



# NEWSLETTER



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## ST. Michael the Archangel, Patron of Police, Council 12173

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Run Walk to Remember  
Saturday May 5th

This year our council is forming a team  
for information or to make a donation:

<https://www.classy.org/team/151761>

### Mark Your Calendar

10 Mar	<b>20th Annual Dinner Dance</b>	Mayfield Banquets	6:00pm
11 Mar	Police Mass	Mercy Home	11:00am
25 Mar	Police Mass	Mercy Home	11:00am
01 Apr	<b>Easter Mass</b>	Mercy Home	<b>10:00am</b>
04 Apr	Patriotic Night	FOP Hall	7:30pm
5 May	CPMF Run to Remember		8:00am
6 May	St. Jude Memorial March		8:00am

### Degree information

March 24	1st & 2nd degree	George Cardinal Mundelein Council Santa Maria Del Popolo Parish	151 N Lincoln, Mundelein
March 25	1st & 2nd Degree	Albert Cardinal Meyer Council Queen of Rosary	750 Elk Grove Blvd, Elk Grove Village
May 5	4th Degree Exemplification	Hilton-Oak Brook Resort	

# A Message from your Grand Knight:

Greetings Brother Knights

Our February meeting had a good turnout with 25+ members present. As we opened we recognized our special intentions with input from those in attendance and especially the tragic in line of duty death of our Commander / Brother Knight Paul Bauer and the continued recovery of SK Jim O'Leary, SK Ralph De Bartolo, SK Richard "DOC" Morbidoni, SK Don Ade, SK Bill Nolan also the passing of BK Tom O'Donnell's Mother-in-Law and the Bauer family our Chaplain and his ministry, all first responders and our political leaders, near and far and those special intentions know only to us we prayed.

February was a very special month with eleven new members of which a Seminarian, a retired States Attorney and Alderman / SK Ed Burke also another transferee who joined the KC in Afghanistan and seven members advancing to 4th Degree, from our Council, on February 17, 2018 at the Exemplification Ceremony in Oak Brook, Illinois..OUTSTANDING! Gentlemen you honor our Council with your membership and your advancements to 4th Degree. THE WORD IS SPREADING. FYI...I currently have pending invitations to speak at: ATF, Cicero PD, Berwyn Pd, Elmwood PK.PD, River Grove PD. and others, Also I've started to talk at CPD roll-calls. Also several police publications magazines and papers pending.

February sees us finalizing all our hard work for our 20th Anniversary celebration on March 10th. I hope each Council member did his share and a little extra for that will dictate the outcome and to any members who just said "I SHOULD HAVE" you are in my prayers. But believe it or not IT'S NOT TOO LATE,,,,,, you could still bring a,,, Nice Liquor Basket or some other.....Nice Item or Dinner Certificate for our Raffle Table and it will make you feel good too.

As the meeting went on I referenced that I will be submitting my slate of officer in May and for those who want to serve to let me know so positions can be filled. We were all surprised to hear SK Paulino Villarreal, FS tender his resignation and surprised with the following dialogue. I know he is a busy man with some health concerns and I appreciate him trying and also to stay he would stay until March 10th and his last day would be March 11, 2018 as he stated. I accept his resignation and will make the proper notification, and have the new FS or his representative to pickup all supplies and materials on a date and time of your choosing. Several motions were made as follows:

**MOTION:** (With approval of Paul Bauer family (secured by GN)) by Dennis Fitzgerald, GN to have a Five year award starting at our 20th Anniversary called "The Paul Bauer Roll Model Award" with the first nominee proposed to be SK Bill Burns. 2nded by SK Phil Riveria. Discussion: Change to 'The Paul Bauer Leadership Award" by SK Tony Langone. 2nded by SK Paul Piraino with criteria of one year in council, must be SK, and receive 51% of vote .....Discussion: all in favor. **PASSED**

**MOTION:** by SK Wayne Bubak for first nominee to be SK Bill Burns 2nded by BK Tom O'Donnell Discussion: All in favor. **PASSED**

**MOTION:** by SK Paul Piraino to name BK Paul Bauer as "Knight of the Year" (internal to council) 2nded by SK Tony Langone. Discussion: All in favor. **PASSED**

Also it should be noted that the Bauer family approves ( as secured by GN Dennis Fitzgerald) of our annual golf outing being called "The Paul Bauer Memorial Golf Outing" as hosted by The Knights of Columbus, Saint Michael the Archangel, Patron of Police, Chicago Police Council #12173 and a portion of proceeds to go to a charity of their choosing, to wit: Memorial Foundation 20% to 25%.

