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# MOKENA KNIGHTHOOD

*Knights of Columbus St Mary Council 6993 Mokena, Illinois*

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IN SERVICE TO ALL

## OFFICERS 2008-2009

CHAPLAIN Fr. James Dvorscak  
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DEPUTY GK James Peppmuller  
CHANCELLOR Joseph Kral  
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RECORDER Paul Walztoni  
TREASURER Donald Bauc  
FIN. SECRETARY Dan Michalak  
WARDEN Frank Borich  
OUTSIDE GUARD Donald Zich  
INSIDE GUARD Mark Welch  
INSIDE GUARD Michael Doyle  
TRUSTEES:

3 YEAR George St Marie

2 YEAR Joost Sluis

1 YEAR Robert Strezo

FIELD AGENT: Cliff Peloquin

KNIGHT OF THE QUARTER:  
Mario Carreon



## DOUBLE STAR COUNCIL!

In the 2007-2008 fraternal year, St Mary Council earned the coveted "DOUBLE STAR" award. Duplicate awards were given, one in the name of our deceased Grand Knight Joe Doyle and once in the name of Grand Knight Peter Baker. Doug Pifko and Tom Thorpe accepted his award for their father in law Joe Doyle.

## NOVEMBER

### SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2 PAN- CAKE BREAKFAST:

This is our first pancake fund raiser of the year. As is the custom, it comes on the date that we change our clocks. Come help serve and work at this fun KC event. Bring your family!

### MONDAY NOVEMBER 3: AS- SEMBLY MEETS

At Council  
4400 7:30 PM Steak fry at 5 PM

### TUESDAY NOVEMBER 11

COUNCIL MEETING: In Burnett  
Hall at 7:30 PM.

### SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15:

**POKER NIGHT** At Tim Cosgrove's house, 1026 Stonegate Road, New Lenox. Phone (815) 485 5599 Come and join your friends for an evening of penny ante poker.

### TUESDAY NOVEMBER 18 OF- FICER MEETING:

In the Bishop  
Fitzgerald Room of St Mary School,  
7:30 PM.

### THURSDAY NOVEMBER 27:

**THANKSGIVING DAY.** Give  
thanks for all of our blessings.



# OUR NEW BROTHER KNIGHTS



BILL  
MC DONALD



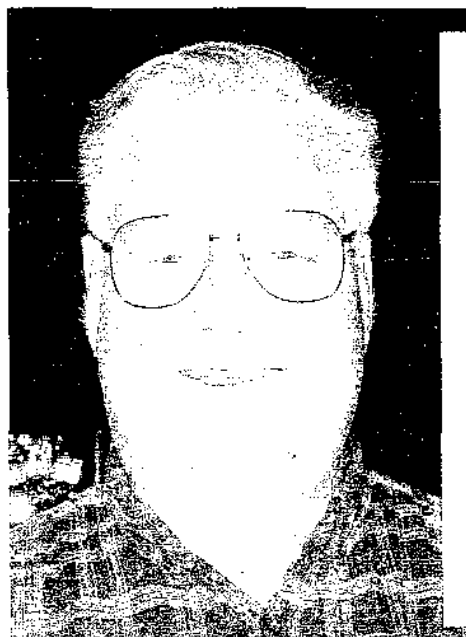
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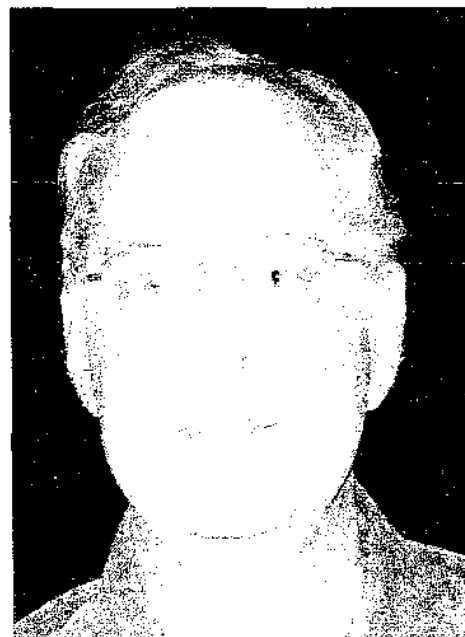
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MC CORMICK

