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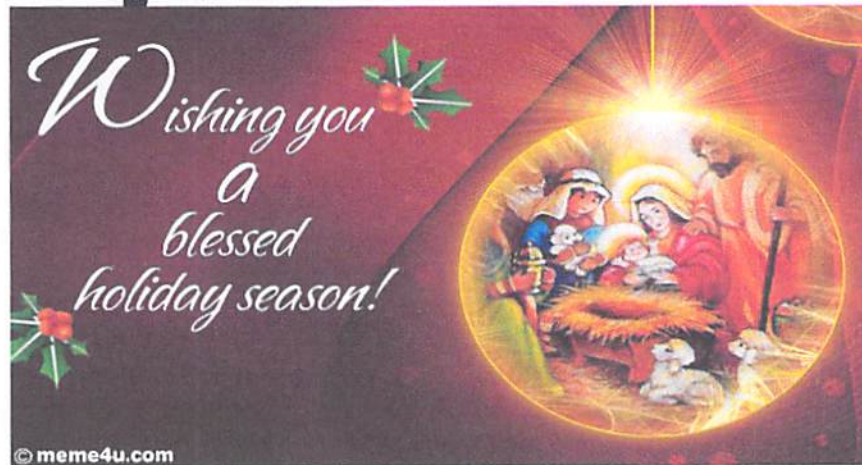
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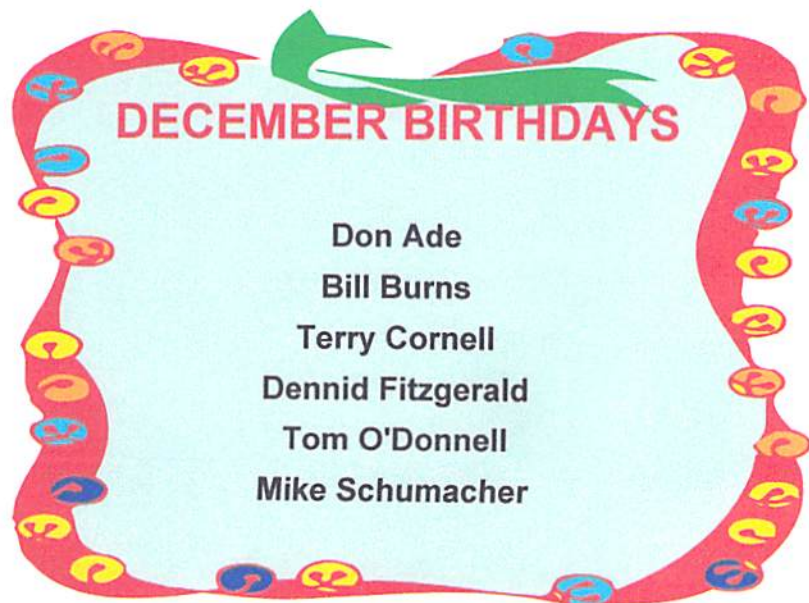
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Mark Your Calendar

24 Dec	Police Mass	Mercy Home	11:00
25 Dec	Police Mass	Mercy Home	10:00
14 Dec 18	Police Mass	Mercy Home	11:00
	Installation of Council Officers after Mass		
28 Dec 18	Police Mass	Mercy Home	11:00
10 Mar 18	20th Annual Dinner Dance	Mayfield Banquets	6:00



Greetings Brother Knights

As the Holiday Season is upon us a Merry Christmas and a Happy Prosperous New Year with abundant Blessings is wished to All and of course we dare not forget the Reason For the Season.

Our December 13th meeting was a good one as we were blessed with a new, 18 year old, member, Sergio Rameriez who is from the 009th District Police Explorer group of their Neighborhood Relations Unit, Sergio you Honor us with your membership and you are welcome to our unique council.... many thanks to our recruiter, SK Paul Rutherford who works with the Neighborhood Relations Units in the 008th and 009th Districts... Outstanding.

Our meeting opened with special intentions as referenced by our membership and the health and wellbeing of our Chaplain, First Responders and Political Leaders both near and far and our personal intentions known only to us.

BUSINESS: As per our November newsletter and mailing final words and opinions were heard on our new council star as the topic was brought to fruition.

MOTION : for \$100 to "Union Impact Center" Faith based (report on file) by SK Paul Rutherford 2nded by SK Terry Cornell, All in favor PASSED.

MOTION: by BK Paulino Villarreal 2nded by SK Phil Riviera on "requesting adjoining tables at events when we buy two or more tables": TABLED from November meeting: Called to the floor and re-opened for discussion.....VOTE.....All in favor. PASSED.

MOTION: by BK Paulino Villameal for \$100.00 to assist seriously injured Cicero PO Ricardo Sanchez, who has four young children and a wife. 2nded by SK Terry Cornell All in favor PASSED.

FOOD: Special thanks to SK Paul Rutherford for securing a deluxe mostaccioli and salad ...and SK Mori McNulty for and assortment of beverages.....thank you gentlemen.

