



# NEWSLETTER



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

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### Knights' Calendar

#### Upcoming events

05 April	Patriotic Night	FOP Hall	7:30pm
09 April	Police Mass	Mercy Home	11:00am
16 April	Easter Sunday Police Mass		10:00am
23 April	Police Mass	Mercy Home	11:00am
29 April	Stritch Assembly 2nd Annual Bowling Night Contact Claude Zaba 312-502-9348		
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  
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## Greeting Brother Knights:

Our March meeting was a busy one because this time of year the golf outings and other fundraisers start coming in. Also our DGK, SK Maurice McNulty was out of town and our Recorder SK Jim O'Leary was in Arizona and our District Deputy, SK Paul Piraino had a prior commitment.

This was the first time in almost twenty years that SK Jerry Saturnus, Financial Secretary (FS) was sitting in the third row next to PGN, SK Mike Schumacher, Jerry said "he never knew just how comfortable the third row was".... We are greatly appreciative of all Jerry's hard work and dedication to this council, it seems inadequate to say "above and beyond the call of duty" but that is what it was and he put his all into it, also a special thanks to Mrs. Saturnus for all those years, Jerry was called to the front of the council so I could give him a Certificate of Appreciation, a warm hand shake and a round of applause by all in attendance.

Next having received a letter of authorization from Supreme on the installation of SK Rocco Piraino, as Financial Secretary, Rocco was called up front to the council by the banner for a hand shake, photo and round of applause....Rocco is soon to be a Chicago policeman and I know he will do a good job.

SK Paul Rutherford was asked to sit-in as Recorder for the night and also to serve as our Council Recruitment Officer and he accepted. Paul has shown he has a natural skill set for this council position and he has already brought several new members to our council....**OUTSTANDING!**

I attended the monthly meeting of the Polish American Police Association, on March 7th, and was impressed to see 80 to 100 members in attendance at which time I was given a opportunity to speak to their membership about the Knight of Columbus, St. Michael the Archangel, Police Council, several of their members asked for my contact card so we could have some new members coming our way, I hope.

I'm proud to reference one of our own who was high-lighted in a local magazine the "Far Noi" (Chicagoland's Italian Voice) March 2017 edition. I'm talking about BK Anthony J. Langone who was given pages 28 & 27 that was entitled "People War Stories" it talked about Tony's Family, his father who served in the US Army (see photo in magazine) in WWII and Tony, US Army (see photo in magazine) he distinguished himself in many ways while in the service the least of which was his Vietnam service where he had several assignments one of which was that of a "tunnel rat", they were the soldiers that would crawl into tunnels to clear out the enemy.....this magazine is at the newsstand now and is well worth the asking price so ask your local merchant.

As we approach our **Patriots Night Meeting on April 5th, 2017** at 7:30 (sharp) at the FOP Hall, 1412 W. Washington, this is put on by Samuel Cardinal Stritch Assembly #205, which our council belongs to, it is believed they would bring approximately 30 members plus our 30 members we should have overall 60 members in attendance (?). Our food and beverage should be based on 60 to 70 to be safe. They orchestrate the entire meeting as we sit in attendance as the host council. SK Paul Piraino has offered to make Sloppy-Joe's and SK Paul Rutherford has offered to get potato salad or coleslaw, buns and potato chips via his cos-co card. Beverages TBA. The Assembly and our council offer reimbursement for this event. Social hour as usual after the meeting. So lets have a good turnout and mark your calendars for April 5th, at 7:30 (sharp) that's assembly starting time, yes our April meeting is April 5th, 2017 at 7:30pm photos will be taken for our website and if you have a KC name tag that would be nice to wear.

Kudos, that is "Thank You" very much to SK Paul Rutherford for food preparation, to wit: regular & spicy chicken wings & legs, baked mostaccioli, seasoned potato spears and celery sticks, also BK Ben Minasola for an assortment of beverages that was enjoyed by all, to the last drop, and all under budget. Gentlemen, you get a four star rating in my book for a job well done.

SK LeRoy Statt asked to address the council to give a big heart felt thank you for the "Certificate of Appreciation" and Starbucks gift card for all his 15+ years of food preparation to our council (see photo on website).

SK Paul Piraino has worked his magic with the creation of our own, all time first, council website "knights12173.com" I know it will be hard to remember but that's what they make notes for or a string around the finger or even a tattoo.... (you know I'm just joking) How appropriate a choice for identity.....Good work Paul.

SK Jim Kruger gave his report on the success of the Special Olympics Polar Plunge this year and he was quick to thank us for our financial assistance and we were quick to ask him about the water temperature and how he dose it. He said it's all in the mind and I heard someone ask if goose bumps and shivers are in the mind....but of course that comes with the turf. Jim you distinguish yourself and make us proud of what you do....keep up the good work. God Bless.

