



# Council Comments

## Knights of Columbus

### Holy Family Council 4179



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#### GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brother Knights,

I think the cold weather is finally behind us and we can officially call this Spring, which means the council is soon to be ready for outdoor activities. The Spring Cleanup Day is on May 2nd. Let's get the grounds looking good so everyone can enjoy a nice environment this summer.



The Officer nominations are underway and I want to thank those who have stepped forward to potentially lead our council in the future. There are a few open positions remaining and nominations will not close until May 21st. Be sure to attend that meeting so your vote is counted.

We will be receiving a very nice award on May 9th during the Special Olympics Spring Games. I would love for all of you to be at Chatham-Glenwood High School to volunteer or just be there for the experience. It will be a great moment for our council and will show our commitment to our community.

May God keep our troops safe and bless you and your family.

Chris

#### MEETINGS

**Thursday, May 7 @ 7:00pm**

**Thursday, May 21 @ 7:00pm**

The monthly business meetings of Holy Family Council 4179 and the Southside Columbian Home Association will be held Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00pm sharp. Among the items on the agenda will be discussion of the need for volunteers at the Special Olympics Spring Games on May 9; a vote on some additional bathroom remodeling (see explanation on page 4); planning for the Kids' Fishing Derby in June; and Car Parking at the Chatham Sweet Corn Festival.

The second meeting of the month will be held on Thursday, May 21 @ 7:00pm. Although it will

primarily be a social meeting (i.e. food & cards), there will also be a final opportunity to nominate officers for the 2009-2010 Fraternal Year with the elections to follow immediately after the nominations are closed.

#### OFFICER NOMINATIONS

**Election on May 21**

The first round of nominations for the 2009-2010 Fraternal Year (begins July 1) were held on Thursday night, April 16. The following nominations were made:

Grand Knight ..... Sean Fink  
Deputy Grand Knight ..... Phil McKenzie  
Chancellor ..... Tony Mares  
Advocate ..... Jim Enlow

Recorder .....	none
Treasurer .....	none
Warden .....	none
Inside Guard .....	Ted Stassi
Outside Guard .....	none
Trustee .....	Chris Reichert

As you can see, there are four officer positions for which no nominations were made at the April 16 meeting. The second round of nominations will be open on Thursday, May 21 for all 10 offices beginning at 7:00pm. Election of all 10 officers will also be held on Thursday, May 21 immediately after the nominations are closed. If you are interested in running for any office but especially those four that have no nominations so far, please contact GK Chris Reichert at 217/415-9654. You should also be at the May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting to make sure that you vote for the candidates of your choice.

**ATTENDANCE POT = \$330**

In case you have forgotten, Holy Family Council has a progressive pot in which every member has a chance to win at each meeting. The pot has been growing steadily and will be \$330 at the May 7<sup>th</sup> Business meeting. All you have to do is be physically present at the meeting when your number is drawn.



Included in the non-winners (names drawn but not at the meeting) in the past couple of months were Brothers Bob Wolf and Matt McCue. If the pot gets to be \$500, names will be drawn at a Social Meeting until someone wins. Be sure to watch your Council

Comments for more information as we get closer to that. But, more importantly, you may want to be sure to be at every meeting now in case your name is drawn before the pot grows to \$500!

**1<sup>ST</sup> FRIDAY DINER**

**May 1<sup>st</sup> – Fundraiser for the Adelante Foundation**  
**June 5<sup>th</sup> – Rib-Eye Sandwiches**

With Lent being over and the Friday night fish fries complete, it is time to restart the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Dinners at

Holy Family Council. The first one, on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, will be an extra-special event with all the net proceeds being donated to the Adelante Foundation. If you recall, this organization is a charitable organization based in Colorado that focuses on helping impoverished (mostly single) women in rural Honduras. One of the things that they do is offer Micro Credit loans (averages about \$88) to assist women in starting a business or getting an education. The program has been extraordinarily successful with an over 98% repayment rate! One of the founding fathers of the Micro Credit concept, Professor Muhammad Yunus, is a 2006 Nobel Peace Prize winner. Brother Don Gehlhausen's daughter, Sophia Gehlhausen, is currently working in Honduras with the Foundation. You can learn more about the Foundation by going to [www.adelantefoundation.org](http://www.adelantefoundation.org) on the world wide web.

