Reichert has graciously volunteered to cook the food for this event but members are asked to volunteer to bring desserts and help serve. We will be selling Mardi Gras beads for \$1.00 apiece with all proceeds to benefit the Holy Family Food Pantry.

For those of you looking for ways to fill these long winter days, we are planning a Scrapbooking event on February 28th from 8:30-5:00. This event is open to the public. Whether you're a seasoned scrapbooker or just getting started, bring your friends and your scrapbooking supplies and plan on joining us to work on your scrapbooks and share ideas. Cost is \$25.00 per person and includes workspace, a light lunch and door prizes. Reservations must be made in advance by contacting Pam Wollesen at 753-2183 to ensure we have enough workspace for all those planning to attend.

Our next meeting will be held Wednesday, February 4th at 7:00PM. Hostess is Kim Flesher. Our Holy Family Food Pantry "Food of the Month" for February is soup and chili.

### **LAKE COUNCIL NEWS & NOTES**

**by Rob Flesher**

**New Summerfest Date: August 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Lots of news from the Lake Council. First, the Council of Lake Clubs will again this year be joining us at the K of C for our Sweetheart Dance. They had so much fun last year that they wanted to come again.

Next, to get away from the conflict with the Sweet Corn Festival, we have moved the Summerfest to August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Originally we had scheduled the 15<sup>th</sup> of August but we had a conflict with the Blue Ridge Poker Run. The annual schedule of events will be out in the next few weeks so watch the bar and bulletin board. The draft copy is on the bulletin board downstairs.

Lastly, the Lake Council is sponsoring a Chili Challenge chili cook-off. It has been broken down into 3 regions with our regional cook-off being Saturday February 28th at the TRN. Anyone interested in entering can call me for the rules and entry info ... or there will be posters on the bulletin board. All of the clubs will be represented at 3 regionals with the finals being held at the Sangamo Surf Club on April 4th. This should be a really fun event that is open to the public but cooks must be from a lake club.

## TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT

Saturday, February 7, 2009

902 St. John's Dr. Sherman, IL

Our Brother Knights at KC Council 14024 have asked that we pass the following along:



Poker Tournament. Registration will start at 6:00pm and the cards will fly at 6:30pm. Dealers will be furnished; the buy-in is \$50; and there will be NO re-buys. Save \$5 and pre-register. There will be plenty of fun, food and refreshments. For more information or pre-registration, Please contact Brad Fisher @ 217.801.0775 or [brad.fisher@kofc.org](mailto:brad.fisher@kofc.org)

## KC SOFTBALL TEAM

Looking for Members

Holy Family Council 4179 has sponsored a softball team in the Lake Springfield Clubs League for quite a few years. Deceased member **Buzz Smith** helped run the team for a long time and Brother **Jay O'Connor** has now taken over that responsibility. The season is getting ready to start and Brother O'Connor is looking to fill some holes in the roster. The season will actually start in April but the team starts practicing (usually by bending a few elbows at the club to start) in March. If you, or maybe a prospective member,

would like to participate, please give Brother Jay O'Connor a call at 553-5151.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

... The family of Brother **Ralph Hanauer** on the recent death of his grandmother.

... The family of **Pamela Mizeur**, the daughter of deceased Brother Knight **Myron Mizeur** and niece of Brother Knights **Leon and Thomas Mizeur**, on her death.

... Brother and PGK **Jerry Zoellner** in his battle with health issues.

... **Dana Reichert**, sister-in-law of GK Chris Reichert in her health struggles.

## LAST WORD

by **Bill Rolando**, Newsletter Editor

Wasn't it ironic that President Obama signed the Executive Order overturning the ban on the use of federal funds for experimentation with abortions at the exact same time as the Pro-Life March in Washington, D.C.? The President repeatedly promised during the campaign to do exactly this – put federal funds back in the hands of the doctors who are experimenting with abortion and back in the hands of foreign “health clinics” that specialize in abortion. This is the first shot of a new war on unborn babies. As Knights of Columbus and as Catholics, we will need to be increasingly vigilant. Below is part of a much more eloquent column written by Dr. William Blazek, (*a Jesuit scholastic and physician, a board certified specialist in Internal Medicine and a Research Scholar in the Center for Clinical Bioethics at Georgetown University School of Medicine. He teaches ethics and clinical skills as an Adjunct Assistant Professor while preparing for ordination to priesthood in the Roman Catholic Church*).

### Catholics Abandon the Unborn in the 44th Presidency

A simple web search for the order of presidential succession in the newly-minted Obama administration makes clear what a profound debacle the '08 election was for the pro-life movement in the United States. The country's top leadership now looks like a Who's Who of the National Abortion Rights Action League's "100% pro-choice" club. Largely ignored in the last election, abortion remains a massively important political issue. Catholics who did so should be ashamed of themselves for voting with disregard for a ticket and party that is inimical to a central moral

tenet of their Church's teaching. Abortion kills.

This nation daily tolerates the willfully procured death of over 3,200 innocent and defenseless human beings, and that slaughter is an abomination far beyond other considerations that entered into electoral decisions last year. To maintain any sort of credible witness to the value of human life, Catholic leaders and faithful must choose to directly and publicly reengage the pro-life movement and to put John Paul II's Gospel of Life at the very top of their social and political agendas in the battles that lie ahead.

The new Cabinet, White House staff and top Congressional leadership, several so-called "pro-choice Catholics" among them, look to be clearly unfriendly to the protection of embryonic life. From House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to Secretary of State Hilary Clinton, voting records indicate a steeply pro-choice political trajectory for the coming years. (Vice President Biden actually received only a "mixed" pro-choice rating, based in part on his support of the partial birth abortion ban.) Worse than having these elected and appointed officials around for the coming term, can it be imagined that President Obama will not nominate as lifelong Supreme Court members jurists as radical on life issues as his cabinet and staff? The new administration is headed by a man who said that one of his first actions as President would be to sign the Freedom of Choice Act, as extreme a piece of pro-choice legislation as can be imagined. A clear and chilling harbinger of things to come, his first executive order was targeted at overturning Bush era restrictions on using federal funds for abortions overseas and for research that destroys embryos.

The Respect Life community failed to make abortion a meaningful issue in the past election and the current situation is the sour fruit of that negligence. Catholics especially abandoned the unborn at the polls. At least 54% of those identifying themselves as Catholic supported President Obama, while "Church-going Catholics" voted 50% for McCain to Obama's 49%. Either number demonstrates an inability in the ecclesial hierarchy and the lay leadership in the Catholic Pro-life movement to make a convincing argument about the nature of the abortion act and the issue's relative importance versus other weighty but lesser political questions such as the election of African-American leaders, the economy, or the war on terror.

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**Kathee & Pat Pappa visiting with the Rolandos in Georgia**

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