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# MOKENA KNIGHTHOOD

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

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**TUESDAY 4: FOURTH DEGREE MEETS** At 4400: 7:30 PM  
**FRIDAY 7: DAY OF PRAYER AND PENDANCE** for the promotion of a Culture of Life—declared by Bishop Sartain for this day.

**TUESDAY 11: COUNCIL MEETS** In Burnett Hall at 7:30 PM. Come and help with a First Degree initiation of new members, help plan for the MR Drive and enjoy the brotherhood.

**SATURDAY 15 AND SUNDAY 16: ST MARY MR DRIVE :**

The Knights will be on hand for all the Masses to ask for donations and give out tootsie rolls. Contact Pete Baker (815) 806 1499 to help.

**SATURDAY 15: CHARITY BALL:** The annual formal dinner of the Fourth Degree. You need not be a Fourth Degree member to attend this wonderful event. See the article and the reservation form on the back

**FRIDAY 21 AND SATURDAY 22: MR DRIVE IN MOKENA**

Everyone should help with this one. The MR Drive collects money for the mentally handicapped and all money

we earn goes to charity. Contact MR Chairman Pete Baker and be available when called to volunteer. (815) 806 1499.

**FRIDAY 21: POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY** fly your flag and remember the missing heroes

**SATURDAY 22: POKER NIGHT** At Joe Kral's house, 19403 Kevin Ave., Mokena—7:30 PM until ?  
**TUESDAY 25: OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS MEETING:** In the Bishop Fitzgerald Room of St Mary School—7:30 PM

**SATURDAY 29: PRAYER BREAKFAST:** At KOSTA'S Restaurant (next to Walt's Supermarket), US 45 and Colorado Street in Frankfort. Doors open at 7:30 AM and breakfast will be served starting at 8 AM. Come, pray and share in Christian fellowship See the article

**SATURDAY 29: SPAGHETTI DINNER.** We start serving the meal at 4 PM. Workers are needed at various times during the day and to serve and clean up this event. Contact Chairman Joe Kral (708) 478 4543. Please be responsive if you're called. This event supports the Council, helps pay our corporate assessments, etc.

# COME TO THE PRAYER BREAKFAST SEPTEMBER 29!

The Prayer Breakfast promises to be a huge success. Information has been distributed to other church groups to maximize attendance of this wonderful event. Prayer breakfasts have not been customary for the Knights but those of us who have attended them with other groups will testify to the blessings they have received. The cost of a ticket for the breakfast is \$20.00 per person of which \$10 is for the breakfast and \$10 is a donation to the Thomas More Society. The menu for the breakfast consists of a buffet that includes eggs, breakfast meats, pancakes, biscuits with gravy, French toast, corned beef hash, hash browns, etc. The object is to socialize together with other Christians in a pleasant setting where all can pray together, learn together and get to know one another. Since all of us eat, why not eat breakfast with friends and fellow Christians while feeding the soul as well as the body? Meet your friends at

KOSTA'S Restaurant September 29 at 7:30 AM at US 45 and Colorado Street in Frankfort.

The featured speaker for the breakfast this year is Mr. Thomas Brejcha, founder of the Thomas More Society. Pro Life Law Center. The Thomas More Society is supported by the Knights of Columbus as a legal organization that defends life and the family. At present, the Knights, with the Thomas More Society as lawyers, are taking legal action in California against homosexual marriage. The Thomas More Society and the Knights are also actively working to oppose the new abortion mill in Du Page County that Bishop Sartain has asked us to oppose by prayer on September 7.



## TOOTSIE ROLLS?

One of the great Knights of Columbus traditions is Mentally Retarded Charities Drive now known as the "MR" drive. The idea started right here—the Tinley Park Council of the Knights invented the Tootsie Roll Campaign. Most KC Councils in the US now participate although the dates vary. Councils participating in the campaign buy their own supplies for the event. The supplies are Tootsie Rolls, cans and aprons. When the campaign is over, the council subtracts the cost of supplies from the amount collected (strict rules apply) and then all the remaining money is sent to the State Council for distribution. After a month or so, forms appear at the Council asking which charities (from a list of approved charities) should get the proceeds. The State Council then combines all the amounts from the Knights and sends checks for all the money raised to the designees. The Knights don't keep any money.