The dinner on May 1<sup>st</sup> is being prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary under the able leadership of President Pam Wollesen. They are going to be serving a full spaghetti dinner with Italian salad and garlic bread for the low, low price of \$6.00 per adult and \$3.00 for children 10 and under. President Pam has promised that you will not go away hungry. The serving will be from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Make your plans right now – come out to the club on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> to have a great spaghetti dinner and to support a wonderful cause.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Diner in June will be on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Chef Chris Reichert will be preparing his famous, cooked-to-order rib-eye sandwiches. The rib-eyes will be served with baked beans and chips for the unbelievable price of \$6.00. Put it on your calendar now because these rib-eyes tend to be one of our biggest sellers every year.

**SPRING WORK DAY**

**Saturday, May 2**

Twice a year, Holy Family Council asks its members to come out to the club and pitch in to help make the club a great place for all of us to visit. GK Chris Reichert has announced that Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, will be this spring's workday. The day will start at 8:30am with plenty of donuts (maybe a fruit tray) as well as coffee and juice. Lunch will be served also. Among the things that need to be done are raking up all the

leaves that have blown in and picking up all the limbs that are down. There are picnic tables to be repaired, painted, and/or placed out on the grounds. Even if it is a rainy day, there is also plenty of spring cleaning to be done on the inside. Come on out; help your Council; and maybe make a new friend or two among your Brother Knights.

## LADIES AUXILIARY

### Pam Wollesen, President

Start the month of May out right by attending our Friday Night Diner from 6-8 pm on May 1st. Our ladies will be serving a delicious spaghetti dinner with all proceeds to benefit the Adelante Foundation, an organization which helps underprivileged women in Honduras. Don Gehlhausen's daughter Sophia, who is a member of our Auxiliary, lives and works for this organization. Cost is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 10 and under.

Then, if you're looking for a relaxing afternoon of fun and fellowship, join us for our Ladies Luncheon and Bunco on Sunday May 3rd from 1-4 pm. Lunch will be served at 1:00 followed by bunco. Following the game, prizes will be awarded and we will have a Basket raffle. Cost is only \$8.00 per person. Please give Cheryl Ten Eyck (787-2423) or Pam Wollesen (753-2183) a call if you plan to attend so we know how many ladies are coming.

Nomination of Officers for the 2009-2010 fraternal year will be made at the May meeting. If you are unable to attend but would be interested in holding an office, please contact Laurie Mann at 546-0243(home) or 341-1695(cell). We are especially looking for someone who would be willing to accept the nomination for Recording Secretary.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, May 6, 2009, at 7:00 pm. Hostess is Barb Schmidt. Holy Family Food Pantry Food of the Month for May is pasta and tuna fish. Please plan to join us.

## NEW MEMBERS

### Next Initiation on June 7th

On Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, Holy Family Council 4179 had

the privilege of welcoming 10 new members – all of whom took their 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Dregrees at Council 364. Our new Brother Knights are Rev Steven A. Janoski, Devon Loftus, Thomas Sklenka, Caleb Miller, Michael Kalaski, Kyle Harting, Blake Harting, Zac Crawford, Paul Wolfe, and Corey Edgington. We all need to do our very best to welcome them into our Council. If you know any of them or happen to meet them, please let them know that we are tickled to have them as members...and if you need help with any KC project for which you are responsible, give them a call and ask them to help you.

Holy Family Council 4179 will be hosting its annual Major Degree day on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. That would be the perfect time to get those new 18 year old high school graduates into the greatest Catholic men's organization in the world. If you need some help with recruiting or need a Form 100 for a candidate to fill out, please call Membership Chair Kevin Collings @ 217/241-1932. Let's make this year one of the greatest ever for membership recruitment.

## COLUMBIAN SQUIRES

### Off and Running – Congratulations!

Columbian Squire Circle #2637 has been re-established under the Sponsorship of the Marian Council 3914 (Riverton), co-sponsored by Councils 4179 (us), 364 (Springfield) and 14024 (Sherman). Thirteen new members received the Investiture on March 29th. Nick Flesher, son of our Brother Knight Rob Flesher, is the Charter Chief Squire.



