



Holy Family Council 13123 Upcoming Events

- October 3rd - **Officers Meeting** St. Mary's Room 7:00 PM
- October 11th – **Membership Meeting** St. Mary's Room 7:00 PM
- October 15th - **Pancake Breakfast** Family Room 8:30 AM to Noon
- October 14th/15th - **Coats for Kids Collection** After all Masses in Church Lobby
- October 21st – **Chili Cook-Off** after the 4:30 PM Mass
- October 29th - **Special Olympics Award Ceremony** at Harlem High School, 8:30 AM to 330PM

- November 5th - **Knights Mass** 9:30 AM, Followed by Coffee/Donuts in Church Lobby
- November 7th - **Officers Meeting** St. Mary's Room 7:00 PM
- November 15th – **Membership Meeting** St. Mary's Room 7:00 PM
- November 19th – **Pancake Breakfast** Family Room 8:30 AM to Noon
- November 19th – **Knighthood Degree** at St. Rita' Wahl Hall, 1:00 PM Registration

KNIGHTS FAMILY MASS REMINDER

Please join your Brother Knights and families on every first Sunday of the month. The Knights process into mass together with family members to worship and celebrate the Eucharist together as an integral part of the Holy Family faith community. All Knights and family members are encouraged to gather at 9:25 AM near the church entrance to process into church behind our banner. Sir Knights are encouraged to attend in tuxedos, social baldric and gloves.

After mass, we sponsor and host donuts and coffee for all parishioners. This is a great opportunity for fellowship, conversation, and inviting others to join the Knights. We need five (5) to six (6) Knights to volunteer to setup, serve donuts/coffee and cleanup. Just join in and help as necessary. As a reminder, only those Knights who have completed the viewing of "Protecting God's Children" and signed the required paperwork from the Parish Center may volunteer now. If you have not and wish to do so, please contact the Harte Center for more information.

PRO-LIFE

Electric car drivers culpable for children as young as 10 yrs/old working in Congo cobalt mines - Thousands of miners, including children, in Congo dig by hand for cobalt, an ingredient in lithium-ion batteries. Deaths happen with regularity. Read about the path from deadly hand-dug mines in Congo to consumers' phones, laptops, and electric vehicles. Mine cave-ins are a constant risk. Local communities are subjected to levels of toxic metals that appear to be linked to ailments including breathing problems and serious birth defects. A car battery requires 10-20 pounds of cobalt, the equivalent cost of 2 gallons of milk. The pay to a miner is \$2-3 on a good day! (<https://tinyurl.com/j38as7g>)

Disney Productions unsafe for your children - Claire Chretien, www.lifesitenews.com, writes, "Pro-family & conservative leaders said Disney Junior's latest cartoon promoting same-sex 'marriage' to preschoolers is another example how far left the company has gone. One of the creators admitted that they specifically aim to promote political messages. Parents need to be vigilant about what their children watch & not let the 'Left Coast' indoctrinate the next generation." (<https://tinyurl.com/yd8at48n>; <https://tinyurl.com/y95n9d5v>)

MEMBERSHIP DUES NEEDED:

Renewal memberships have been mailed out. Please return your dues ASAP or bring them to our next General Meeting. Being a Knight is truly an honor and comes with responsibilities. Our dues keep us ticking as a viable council on a local, statewide and national level. If you have not paid your **PAST 2017** annual dues, now is the time! Contact our Financial Secretary John Willey at 815-226-3931 or john.willey@sbcglobal.net with any questions. Members who are current with 2017 dues will receive your renewal notice for 2018 and December 2017.

VOCATION RAFFLE BOOKS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

2017 Vocation Raffle books are now available from Brother Othello Garganera. Contact Brother Ogie at (815) 978-8796 or email him at othello.garganera@gmail.com to arrange to get your books now before he runs out. Books may be purchased for \$15 each, which is the same as last year, with \$9 remaining with the council to support our two (2) seminarians. Enter now for the \$10,000 top prize.