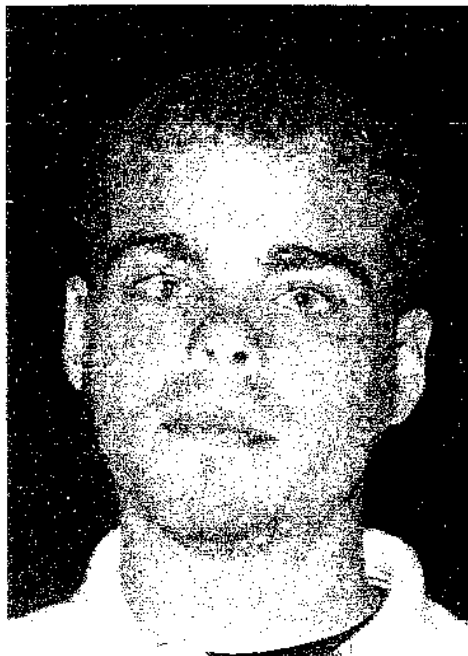


DENNY  
SLOWIK



ANDY  
LEITELT

# OUR NEW BROTHER KNIGHTS



ADAM  
DALALY



GREG  
HARPER



TIM  
HANRAHAN



JIM  
NAUMCZIK

## THE MEMBERSHIP BLITZ

The ten men whose pictures are shown here joined the Knights of Columbus on October 14 because of personal invitations given by our members. We have been told for years that good Catholic men need only to be asked to join in order to gain new knights. Some will be reluctant to join at first and might need some encouragement over time. Now that you have seen what can be done by a team effort, all members of the council are urged to provide names and addresses of additional prospective members. Be sure that those you recommend are Catholic men in good standing in the Church. The names of those whom you recommend will be added to the mailing list for this news letter as the first step toward familiarizing them with the great works of our order. Send names to Joe Sluis, 11533 St. Vincent Ct., Mokena, IL 60448.

Vivat Jesus



# WHY DOES THE ORDER HAVE INSURANCE?

The Order of the Knights of Columbus was founded at a time when there was no such thing as a "Social Safety Net". Families depended on each other for everything. If a man was seriously injured or died, his wife and children were usually destitute. The difficulty of life for widows and their children caused the formation of various orders of men such as the Moose and Elks. Some groups were basically drinking clubs while others subscribed to non Christian belief systems but all had a function of taking care of the helpless. It was in this climate that our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, determined that there should be a group of Catholic men who would remain loyal to the Faith, who would defend the Church and who would also take care of the helpless. It is correct to tell others that the Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization similar to the Moose or the Elks and that we are not officially affiliated with the Church. From its beginnings 127 years ago, the insurance program of the Knights of Columbus has grown and become one of the best programs in the world. While the Knights were providing insurance for members, other insurance programs and plans multiplied so that what was once a very special thing—Knights of Columbus Insurance—now looks like a lot of other plans. The biggest difference remaining is that the profit from our Knights of Columbus insurance goes to charitable causes while the profits from other insurance companies go to the company share holders. It's a very good program and worth a look.

## PLANNING YOUR RETIREMENT?

This month's column is for the baby boomers. Do you know what that is sneaking up on you? Retirement!

Ouch. I know. It's hard to believe isn't it? Seems like just yesterday...

But it's coming - and coming fast. And that's actually the good news.

Let me share with you some tidbits that may be of interest:

"The trend by companies to freeze or end their employee pension plans may have a big impact on baby boomers now on the cusp of retirement.

Boomers with pension plans have counted on monthly retirement checks at the end of their career, but increasing numbers of employers are ending their plans or halting future benefit accruals. Those at greatest risk include boomers in their late 40s and early 50s who are still at least a decade from retirement but too old to save enough to make up the difference in their pension benefits.

An August, 2005 survey by PricewaterhouseCoopers showed that nearly half of companies that expected to change their pension plans in the next year were considering freezing benefits for all employees. More than a third that offered pensions have already pared back these benefits over the last three years.

"This will definitely be a problem for baby boomers," says Karen Friedman at the Pension Rights Center. "You've been at a company under the plan and worked for years with that expectation, and then it's taken away."

I'm at 815-464-7242 [clifford.peloquin@kofc.org](mailto:clifford.peloquin@kofc.org). Call me - let's talk.

Cliff Peloquin

Field Agent



# WHAT ARE THE FOUR DEGREES OF KNIGHTHOOD?

Our Council now has twelve First Degree Knights. It is therefore important to explain what the different degrees mean and how one can attain them.