ADVANCEMENT: To all 3rd degree members now is the time to advance to 4th degree. The ceremony is set for February 17, 2018 and we have four of our council members advancing so join your brother knights and you will never regret it.....please don't say next time Do What You Can While You Can.

INSTALATION OF OFFICERS ON JANUARY 14, 2018 AT MERCY HOME FOR BOYS AND GIRLS, 1140 W. JACKSON BLVD. AFTER THE 11:00AM BLUE MASS IN 1ST FLOOR CAFETERIA AT 11:30. COFFEE CAKE, DONUTS, BAGELS.

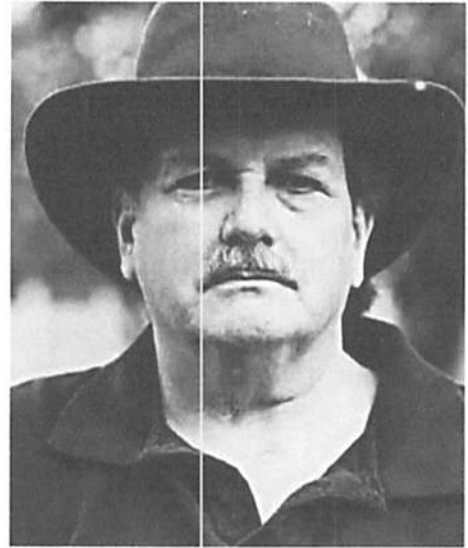
VACATION DRAWING: AND THE LUCKY WINNER WAS, JOANNE SPATA A BOARD MEMBER OF ITALIAN AMERICAN EXECUTIVE OF TRANSPARATION (I.A.E.T.) SOLD BY SK WAYNE BUBAK.

If you missed Blair School you missed a lot....it leaves an impression, of doing good, that will last for years and years.

Dennis P. Fitzgerald

Fr. Dan Brandt's Corner...

Last month we laid to rest **PO Andre Van Vegten**, Star #14931. On the evening of January 7, 1997, while assigned to the 008th District, Officer Van Vegten and his partner responded to a "shots fired" call at 43rd and Latrobe Avenue near the LeClaire Courts public housing development. En route to the scene, the officers spotted a vehicle containing four known gang members who fled northbound on Cicero Avenue at a high rate of speed. Before the officers could even radio in the pursuit, another vehicle veered into their lane of traffic, forcing them to take evasive action. The officers' police vehicle struck the center-lane curb and crashed into a concrete planter. They were pulled from the wreckage of their burning squad car by passing motorists just seconds before the entire vehicle was engulfed in flames.



Officer Van Vegten was taken to Mount Sinai Hospital in critical condition. He suffered a collapsed lung, a shattered right femur and a broken rib which had pierced his aorta. The rapid blood loss from that injury left him legally blind and paralyzed from the chest down. After emerging from a six-week coma, Andre underwent several surgeries at Northwestern Memorial Hospital and was transferred to the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago for therapy. In the following years, he suffered through numerous surgeries and continuously battled infections and wounds.

Andre succumbed to his injuries on 02 NOV 2017. [May this Chicago Police hero rest in peace.](#) You can see and print Andre's memorial card on our website (www.ChicagoPCM.org), by clicking on the "Memorial Cards" link. If you would like one mailed to you, feel free to send me an email through the same website.

Police Chaplains Ministry recently hosted hundreds of **Gold Star Families** at a holiday dinner on the Club Level of Soldier Field, overlooking the police memorial. This was a wonderful evening indeed, and a chance for families, who lost a loved one in the line of duty, to spend time together. Letters were sent out last month to supporters on our mailing list soliciting financial assistance for the evening...and very generous donations have been flowing in. [But I also wanted to invite you to consider making a donation.](#) If you wish to do so, your tax-deductible gift (payable to Police Chaplains Ministry) may be made online via our website or mailed to/dropped off at 1140 W. Jackson Boulevard, Chicago 60607. **Thank you for helping us to remind Gold Star Family members that they and their loved ones are NEVER FORGOTTEN.**

Recently I met with a retiree who continues to be haunted by memories of some of the awful things he witnessed during his 30+ years as a member of the greatest police department in the world. I am glad he reached out...and I hope he utilizes the **professional counseling** resources available to him and all active/retired members of the department. If you ever need to address similar memories or are having any issues you'd like to discuss, I beg that you please reach out. There are many resources available to you.

Finally, this time of year can be very stressful. For hints on how to thrive during the holiday season, please see the "Resource and Outreaches" page on our website. *Whatever* holiday you might celebrate, may God be a big part of it—with abundant blessings to you and your family!

Fr. Dan Brandt, CPD Chaplain

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**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
PATRON SAINT OF POLICE & MILITARY
POLICE COUNCIL #12173

20th Anniversary Dinner Dance

Saturday, March 10, 2018
6:00 pm to 11:00 pm
Cocktail Hour 6:00 pm
Dinner served at 7:00 pm

Mayfield Banquets
6072 South Archer Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60638

Dinner - Open Bar- Raffles-Music-Dancing
\$70.00 per person or \$700.00 for a table (seats 10)

You can purchase your tickets online at www.knights12173.com
or contact a member of the Ticket Committee

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