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Knight's Calendar

Upcoming events

- 23 April Police Mass Mercy Home 11:00am
- 29 April Stritch Assembly 2nd Annual Bowling Night
Contact Claude Zaba 312-502-9348
- 02 May 24 Hour Honor Guard Vigil
Gold Star Families Memorial Park
- 04 May Illinois Police Officers Memorial Springfield, IL
- 05 May Polish American Police Association Awards Banquet
- 06 May CPMF Run To Remember Gold Star Memorial Pk
- 07 May St. Jude March Grant Park**
- 13 May 29th Annual Candlelight Vigil Washington DC
- 14 May Mothers Day Police Mass **10:00am**
- 15 May 36th Annual Peace Officers Memorial Service
Washington DC
- 28 May Police Mass Mercy Home 11:00am
- 10 July K of C Golf Outing 7:00am
- 07 Aug CPMF Golf Outing White Pines GC Bensenville, IL



Council Golf Outing

July 10, 2017

Gleneagles C.C.

Get your foursomes together
contact. Paul Rutherford or Terry Cornell
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Greetings Brother Knights

The April 5th meeting was blessed with an impressive turnout of possibly 34 or 35, this is a guesstimate, official count unknown at this time and seven councils in attendance. I was given a seat of honor at the front table as the meeting opened.

This meeting was conducted and officiated by Samuel Cardinal Strich Assembly, of the Knights of Columbus, as they were our honored guest for their annual visit.

The meeting was entitled "Patriot Night" and to that point we supplied a guest speaker who prefers to remain nameless. He is a proud veteran, a U.S. Marine, with an extensive military combat record. His knowledge of service and overall presentation was commendable and immensely appreciated by all in attendance, as proven by the numerous compliments given me after the meeting adjourned.

We thank you for your service and you honor us with your presence.

Apologizes are in order to SK Tony Langone who is another proud veteran and was also scheduled to be a guest speaker and reflect on some of his Vietnam Service as a "Tunnel Rat" and how he lived to talk about it. But the busy night flew by so quick and for that I'm sorry.....the Lord willing maybe we can look to next year.

This will suffice for our April meeting. This will suffice for our April meeting. Next meeting May 24th.

Next years assembly meeting is set for the first Wednesday in April which is April 4th, 2018 at 7:30 Sharp at the FOP Hall so set your calendars now and we'll do the rest....lets target doubling attendance for next year and how about a group picture as a souvenir, for all our web-sites...new ideas yield new results.

SPLIT THE POT:

The night benefitted from two "Split the Pots". 1st: was by assembly and called at end of assembly meeting, difficulty was encountered trying to locate #298...several recalls yielded no winner....members were encouraged to help their BK's to their right and left to check their #'s but to no avail....then the 2nd row was asked to check the 1st row and the 4th to assist the 3rd row but no #298 was found....someone suggested to turn up the lighting in the hall (haha)....it was at this time we came to the realization that, accidentally, both #'s were probably put in the box....we all enjoyed the experience and had a good time as a new # was called.

2nd: split the pot was after the meeting, during social time, our council drew their lucky #'s that yield two winners.

Special Thanks: for food preparations to SK Paul Parino and his wife Beth for some very good "Sloppy Joe's" and to SK Paul Rutherford for Potato salad, Macaroni salad, Chips, Drinks and paper productsteam work makes things happen.

SIDE NOTE: SK Pedro Momahara has offered do the food for next meeting WHICH WILL BE MAY 24th and it's best if this is a two man assignment (team work) so feel free to volunteer and check with Pedro to see how you can help. Call me for his contact number.

Our May 24th meeting is scheduled for four new members at present maybe more....watch us grow.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

The assembly referenced the upcoming ST. Jude's March / Parade which is on May 7th, the first Sunday in May, at 8:00am, come early for free parking, at "Gold Star Memorial Park" 18th street and the Lakefront. This is a time when several thousands of police officers and law enforcement personnel, k-9, mounted unit, motorcycle units, etc. come from around to state to pay respect to the profession and those who paid the ultimate price and those with catastrophic injuries.....WE WILL NEVER FORGET as we honor our fallen....after which all marchers and there guest are invited to a very nice brunch at the "Columbian Yacht Club" at Lake Shore Drive (exit) and Randolph, which is about eight blocks north on Lake Shore Drive take Randolph exit and look for parking KC sign by wroth-iron-fence.

GOLF OUTING:

This is very important to our council....if anyone hasn't had input in some way PLEASE DO SO NOW. Hole Sponsor's are needed, Door Prizes are needed, Giveaway Items are needed, Gift Certificates from restaurants are needed, Golfers are needed. Unless you ask a merchant he will never know what you need. "Ask and you shall receive" as the saying goes. Ask for the children of Blair school because they can't ask for themselves. Ask for N.A.M.I. because they can't. Ask for the Memorial Foundation, Chaplains Ministry, Survivors Organization, Brotherhood of the Fallen, etc. Ask for the Knights of Columbus.... we didn't do this because it's easy, I know it's hard, we do this because it's necessary and OTHERS NEED AND DEPEND ON OUR HELP....so ask and have some input, it will make you feel good. Thank You. Call SK Terry Cornell #312-909-1821 or SK Paul Rutherford #773-744-1163 or me SK/GN Dennis P. Fitzgerald #773-934-8961. When you need a poster or a letter we need to get it to you just call.