In order to be a full member of the Knights of Columbus, a member must attain the Third Degree. The First Degree is the local initiation given at the local council level. The Second Degree is a District initiation while the Third Degree is conferred by the State. Many councils have local "First Degree Teams" but the Second and Third Degrees are usually conferred by large specially trained teams and the proceedings are therefore not frequent. The Second and Third degrees are usually taken at the same time—sometimes all three degrees are taken together. Each degree has a unique character and they culminate in formal Knighthood. Members who have not attained the Third Degree may not hold elective office in the Knights and all are encouraged to advance to the Third Degree expeditiously. There are no eligibility requirements other than current membership to advance to the Third Degree.

The Fourth Degree is the Patriotic Degree and it enrolls members in a different organization called an Assembly. Fourth Degree knights are not senior to Third Degree members. Membership in the Fourth Degree Assembly is voluntary and means membership in the official honor guard of the knights with a distinctive uniform that many think is the uniform of all of the knights, although it is not—there is no uniform for the members of a local council of third degree knights. Eligibility to become a Fourth Degree member consists of having been a Knight for one year and having attained the Third Degree. The advancement ceremony inducting men into the Fourth Degree is usually given once per year—ours is in February of each year.

## VOTE

The Council of Catholic Bishops has issued a voting guide that is available through the parish. All are encouraged to read the guide and to heed its lessons.

VOTE YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH!



## A PSALM OF DAVID:

Hallelujah!

Sing to the Lord a new song, a hymn in the assembly of the faithful.

Let Israel be glad in their maker, the people of Zion rejoice in their King.

Let them praise his name in festive dance, make music with tambourine and lyre.

For the Lord takes delight in his people, honors the poor with victory.

Let the faithful rejoice in their glory, cry out for joy at their banquet, with the praise of God in their mouths.

From Psalm 149

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



## COOK'S CORNER

Our MASTER CHEFS will prepare Pulled Pork Sandwiches and great fixins for the November meeting



# WONDERING WHAT TO TELL NEW KNIGHTS?

The material below is reprinted from a Knights of Columbus news letter. It is very useful in talking to prospective members since the most common reason given for not joining is "I don't have the time".

## THE 24 - HOUR KNIGHT

Being a member of the Knights isn't as time-consuming as some prospects may think. When you ask prospects to join the Order explain that we are asking for 24 hours of their time each year in the following manner:

- 12 hours a year reading the weekly church bulletin, the state and local council newsletters and the monthly Supreme Council magazine COLUMBIA.
- 2 hours a year volunteering at a council event of their interest
- 2 hours a year attending two council prayer services with their family
- 2 hours a year on a council sponsored family project or event
- 2 hours a year attending one council meeting, if it is a good one they attend more
- 4 hours a year attending a council social function with their family

Once you've explained the time commitment to a prospect be sure that you have a Form #100 handy so that you can sign him up while you have his attention.

## Prayer Vigil for the 2008 Election

Christ the King Church, Lombard

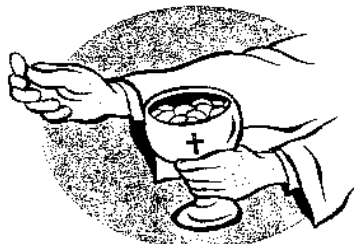
Monday, November 3 at 7:00pm  
ending with the  
Celebration of Holy Mass  
on Tuesday, November 4 at 7:30am.

**Come adore Jesus Christ  
present in the tabernacle**

**Questions?  
Call Fr. Peter at 630.396.6079**

## RAFFLE TICKETS?

Until this year, the Joliet Assembly did not participate in the Vocations Raffle. Those of us who are members of the Fourth Degree received two raffle booklets in the mail this year. If you plan to buy the booklet of tickets, it does not matter which organization gets your money since it all goes for vocations. Please buy a booklet if you received one (both is OK, too) Send the \$15 with the ticket stubs and the entire front cover before Thanksgiving. You will be helping the seminarians of Illinois and might also win \$10,000!



## GOT A PET PROJECT?

As the largest evangelical organization of laymen in the world, the Knights of Columbus supports the Church in all of its activities. Many members are active in church organizations other than the knights. The council presently supports the school by buying the flags for all the school classrooms but there may be more we can do. The parish has so many organizations that most of us have no clue other than hearsay about what they do. If you are active in a Parish ministry and want to tell the knights more about it then send a short article to this newsletter using Email (attach a word file if you can) to MOKENAJ@aol.com or a letter to Joe Sluis, 11533 St. Vincent Ct. Mokena IL 60448