

A “Thank You!” ... and Special Council Newsletter ... for our Members:

Knights of Columbus | St. Michael the Archangel | Patron of Police | Council #12173

from

Your Grand Knight, Dennis P. Fitzgerald

June, 2018

Dear Fellow-Knight,

I would like to begin by extending my sincere best wishes to *each-and-every* member of our Police Council #12173. It is my hope that this mailing will find you, and all of your loved ones, in good health, and that the remainder of 2018 be an uninterrupted time of happiness and success for all.

There is much to report this month, so let us begin with:

“Thank You!” for your Participation!

Yes, **“THANK YOU!”** I am grateful for the continued membership of *everyone* in our Police Council...each-and-every Knight in Council #12173! Moreover, we had a record turnout at our May 23rd Election Meeting, and I truly appreciate everyone’s participation.

I am proud to introduce our Council Officers for the upcoming term: **Fr. Dan Brandt**, Chaplain for the Chicago Police Department, **remains our Council Chaplain**, as well, and we are all grateful for Father Dan’s presence. **I was re-elected as your Grand Knight**, and, again, my **“Thank You!”** to everyone who took the time to come to our meeting and participate in the annual electoral process.

Officials from KC-Illinois/State administered the entire paper-ballot election process, and, as a result of the May 23rd vote, the following very-qualified individuals will begin their new one-year Council Officer terms effective July 1st:

Sir Knight Anthony J. Langone, as *Deputy Grand Knight*; **SK Daniel R. McInerney**, as *Chancellor*; **SK Michael L. Bono**, as *Recorder*; **SK Wayne F. Bubak**, as *Treasurer*; **SK James B. O’Leary**, as *Lecturer*; **SK Terry D. Cornell**, as *Advocate*; **SK Michael A. Rodriguez**, as *Warden*; **SK Phillip M. Riviera**, as *Outside Guard*; **Brother Knight Michael P. Hincks**, as *Inside Guard*; and, **SK Donald J. Ade** as *Trustee* (3-year term).

I appreciate the dedication and involvement of every one of our incoming Council Officers: **“Thank You!”** for your continued dedication to our Holy Roman Catholic Church, to our United States of America, and to our Police Council. Furthermore, **I am also grateful to those current Officers whose terms expire at the end of this month.**

Also, in my capacity of Council #12173 Grand Knight, I have made two very important appointments, effective this past May 24th. **SK Michael L. Bono is our Council’s Recruitment Officer (Membership Director), and he also serves in a newly-created position, that of “Director of Communications.”** SK Bono brings nearly a half-century of proven and successful experience and performance in communications, public relations, lobbying, and political affairs. Our **“Police Council”** deserves, and will gain, additional positive public exposure and recognition among the general public, elected officials, prospective new members, and the print and electronic media. **Our efforts in this regard have already begun, and will be maintained throughout the year.** In addition, **both Mike and I are very serious about adding qualified new Knights to our Council**, and you -- every member of our Council -- can fully expect a pro-active, aggressive, and successful membership-recruitment campaign, 24/7/365! (*This, too, has already begun.*)

My other appointment also serves in a newly-created position for our Council, and I am both happy and proud to announce: **SK Terry D. Cornell will serve as the new “Director of Special Events.”** As with Mike, I am likewise grateful to have Terry’s involvement, since he literally has *decades* of experience in this regard; he is a proven and successful organizer whose passion and enthusiasm...his skill-set and follow-through...always pays-off in successful events and social and charitable affairs!

Certain Significant Changes Made: DETAILS AT JUNE 27th MEETING

Due to certain serious and recurring issues -- problems that continued to negatively impact our Council -- I have made other significant changes, including replacing our previous Council Website, that I will discuss, in depth, at our upcoming June 27th Council Meeting.

PLEASE BE THERE!

6:30pm, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27th

FOP Hall, 1412 W. Jackson Blvd.

THURSDAY, JULY 12th: *Our Council's "PAUL BAUER Charity Golf Outing!"*

One of several inserts in this special mailing's envelope is our "Paul Bauer Charity Golf Outing" brochure, and I encourage you to take this opportunity to register as a *Golfer*, to sign-up as a *Sponsor*, and to consider making a *Donation* and/or gather, or donate, *Prizes* for our Thursday - July 12th event.

Everyone working on this charity event expects it to be the most successful in our Council's history, but **WE NEED YOU** to make this happen! Terry reports progress as going well, but we could use more sponsors, and, definitely, more prizes.

Make no mistake: *Your involvement is crucial in order to make this our most-successful-ever Golf Outing!*

Also, please remember that proceeds from this event will support our Council's efforts to assist various charities, and a portion will be given to a charity of the Bauer family's choosing.

Here's the Hotline # for
Golf Reservations, Sponsorships, and Prize-Donations:

TERRY CORNELL (312) 909-1821

Existing Members: **MEMBERSHIP CARDS**

We continue to have issues regarding valid Knights of Columbus Council #12173 members being issued the standard Membership Card, and I am referring to those legitimate, in-good-standing, dues-paid members whose information appears on our Council's membership roster. This cannot, should not, and will not be tolerated any longer, and I am presently in communication with Supreme's Membership Records Department, in New Haven, CT. This problem will be resolved soon.

I will mention this again at the bottom, but **please arrive early** for our June 27th monthly meeting, **so that you can pay your \$40 annual dues** and can verify the information we now have for you on file.

NEW-MEMBER RECRUITMENT

Member-recruitment is a year-round responsibility, and the new team we now have in place is prepared to meet this challenge.

Already, we have taken the opportunity to solicit the assistance of Chicago Police Department Commanders, and Suburban Chiefs of Police, with the intention of spreading-the-word about our unique, one-of-a-kind, St. Michael the Archangel "Police Council" at one of their daily roll-calls.

In the context of member-recruitment, there are several techniques that can be employed (telephone calls, the postal mail, e-mails or a website), and these certainly are not mutually-exclusive, but my experience has been: *The most effective way of "recruiting" is definitely "face-to-face."*

Face-to-face recruiting: That is precisely what we will be doing at the city and suburban roll-calls.

Next Council Meeting: 6:30pm - Wednesday, June 27th

Member's DUES RENEWAL: \$40 for 2018-19 Term

Again, I would suggest you arrive early for our Council's monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 27th, so you may find a convenient place to park your vehicle AND avoid the waiting line when renewing your annual dues for the coming fiscal year (July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019).

Your Council #12173 annual dues remain just \$40.00 (*that is less than 11-cents-per-day!*), and you may pay by cash, or by check or money order (*payable to "Knights of Columbus"*).

Should you have membership- or dues-related questions, **Council personnel will be available at the FOP Hall beginning at 5:00pm, Wednesday, June 27th.**

In closing, I wish everyone well and hope to see you at our July 27th meeting. Feel free to contact me before then, if you wish.

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