



Council Comments

Knights of Columbus

Holy Family Council 4179



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GRAND KNIGHT COMMENTS

Brother Knights,

Thanks to all who helped out on the Work Day; we did get a lot done outside, including some preparation to the shoreline by the "A" Docks. I know that I am looking forward to the outdoor events this Spring and Summer.

The Ladies Auxiliary Breakfast was very, very good. If you thought so too, be sure to let them know.

The State Convention begins April 30th and ends May 2nd. Your council will be well represented on both the Council and State level. State Membership Director Steve Mann, State General Program Director Gary Schmidt, KC Academy Trainer Chris Reichert, and your Delegates - Grand Knight Sean Fink (yours truly) and Deputy Grand Knight Phil McKenzie - will all be at the conference and will report back.

The first round of Officer Nominations was held at the Social Meeting April 15th. Second Round Nominations and Elections are scheduled for the May 20th Social Meeting. This is your chance to choose or choose to be the leadership for your council.

Big event scheduled during the weekend of May 21, 22 and 23rd, more info contained in this newsletter.

"We are Christ for one another".

Viva Jesus,

Grand Knight

Sean M Fink



MEETINGS

Thursday, May 6th @ 7:00pm

Thursday, May 20th @ 7:00pm

The monthly Business Meetings of Holy Family Council 4179 and the South Side Columbian Home Association will be held at 7:00pm on Thursday, May 6. Among the items on the agenda will be lots of things going on in June and July like Kids Fishing Derby; Family Campout; Officer Installation; Fourth of July Fireworks Watching Party; and the Major Degrees Initiation at Holy Family Council. There will also be discussion of the work needed to be done on the bar and the walk-in cooler. There are lots of ideas to make the club more interesting for all members. Be sure to be there to see what is in it for you.

The May Social Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 20th at 7:00pm. This meeting is the annual election of officers. There will be time for another round of nominations (the first was held on April 15th) and then the officers for the 2010-2011 Fraternal Year will be elected. There is still time for you to let GK Sean Fink know that you are interested in being an officer. Please call him at 217-483-5756.

1st NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

At The April 15th Meeting

The following nominations were made at the meeting of Holy Family Council 4179:
Grand Knight Sean Fink

Tony Mares
 Dep Grand Knight Phil McKenzie
 Chancellor Jerome Themig
 Advocate John Enlow
 Recorder Rodger Anderson
 Treasurer Ted Tracy
 Warden Jose Lopez
 Inside Guard Ted Stassi

George Backstein
 Outside Guard Charlie Beemen
 Trustee, 1st Year Ted Stassi
 Although every office has someone nominated for it, not everyone was in attendance to accept those nominations. There can still be additional nominations for any office. The final round of nominations will be at 7:00pm on Thursday, May 20th and will be followed immediately by the elections. The officers elected on May 20th will serve from July 1, 2010 until June 30, 2011.

THE COOLER IS HERE

The New Cooler is Here!!!

From GK Sean Fink

Is your work, all the kids' sports, and the daily grind stressing you out??

Come on out to KC Council 4179 to relieve that stress.

May 21, 22, and 23rd we are hosting a DEMOLITION PARTY. Take out all the pinned up stress by tearing out the OLD WALK-IN COOLER and OFFICE walls. Come see for yourself if the "Office Safe" can actually be moved. Bring your hammers, crowbars, and sledgehammers to the party. Make your reservation NOW....call Phil McKenzie at 217-494-0060. CALL NOW SO WE CAN GET THIS DONE ... DONE... DONE!!!!!!!

PROGRAM DIRECTORS UPDATE

from Dave Schwegel

Summers are always a busy time at 4179, and this year will be no exception. The Council is planning many events you will want to add to your calendar. Saturday, June 12th, is our annual fishing derby beginning at 8am. This year we are extending the fun by having a Family Campout the night before (Friday, June 11th). Weather permitting we will have a bonfire, BBQ, and watch a movie under the stars. Come pitch a tent, scope out your favorite fishing spot, and enjoy

time with friends and family. Friday, July 2nd will be our annual Fireworks Watching Party beginning at 5pm. July 24th and August 17th we are having barbeques with live music and Sunday, September 5th, will be an End of Summer Party. Watch future Council Comments for details and times. First Friday Diners will continue throughout the summer every month except for July. These are always a great opportunity to eat good food prepared by your fellow Knights, and enjoy beautiful summer evenings on the lake. Volunteers to help setup, cook, bartend, etc. will be needed for all events. If you're interested, please contact me – Dave Schwegel @ 217-494-7877.