Meetings will be on the Second Thursday of each month. Locations will rotate between the four sponsoring Councils. The next Meeting and Investiture will be held on May 14th (second Thursday) at the Riverton Council 3914 (335 S 4th. Riverton, IL) at 7:00 pm. Anyone wishing to join the Circle should come a few minutes early for paperwork. Four new members are already expected.

The Columbian Squires, the official youth organization of the Knights of Columbus, is a leadership development program for young Catholic

men, 10-18 years old. There are over 25,000 Catholic young men in over 1,400 local units, called Circles, throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Philippines, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Bahamas and Guam.

Contact Chief Counselor Dale Smith (also Holy Family Council FS) @ 217/529-9003 for more information on joining or being a leader in Circle #2637.

## HEROES ON THE HIGH SEAS

contributed by GK Chris Reichert

When duty called and the world was watching the pirate hostage situation unfold, Cmdr. Francis X. Castellano performed his job with honor and distinction. As the commander of the destroyer USS Bainbridge, Castellano was on the front line of the rescue operation that freed Capt. Richard Phillips from the grips of the Somali pirates, who had boarded his merchant ship Maersk-Alabama, and taken him hostage four days earlier.

The rescue on Easter Sunday, April 12, involved Navy snipers who killed three of the pirates holding Capt. Phillips on a covered lifeboat after they left the recovered Maersk-Alabama.

“We all worked seamlessly together, ensuring that the mission was accomplished,” Castellano told MSNBC in an exclusive televised interview. Calling the situation tense, the commander said, “In the forefront of my mind was ensuring that Capt. Richard Phillips was returned to his family safely and to the United States.” Cmdr. Castellano, age 41, is a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus. He joined Patchogue Council (N.Y.) # 725 in 1986, before his 20th birthday, and became a member of Holy Cross Assembly 3048 in Tennessee in 2006.

His father, also Francis X. Castellano, is a retired general agent for the Knights of Columbus insurance program. Cmdr. Castellano is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and the Navy War College. He had formerly been assigned as an operations chief on the USS Cole, which was bombed by terrorists in October 2000. Capt. Phillips also is Catholic, and Catholic News Service published a story about his Vermont parish and pastor praying for his safe return.

## MORE BATHROOM REMODELING

Vote on Expenditure on May 7<sup>th</sup>  
by Phil McKenzie

Recently we constructed a new upstairs bathroom on the main floor to accommodate families and handicapped individuals. This updated bathroom is a welcome addition to our members and families and will also be very helpful with our hall rentals. We have lost several potential bookings because there was no handicap accessible bathroom in the hall.

Now that the new upstairs bathroom project is complete (less laying of the new floor tile), we propose upgrading the men’s upstairs and downstairs bathrooms. Currently there is no actual stall in the men’s upstairs bathroom, and the men’s downstairs bathroom stall is problematic because the stall door does not allow the person to actually sit on the stool and close the stall door. (That means - no comfort or privacy!) I have received a quote to 1) put in a stall in the men’s upstairs bathroom and 2) to reconfigure the downstairs bathroom stall. Both stalls will be made handicap accessible. The current quote is approximately \$1,500. This proposal will be voted on during the next business meeting on May 7th. Please contact me, Phil McKenzie, if you have any questions @ (217) 494-0060.

## BENEFIT

Brother Richard Pile and his wife Marilyn asked that the following be considered by individual members of Holy Family Council as a worthwhile benefit. The recipient is an acquaintance of the Piles.

*“In October this year, Mary (Ginger) Tolley. was diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer. She originally had breast cancer surgery in 2002 at the early age of 34. She is now 41 and in the fight for her life. Mary, her husband Bob and their 9 year old daughter Alison now reside in Divernon. There have been donations for an auction, dinner and a band. Plus we are selling a huge number of 50-50 raffle tickets. The event will be held at the Firefighter's/Postal Lake Club in Springfield on June 12, 2009 starting at 4:00 P.M. Music starts at nine. If you care to check, the web site is [www.marygingertolley.com](http://www.marygingertolley.com) or e-mail at [marygingertolleybenefit@gmail.com](mailto:marygingertolleybenefit@gmail.com)”*

## KIDS FISHING DERBY

**Saturday, June 6th @ 8:00am**

Brother George Gaio is again looking forward to the annual Fishing Derby for kids on Saturday, June 6th. Registration begins at 8:00am and the festivities will begin at 9:00am sharp with plenty of donuts, juice and coffee (for the bigger kid in all of us). Fishing will start immediately at 9:00am so you need to be there



early to get the best spots (or "honey-holes" as my grandsons like to say). There will be prizes for big fish, most fish, etc. Bait will be furnished (you can bring that secret formula if you like!) but each child will need to have his/her own fishing pole. At

noon, there will be plenty of hotdogs and hamburgers for everyone but we ask that each parent/grandparent bring some sort of a covered dish to share with all. Any kid is welcome – bring your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, the neighbor kid next door, etc.