**FOOD:** Polish sausage and Brats with chips was good...some had one most had more.

**20th Anniversary Chairman:** SK Paul Rutherford .....Things are looking Good.

**2018 Golf Outing Chairman:** SK Terry Cornell .....We are excited for another big year.

**All STAY SAFE and we'll see you on March 10th bring a guest and or a RAFFLE GIFT.**

**Lead Me, Guide Me, Lord**

**Dennis P. Fitzgerald, Grand Knight  
St. Michael the Archangel, Patron of Police,  
Chicago Police Council #12173**



When offering invocations at various events, I often start with a moment of silence to honor and remember those who lost their lives in the line of duty. As I begin this column, it would be most appropriate to ask you to take a moment of silence right now to honor and remember **Commander Paul Bauer**, who was murdered 13 FEB.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace; may his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed—through the*

*mercy of God—rest in peace. Amen.*

Last month in laying to rest Commander Bauer, our department suffered an incredible loss. As I mentioned in my homily at his funeral Mass, I pray that his death NOT be in vain. May it lead to well-needed and long-overdue reforms to our judicial and penal systems. May it also serve as a reminder to us of the fleeting nature of our earthly lives, inspiring us to conduct ourselves in a manner (like Paul) pleasing to God, making the most of a faith-filled life.

A big THANK YOU to Paul's Brother Knights in the St. Michael the Archangel Police Council. You, who also suffered the loss of an esteemed brother, represented the council very well at Paul's funeral.

Police Chaplains Ministry had 8,000 memorial cards printed for Paul's wake, funeral, and the memorial Mass celebrated Sunday 25 FEB. Many people who were not able to attend these occasions have reached out to me, asking how they can get a memorial card. These cards are available to view and print from our website (click "Line of Duty Memorial Cards"). Or, if you'd like a memorial card mailed to you, simply contact me.

Please continue to pray for Paul's amazingly strong family: his wife, Erin, his daughter, Grace, his parents, siblings and extended family members who all miss him so profoundly.



On to some good news: the Chaplains Section has been blessed with a new addition! Effective first period, we took on **PO Hysni Selenica**. Hysni (pronounced Who's Knee) has been a Chicago Police Officer since 2000, serving all 18 years in the 001<sup>st</sup> District. Since 2014, he has also served on the Mental Health Committee with the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 7.

Hysni is an active member of his native Southwest side community where he serves on the board of Horizon



Science Academy. He also teaches Karate to inner-city youth and is training for second-degree black belt. Representing the Muslim faith, Hysni has over the years been involved in interfaith dialogue and service projects with various faith communities. He is currently studying at the Chicago Theological Seminary, and has been happily married to his wife Yasmine since he was a recruit in the police academy. Hysni hit the ground running and has already proven himself a tremendous asset to our mission.

As you know, the **Chicago Police Memorial Foundation** hosts annual **Police Suicide Awareness and Prevention Seminars** featuring nationally-known experts. The next seminar will be held Wednesday, 28 MAR, at the usual location in Oak Brook. Seating is limited. For more information, please contact me.

Planning ahead, on Sunday, 08 APR, a benefit will be held for the **Markham children**. It'll take place from 2:00-8:00 p.m. at the Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox. Entrance donation is \$30 per adult (\$50 per couple) and \$10 for kids. For more information, please email [MarkhamBenefit@gmail.com](mailto:MarkhamBenefit@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!

As we progress through the Lenten season, please remember—no matter your faith tradition—you're always welcome to worship at the **Police Mass** every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 11:00 a.m., at Mercy Home: 1140 W. Jackson Boulevard. Mass is kept under 30 minutes for those who would like to attend during their lunch break. Please note that on Easter Sunday, 01 APR, like all holidays, our Mass is moved up to 10:00 a.m.

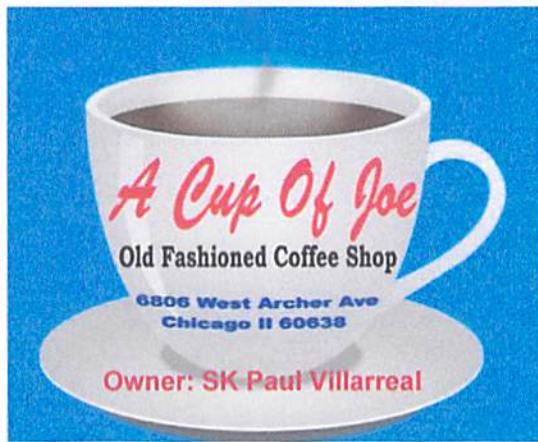
Stay safe and keep the faith,

**Fr. Dan Brandt**, *CPD Chaplain*

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### 20th Anniversary Banquet

Saturday, March 10, 2018

6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.  
(Dinner - 7:00 p.m.)



Mayfield Banquets  
6072 S Archer Ave  
Chicago, IL 60638

\$70.00 per person  
\$700.00 per table of 10

Dinner - Open Bar - Raffles - Music - Dancing

Sir Knights are asked to wear Tux with Social Baldric (no regalia).  
More information go to [www.knights12173.com](http://www.knights12173.com)

See you at the Dinner Dance

Don't forget the wife or girlfriend