NOW IS OUR TIME TO SHINE!!

From Kevin Collings, Membership Chair

We have one month left in our recruiting year for 2010. We have already done many of the activities that it will take to achieve Star Council. Brother Mike Muto is within 2 insurance members of achieving what we need for the insurance side of Star Council. After the last Major Degree on Palm Sunday we received two membership forms that have been read for our June degree. Gentlemen, I ask that you join in the effort of finding at least 8 more new men. Who do I ask? Members of your family that are Catholic but not yet Brother Knights men, both young adults and older adults, that you see every week at Church, Scouting events, youth ministry events, son's or daughter's sporting events. The number one response that I get from men who join the Knights to the question, "Why haven't you joined before?" is "I wasn't asked."

I would hope that 8 new men would not be a problem for our council. You have done many amazing things this year. Driving past \$10,000 in MR/LD in a tough economy. Hosting an event that raised \$53,000 for Special Olympics, Another great Super Bowl event in January. And yes we will get that new cooler installed in May. Many great reasons to invite men that you know to become Brother Knights. For those of you that volunteer a lot of time, the recruitment process is a great way for you to multiply your numbers.

In closing, THANK YOU for the men that you have brought in to date. We have brought in 19 new men. We lost 3 during the course of the year and are sitting

at 16 net new members for the year. Yes, when we lose men it does count against us. One more reason to encourage them to become involved once they join!!

MAJOR DEGREE INITIATION

**@ Holy Family Council
Sunday, June 6th @ 11:00am**

Now is a great time to recruit that new member for Holy Family Council 4179 because getting them in doesn't get any easier than this. The Council is hosting its annual Major Degree Initiations on Sunday, June 6th. We will be having the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degrees back to back to back on that day. Registration & orientation will begin at 11:00am. Each candidate will be required to pay a \$15.00 Initiation Fee plus at least one quarter's dues. Ideally, each candidate will not only pay their Initiation Fee but also \$30 in dues (total of \$45.00) which will pay them in full through the end of this calendar year.

If you have a candidate that has not filled out a Form 100, you need to get one from the club (on the rack in the basement near the steps), have them fill it out, and get it to our Membership Chair Kevin Collings ASAP so it can be read and voted on at a meeting.

Jake Achas, Jonathon Sullivan, and Patrick Mann received their 2nd and 3rd degree on Sunday March 28th. They joined Tim Hogan, Mike Sosa Sr., and Verney Cantrell who received all three degrees on Sunday. Congratulations to all of those men for setting the time aside to join us. We are fast approaching the end of the K of C year and need a total of 10 more men before years end.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Man Our Poker Run Stop on May 29

Holy Family Council was asked by our neighbor lake club, the TRN, to be a stop on a Poker Run for bikers they are sponsoring on Saturday, May 29th. That is Memorial Day Weekend and should be a great time to really open up the club for the summer.... and we can make a little money, too! Volunteers are needed to help tend bar, maybe cook a little something, and to hand out poker cards to the people participating in the poker run. I'm certain you will get a chance to meet some interesting people (and maybe find a new member??). We need volunteers from 10:00am in

the morning until 5:00pm that afternoon. With about 400 members at Holy Family Council now, it shouldn't be hard to find 12-15 members to help out for 2-3 hours each on a Saturday. There will be a sign-up sheet at the May 6th meeting but you can also call GK Sean Fink @ 217-483-5756 and tell him that you want to help.

LADIES AUXILIARY

Pam Wollesen, President

We would like to thank all those who made our Breakfast at the Lake a success this spring including those who volunteered and cooked. We also want to thank all the ladies who helped with the Ladies Luncheon and Bunco, and the Knights who assisted with preparing the food, bartending and other duties. We couldn't have done it without them.

Our meeting is on May 5th and any food item for the Holy Family Food Pantry will be welcome. Becky Hunter will be our hostess. If you are a Catholic female, 18 years of age or older or the wife or daughter of a Knight, please consider joining us at our next meeting and making new friends.