June 5th, 6th, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8th are also part of the Illinois DNR's Free Fishing Weekend so adults can fish too ... without having a fishing license. Start planning now to come on out and have a really good time with the kids and your brother Knights. Even if you don't have a kid, this is too much fun to pass up!

If you'd like to help in any way, give Brother George Gaio a call @ 546-5593. Brothers Charlie Mann and "Mac" McMurdo always get a really big kick out of putting bait on hooks and taking the fish off for the little ones. You should try it!

## PLEASE PRAY FOR.....

† Brother Jack Kornfeld and his family on the death of his mother, Dolores Kornfeld, on March 28, 2009.

† Brother Jim Enlow and all of his family during this time of great trials and tribulations.

† Brother Tony Schrage as he battles personal illness.

† Brother Kyle Holtgrave, his wife Trish and their new baby - Rachel Ann.

† All of our military personnel serving all of us everywhere in the world.

## KC GOLF OUTING

**Knights of Columbus Council #5754  
2nd Annual 18 Hole Golf Outing**

**Saturday, June 13, 2009**

**Country Hills Golf Course, Greenview**

**12:30 pm Shotgun Start**

**Best Ball Tournament**

**The following prizes will be awarded:**

✓Closest to the pin (all par 3's)

✓Longest Drive

✓1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place cash awards

✓Chipping contest

**Cost: \$ 55.00 per Golfer - Includes 18 holes of golf, golf cart, and a buffet dinner. Check with GK Chris Reichert (415-9654) for details**

**and/or sign-up information.**

*(Editor's note: This is not the Father Franzen golf Outing that Holy Family Council is co-sponsoring on June 14<sup>th</sup> - see below)*

## SUMMER GOLF OUTING

**Father Franzen Memorial**

**Sunday, June 14th**

Holy Family Council 4179 has signed on as a co-sponsor with St. Joseph the Worker parish for the Father Franzen Memorial Golf Outing on Sunday, June 14th. It will be held at Edgewood Golf Course in Auburn. It was voted that our share of the net proceeds for the outing will be donated to the St. Joseph's Youth Group to be used toward their annual trip to the Catholic heart Work Camp. At our last meeting, it was decided that Holy Family Council would sponsor ½ of the registration fee for a foursome. If you are interested in playing in that foursome, you need to contact GK Chris Reichert @ 415-9654 right away. If more than four people are interested, there will be a lottery to select the four who get to play. Details about volunteering to help and simply signing up to play will be coming up in next issue of Council Comments. But you should save the day!

## OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF HOLY FAMILY COUNCIL 4179

### Officers:

Chaplain	Msgr. John Ossola, 529-1606
Grand Knight	Chris Reichert, 415-9654
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Chancellor	
Advocate	Jim Enlow, 544-6929
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Treasurer	Bruce Thompson, 483-3121
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Inside Guard	Ted Stassi, 483-3999
Outside Guard	Charlie Mann, 522-1678
Trustee, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	Mike Blankenship, 483-5071
Trustee, 2 <sup>nd</sup> year	Bill Groves, 971-4998
Trustee, 1 <sup>st</sup> Year	Rob Flesher, 483-5702

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Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception	Jose Lopez, 726-9912

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**Downstairs Reservations: Please call Jim Kunke at 217/529-8101**

### Ladies Auxiliary:

President	Pam Wollesen, 753-2183
Vice President	Angie Wollesen, 414-0686
Rec. Secretary	Laurie Mann, 546-0243
Corr. Secretary	Kathy Smith, 529-5003
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Trustee	Sandy Rolando, 529-5303
Trustee	Susan Sartore, 487-7115

### **K of C Insurance**

**Kevin Collings, 217-259-6884 cell or 217-241-1932 home phone**

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