#### **BUSINESS:**

- 1.) **MOTION:** by SK Dan McInerny for \$200.00 (with special exception) to assist Sheridan Carroll Council Food Pantry which will ultimately benefit the tables of the 14 most neediest families from Blair School. **SECONDED:** by BK Anthony Langone. **NO OBJECTIONS:** PASSED.
- 2.) **MOTION:** by SK Richard "Doc" Morbidoni to sponsor a hole for \$100.00 at (PAPA) Polish American Police Association annual Golf outing. **SECONDED:** by BK Anthony Langone. **NO OBJECTIONS:** PASSED.
- 3.) **MOTION:** by BK Anthony Langone to sponsor a hole at the Italian American labor Council for \$150.00 (?). **SECONDED:** by SK Phil Riviera. **NO OBJECTIONS:** PASSED.
- 4.) **MOTION:** by BK Thomas O'Donnell to assist the Chaplains Ministry with a check for \$100.00. **SECONDED:** SK Richard "Doc" Morbidoni. **NO OBJECTIONS:** PASSED.
- 5.) **MOTION:** made by PGN Mike Schumacher to have a reciprocal agreement for a hole sponsorship with: Angie Haynes - from FOP women's auxiliary, = phone conversation = agreed Ken Hauser - from the Pension Board, = phone conversation = agreed Harold Brown - from Retired Police Organization =

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#### **SPECIAL EVENT:**

**St Jude Parade** and **Chicago Yacht Club** this is one you don't want to miss. Thousands and thousands of Police Officers, Sheriffs, Marshals, Federal Agents, K9, Mounted Units, Motorcycle Units, etc.. Law Enforcement in all its forms will pay its respect to the profession, for those who paid the ultimate price and those with catastrophic injuries all come together at this time of year from around the Chicago metropolitan area and throughout the state. In unity they march proud with heads held high to say we are a band of brothers "The Thin Blue Line".

The first Sunday in May is reserved for the St. Jude Parade and this year it's May 7th at Gold Star Memorial Park at 18th and the Lake Front at 8:00am, free parking is close by and we always hope mother nature is on our side. The Knights of Columbus, St. Michael the Archangel, Patron of Police, Council #12173 invites all members to march with us, appropriate dress would be a suite and tie is fine for

council members, our 4th degree, Sir Knights will be in full regalia accompanied by Assembly and State upper echelon also in full regalia. For all those who march with us and their guest are invited for a nice brunch at the "Columbian Yacht Club" immediately after the St. Jude Parade at Lake Shore Drive and Randolph at the bottom of the exit look for a sign directing you for parking, and of course pictures will be taken.

**Another special event** is our annual Golf Outing this is what makes everything else work throughout the year. If our council has 120 members and everyone assumed the responsibility to bring in one or two hole sponsors we would have a HUGE success. Only to ask that local merchant you have been dealing with for years like your car dealer or insurance man or furniture store or plumber, carpenter, electrician etc. They are all expensive professions and you are very important to them....well they need to know this question is important to you....will they sponsor a hole for what's important to you? If they say no...now you know more about them and the power of your purse. You have only to ask.

You should know...if you haven't been around for a while we are wondering if all is well, or did you win the lotto or are you finally finished building that 53' boat or was it a dinghy..well all and all we missed you. Hope to see you soon.

God Bless You All

Dennis P. Fitzgerald, Grand Knight  
Knights of Columbus  
St. Michael the Archangel,  
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**ST. JUDE MEMORIAL MARCH 2016**  
L to R: GK Dennis Fitzgerald, PGK Mike Schumacher  
SK Jerry Satemus, SK Jim Zbella

## **Fr. Dan Brandt's Corner...**

At last month's St. Patrick's Day party sponsored by **Brotherhood for the Fallen**, I ran into lots of friendly faces. Pictured here are (L-R) **Joe Fronczak, Nick Forrestal, Andy Cassaro, me, Brian Warner, Marty Natividad, Mary O'Callaghan and Kevin Leahy.** Congratulations to Nick, Andy, Marty and Mary, members of recruit class 97-1A, who that evening were celebrating their 20th anniversary on the job!



Thank you to all who planned and executed our most recent **Police Suicide Awareness and Prevention Seminar**, held this past month in Oak Brook. These necessary opportunities are made possible through a grant from Motorola Corporation and the hard work of the **Chicago Police Memorial Foundation**.

**Easter** is around the corner... On 16 APR (as on all holidays), the regular police Mass at Mercy Home (1140 W. Jackson Blvd.) is pushed up to 10:00 a.m. All CPD members and families are welcome, regardless of creed. The police Mass is always kept under 30 minutes for those who would like to attend during their lunch break. Palm Sunday (09 APR) and 23 APR Masses will be at the usual time of 11:00 a.m.



Planning ahead...**Mother's Day** is Sunday, 14 MAY. Bring Mom to the police Mass that morning (again 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.

I hope to see you at the **annual St. Jude March**. **This year it is scheduled for Sunday, 07 MAY**, at the usual spot near the Chicago Police Memorial and Park.

Finally, I'd like to tell you about a police-loving auto service center on the northwest side: Bill Senchuk of **Cosmetic Auto** (6166 N. Northwest Hwy) has proven time and again--to me and many others--how much their shop appreciates CPD. Drop in with your personal car for a free wash and spring inspection. You can find this and many other police-owned and police-friendly businesses on our website's "Links" page. *We need to support those who wholeheartedly support CPD!*

God bless you, my Brother Knights, as we continue our Lenten journey!

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