Our mission is to work in fellowship with our Brother Knights of Holy Family Council #4179 to promote church, community, charity and patriotism.

KIDS FISHING DERBY

Saturday, June 12th @ 8:00am

Family Campout on Friday, Too!

Brother George Gaio is again looking forward to the annual Fishing Derby for kids on Saturday, June 12th. Registration begins at 8:00am and the festivities will begin at 9:00am sharp with plenty of donuts, juice and coffee (for the bigger kid in all of us). Fishing will start immediately at 9:00am so you need to be there early to get the best spots (or "honey-holes" as my grandsons like to say). There will be prizes for big fish, most fish, etc. Bait will be furnished (you can bring that secret formula if you like!) but each child will need to have his/her own fishing pole and bucket/stringer/creel to put their fish in. Again this year we will not count fish from combined buckets toward the winning prizes. At noon, there will be plenty of hotdogs, hamburgers, french fries, and baked

beans for everyone but we welcome each parent/grandparent to bring some sort of a covered dish to share with all. Any kid is welcome – bring your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, the neighbor kid next door, etc.

June 11th, 12th, 13th are also part of the Illinois DNR's Free Fishing Weekend so adults can fish too ... **without having a fishing license.** Start planning now to come on out and have a really good time with the kids and your Brother Knights. Even if you don't have a kid, this is too much fun to pass up!

Added to the festivities this year is a Family Campout on Friday night, June 11. Program Director Dave Schwegel is coordinating the campout and he promises that it will be a lot of fun with a big bonfire, a movie to watch, and a chance to sleep under the stars next to the lake. If you have any ideas on how to make the campout even more fun or you want to help, call Dave at 494-7877 (or come to a May meeting and talk to him about it)

If you'd like to help in any way with the Fishing Derby, give Brother George Gaio a call @ 546-5593. Brothers Charlie Mann and "Mac" McMurdo always get a really big kick out of putting bait on hooks and taking the fish off for the little ones. You should try it!

1st FRIDAY DINER

Friday, May 7th @ 6:00pm

With the Fish Fry season over, the Council officers are starting 1st Friday Diners for your eating pleasure. May will feature the always outstanding, cooked-to-order pork steak sandwiches with cole slaw and potato salad for only \$7. The chef this month is PGK Chris Reichert. There will also be \$1 hotdogs for the kids. This is a great time of year to visit our club on beautiful Lake Springfield. Come on out for a great meal at a great price and enjoy the club!

If you are interested in showing off your culinary skills (taco bars, pasta, po' boys, whatever?) and would like to help your KC Council out, GK Sean Fink is always looking for volunteers to cook up something special at the 1st Friday Diner. June is scheduled and July is the Fireworks Watching Party

but why not call him tonight and volunteer for August or September?

KC FAMILY BASEBALL OUTING

Sunday, August 15th

CUBS @ CARDINALS

The annual downstate Illinois State Knights of Columbus Family Baseball Outing is going to be on Sunday, August 15th at Busch Stadium in St. Louis. And, to put a little icing on the cake, it is another classic match-up between the Chicago Cubs and the St. Louis Cardinals. If history is any indicator, the game will probably be very important to both teams. Last year we had people who asked for tickets but then did not take them (the Council ended up "eating" them) so this year GK Sean Fink will only order tickets for those who clearly commit. Remember, \$5 of each ticket purchased will be donated to Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital in St. Louis. It is currently scheduled as an afternoon game but (remember last year) could be moved to the evening if ESPN decides to make it the game of the week. Call GK Sean Fink @ 217/415-1147 to reserve your seats today. These tickets tend to sell out quickly so don't dally.

DUES

FS Dale Smith has indicated that there are still several members who have not paid their 2010 dues to Holy Family Council even though they were due in January. Dale has sent a second notice to you. All we ask is that you make the effort to pay them. If you are having a hard time due to financial constraints (and we do understand that times are tight), please call Dale at 217-529-9003 to talk about it. There may be ways that we can help you retain your Knights of Columbus membership.

OFFICERS & DIRECTORS OF HOLY FAMILY COUNCIL

Officers:

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