## K OF C INSURANCE?

When the Knights were founded in the nineteenth century, women who were widowed had a desperate life of poverty. "Social Safety Nets" did not exist, the Church provided help but usually did not have a lot to share. The Knights of Columbus was among a number of organizations that were formed partly to provide insurance for the families of men who suddenly died or were incapacitated.

Knights of Columbus Insurance is now one of the most highly rated and successful companies in the world. The rates are competitive or better than other companies. Annuities and Long Term Care Insurance are a great buy from the Knights. The best part of the K of C Insurance is where the insurance company profits go—to charities around the world instead of to stockholders. Insurance company profits have supplied millions for Katrina Relief, to rebuild the facade of St Peters in Rome, to support missions around the world and many more worthy charitable goals. It is a great program.

## The Good Wife

A woman's husband had been slipping in and out of a coma for several months, yet she had stayed by his bedside every single day. One day, when he came to, he motioned for her to come closer.

As she sat by him, he whispered, eyes full of tears, "I would like to propose a toast to you! Honey, you have been with me all through the bad times. When I got fired, you were there to support me. When my business failed, you were there. When I got shot, you were by my side. When we lost the house, you stayed right here. When my health started failing, you were still by my side. And you know what?"

"What dear?" She gently asked, smiling as her heart began to fill with warmth. And her husband looked into her eyes and said, "I think you're bad luck."



Credit: CatholicSites.com

## JOIN THE BISHOP FOR THE CHARITY BALL

The annual Charity Ball of the Joliet Assembly is a dinner dance with a live band and great food. This is a "dress up" event with suit and tie required. All Knights and their ladies are encouraged to attend this wonderful time. The wearing of a tuxedo and regalia is optional for Fourth Degree Knights. The event starts with Mass by Bishop Sartain at St Jude Church in New Lenox. A Fourth Degree Honor Guard is present. After Mass, all go to the Broken Arrow Country Club on Farrel Road for the dinner and party. Money raised for charity during the year is distributed after the dinner. Plan to attend this great event. (Form on page 4)

## MASS MAILING SENT TO ST MARY PARISH MEN

Council Membership Director Jim Peppmuller mailed out 2850 new member recruitment flyers on August 10. The flyers are a combination of letter, response form and a list of Knights activities. The cost of these flyers was held as low as possible to save Council funds.

At the parish Picnic on August 26, response forms were received from ten men and two men filled out "Form 100" to join the Knights of Columbus. The Knights had a special "Membership Tent" at the picnic and generally gained recognition from many parishioners. The event was a wonderful success and we thank Jim Peppmuller and his committee.



*Knights of Columbus*  
*Joliet Assembly #0204*

**Come join us for our  
34<sup>th</sup> Annual  
*Charity Ball Dinner/Dance***  
"The way it used to be"

September 15, 2007  
Broken Arrow Banquet Facility - Lockport, IL  
Cocktails: 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Menu

CHICKEN PICCATA OR NEW YORK STRIP STEAK  
Coffee, Tea, Red & White Wine (at table)  
"Spring Mix" Salad, Rolls & Butter  
Vegetable Medley and Double Baked Potato  
Dessert – Cheesecake  
Cash Bar

Music by

T.T. Nelson Orchestra (9 piece with vocalist)

Reservations

Tickets available (up to 10 per table) upon receipt of  
completed form & remittance of \$45 per dinner  
Return By: September 10<sup>th</sup>

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Please mail tickets and directions to the DINNER/DANCE to:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ (Council) \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

No. of tickets for: CHICKEN PICCATA

NEW YORK STRIP STEAK

Remittance of \$45 per dinner covers: Meal, Rose for Ladies, Wine on Table, Music & Dancing  
Mail form to: ROY GESELL F.N., 608 Central Road, New Lenox, IL 60451  
Make checks payable to: Knights of Columbus Joliet Assembly #0204