BAPTISM MINISTRY AND COMPASSION MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Our Parish is seeking more volunteers to help with the Baptism Ministry to assist our priests in the preparation, during and after baptisms on Sundays scheduled on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. Holy Family is also seeking more volunteers for our Compassion Ministry. Duties include visiting Holy Family patients in the local hospitals to show that they are being remembered. We have to introduce ourselves as the Knights of Columbus from Holy Family and ask them to pray together. This is separate from the ministry for the Homebound. Brother Othello is our point of contact for these ministries and will be coordinating with Teresa.

ATTRACTING NEW MEMBERS:

If you know someone in our parish who is a practicing Catholic and would make a good Knight, ask them to join! It is a privilege to be a Knight. Many non-Knights have a misperception of what our fraternal organization is all about. Talk to your friends about what we do to support our parish and community and ask them if they are ready to join us and make a difference! Recruiting is never an easy thing to do. However, if you believe in the cause you become more of an advocate.

Additional information for prospective Knights can be found online under the Ministries tab at HolyfamilyRockford.org

RECOGNITION DINNER

The annual Rockford Diocese Knights of Columbus Round Table Recognition Dinner was held for Brother Knights who have exemplified the highest ideas of our order. On the 27th of September, Fr Barch, Jeff Metters and James Starr received their awards during the awards dinner. The award recognizes individuals at the Council, Diocesan and State levels.

CHILI COOK-OFF

Saturday October 21 is the date for the first annual chili cook-off. Set up begins at 515PM and tasting starts at 600PM. As of press time of this newsletter, over 20 cooks had signed up for the competition. As one of the sponsors Council 13123 is providing the judges. SAVE THE DATE and enjoy the fellowship of mingling with other members of the parish.

COMMENTS OF THE GRAND KNIGHT

As I am writing this on 10/02/2017, let me wish you all a happy and Blessed feast of the Guardian Angels. If you are not aware, we have the possibility of a plenary indulgence since Pope Pius VI for which you can find information here <http://www.freifranzisko.com.br/2014/09/feast-of-holy-guardian-angels.html>

There will be a house blessing and bonfire this Saturday 10/7 at the Youth Ministry House from 6-8 p.m. As we have greatly contributed to preparing the house over the past month Youth Minister Grace Heim has kindly has invited us to attend. Any Knights who wish to join in are welcome.

The 100th Anniversary Celebration of Our Lady of Fatima will take place this October 13 (Friday). We will have a presence via our 4th Degree team at the 8:30 Mass, and a procession/living rosary that follows. I encourage all Knights to attend this very significant commemoration.

Finally, I wish to once again invite all Knights to meet at our perpetual adoration chapel 30 minutes prior to our Officers, and Membership meetings. This helps to remind us who we work for, and helps us conduct our meetings in the right spirit of Charity.

Blessings

Frank Ramirez Grand Knight

Holy Family Council 13123

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FIELD AGENT NEWS:

Mike Roznowski has returned as field agent for our council. Mike wants to make sure that you have a financial plan that meets the needs of you and your family. There are a lot of options that can lead to financial security and wealth management. If you haven't had a comprehensive financial checkup lately, contact Mike at (815) 312- 4280 or e-mail him at michael.roznowski@kofc.org to discuss investment options and plans to meet your needs all while investing in companies and organizations that share our Catholic and Christian principles. It's never too early to start and it's never too late to adjust. Ask for a financial tune up so you and your family can rest easy.

KNIGHTS GEAR:

Be sure to visit www.knightsgear.com for all kinds of K of C apparel, accessories, booklets, home, office, sports, videos, and liturgical, religious items at more!

SPECIAL OLYMPICS:

Volunteers to award trophies and medals at the closing ceremonies of the Volleyball playoffs are still needed for all shifts (800AM-1200 & 1200-330PM) on October 29th. As a major supporter of the Special Olympics you will find the experience both gratifying and fulfilling.

VENERABLE FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY, PRAY FOR US.
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, QUEEN OF THE KNIGHTS, PRAY FOR US.

Chosen To Go and Bear Fruit That Will Remain