COUNCIL ELECTION OF OFFICERS IN JUNE:

This time of year elections for council officers approaches and my slate of officers will be established and presented. I will explain the overall process future correspondence.

Lead Me, Guide Me, Lord

Dennis Fitzgerald, Grand Knight

A MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER (Wayne Bubak)

Members are reminded to pay for tickets purchased for the 4th Degree dinner, PAPA dinner or the retirement party for BK Phil Tenerelli. Also make sure your membership dues are up to date. Due before July 1st

24 HOUR HONOR GUARD VIGIL

The Chicago Police Honor Guard will be conducting a vigil at Gold Star Families Memorial and Park beginning Tuesday, May 2, at 12:01 AM and concluding later at 11:59 PM that same day.

The day before the Vigil, on May 1st, the Chicago Police Honor Guard will also be placing 575 flags, one for each fallen Chicago police officer, in front of the Water Wall at the Gold Star Families Memorial

All brother Knights and families are welcome and encouraged to come out and view this tribute to our fallen. The honor Guard will assist anyone who wishes to bring flowers or wreaths by placing them in a ceremonial fashion.

Chicago Police Department

St. Jude Memorial March

Saint Michael the Archangel, Patron of Police

Council 12173



The 85th Annual Chicago Police Saint Jude Memorial March will take place on Sunday, May 7, 2017. Our Council has been granted a spot in the march, (Position #10). All Brother Knights are invited to join us and march to Honor the Officers killed in the line of duty.

Step off is at 8:00am, Sharp. Since we are marching toward the front, it is advised to arrive around 7:00am. We assemble at Museum Campus Dr. & Solidarity Dr., just a little N/E of Soldier Field and march south to the Chicago Police Memorial, located between Soldier Field and Monroe Harbor. The Chicago Police Chaplain's Unit will conduct a 15 minute prayer service immediately after the march followed by a free breakfast buffet at the Columbia Yacht Club, located at Randolph and the lakefront.

Complimentary parking is provided at both Soldier Field and the Columbia Yacht Club.

4th Degree Knights will march in regalia, others are asked to wear a dark colored suit or sport coat.

We invite all our follow Knights, regardless of which Council you belong, to join us and experience one of the oldest and proudest traditions of the Chicago Police Department.

If you plan to attend or have any further questions, contact our Council Grand Knight, Dennis Fitzgerald at 773-934-8961 or email iam4fitz@comcast.net. The Yacht Club requests a head count for the buffet.

Fr. Dan Brandt's Corner...

During the month of May, many Christians around the world remember our Blessed Mother, Mary, the woman who bore Jesus Christ. How fitting that we should honor (*not* deify or worship) this young Jewish heroine. **If you would like a police-blue Rosary** free of charge to carry with you when on the street, please email Chaplain Bob Montelongo (from our website's "Meet Your Chaplains" page), and he'll be happy to send you one.



Also as you know, May is traditionally the month during which we go out of our way to memorialize our fallen officers. Therefore it is fitting that later this month, Police Chaplains Ministry hosts our beloved **Gold Star Families** to an annual luncheon cruise aboard the Spirit of Chicago. It is a time-honored means to let them know their loved ones who died in the line of duty are NEVER FORGOTTEN.

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Mother's Day is Sunday, 14 MAY. Bring Mom to the police Mass that morning (noting the change in Mass time to **10:00 a.m.**). If Mom is no longer with us, let me know ahead of time, and we'll remember her in our prayers for the deceased that day.

In addition to our regular second- and fourth-Sunday Masses, we will as in years past celebrate a special **Fathers' Day Mass** at Gold Star Memorial and Park at 10:00 a.m. Sunday, 18 JUN. Being an outdoor venue, if the weather looks questionable, please call (773) 550-2369 that morning to make sure the Mass is on. You are welcome to bring folding chairs or a blanket...and even a picnic lunch for after Mass.



Plans for the **Police Married Couples' Retreat** are coming along..."Eight Habits of a Successful Marriage." Active or retired, if you would like to learn tools proven to strengthen individuals and relationships, join us for Sweetest Day weekend (20-22 OCT 2017) at a resort and spa in nearby Itasca. A \$550 donation per couple covers lodging, food and retreat curriculum. Please contact Chaplain Kimberly Lewis-Davis to reserve your spot: 312-771-6638 or Kimberly.LewisDavis@ChicagoPolice.org.

God bless you and keep you safe!

Fr. Dan Brandt, CPD Chaplain

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