



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Holy Family Council 13123 Upcoming Events

- August 1st - **Officers Meeting** St. Mary's Room 7:00 PM
- August 6th - **Knights Mass** 9:30 AM, Followed by Coffee/Donuts in Family Room
- August 9th – **Membership Meeting** St. Mary's Room 7:00 PM
- August 26th - **Council Picnic** Blackhawk Springs Forest Preserve 11:30 AM
- September 3rd - **Knights Mass** 9:30 AM, Followed by Coffee/Donuts in Family Room
- September 13th – **Membership Meeting** St. Mary's Room 7:00 PM
- September 17th – **Pancake Breakfast** Family Room 8:30 AM to Noon

KNIGHTS 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.

COUNCIL OFFICERS DIRECTORY

Please note the following gentlemen who are serving the council during the next fraternal year.

Chaplain – Father Charles Fitzpatrick
Grand Knight – Frank Ramirez
Deputy Grand Knights – Carl Kole
Chancellor – Bob Grzelak
Recorder – John Fayhee
Financial Secretary – John Willey
Treasurer – Steve Garbe
Advocate – Sergio Zamora
Warden – Bill Hennessy
Inside Guard – Mike Arduino
Outside Guard – Fred Halstead
Trustee (1st Yr.) – Dave Monteleone
Trustee (2nd Yr.) – Tim Mullen
Trustee (3rd Yr.) – Bob Tetzloff

ANNUAL COUNCIL FAMILY PICNIC

The Annual Council Family Picnic will be held on Saturday, August 26th, at Blackhawk Springs Forest Preserve, South Mulford Road, Rockford. Set-up will start at 9:30 AM with lunch around 11:30 AM. Put on something cool and causal. Bring a plate to pass, but most importantly, bring your family and friends. This is a FAMILY day devoted to fun, great company, music, games for kids, relaxing (maybe a snooze), walking, getting to know each other better, and just enjoying God's beautiful creation in the flora and fauna and each of us.

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 annual \$30.00 dues, now is the time! Contact our Financial Secretary John Willey at 815-226-3931 or john.willey@sbcglobal.net with any questions. Thank you.

PRO-LIFE:

It's time! Say 'yes' to God's plan for married love!

Why do NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING couples have lower divorce rates? - NFP that depends on some of the same virtues as marriage itself: commitment, communication, considerations, & self-control. Since the spouses are not constantly sexual available to each other, it keeps them from taking the other for granted. Women rightly complain that the use of [artificial] contraception lowers their sense of worth. Our Church explains that the practice of NFP 'favors attention for one's partner, helps both parties to drive out selfishness, and deepens their sense of responsibility.' (Pope Paul VI, Humane Vitae, 21) Couples who reject [artificial] contraception are less likely to see children as a burden, taking their faith, and therefore the sacrament of marriage, more seriously than the average contracepting couple. (Chastity Project: <https://tinyurl.com/ycsvtc78> <<https://tinyurl.com/ycsvtc78>>)

Newsletter Update !!!

As we move forward in modernizing our communication processes, Council 13123 will be distributing the newsletter via E-mail only. However, if you wish to receive a paper copy please let us know and we will provide one. Please contact DKN Carl Kole via telephone or post. Phone contact is: 815-670-6939. Mailing address: 3519 Highcrest Rd, Rockford, IL 61107. This change will become effective for the September 2017 newsletter. So if you need a paper copy please let us know ASAP.

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 three 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.

COMMENTS OF THE GRAND KNIGHT;

“We few, we happy few, we band of brothers. For he today that sheds his blood with me, Shall be my brother;

William Shakespeare (“Quote from King Henry V”

I see a lot of enthusiasm for this new fraternal year, and it's very encouraging. In order that this enthusiasm and the work that flows from it may be more effective and flow from a spiritual common source, I would like to ask all Knights to consider committing themselves to a weekly holy hour at our chapel. We will likely never get to shed blood with our Lord but surely we can spend an hour a week thanking Him for His. If you don't yet have the new code for the chapel call the office and it will be provided. 815-398-4280

Blessings,

Frank

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!

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

