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BLOOD DRIVE

The NEXT Community Blood Drive is scheduled for April 12, 2012 from 2:00PM to 6:30PM at the KC Hall.

The October & January Blood Drive resulted in **96** units of blood received from 100 potential donors. Larry thanks his helper for their volunteer support of this important event.



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IN MEMORY OF
Deborah Boban
Faithful Member of the Ladies Auxiliary

Deborah Bobbin, Age 58, of Oswego died on Wednesday October 26, 2011. Beloved wife of Sir Knight Jim, Deb is a member of St. Anne Church in Oswego. She was a very active member of the Oswego Ladies Auxiliary of the Oswego Council # 7247, Knights of Columbus. Deb was also a member of the Wednesday morning bible study group at St. Anne Church. The Marquette Assembly #0188 fourth degree provided a formal honor guard at her funeral Mass. Deb left her mark on the Wheelchair Foundation Dinner just two days after her funeral Mass. Jim concluded that Deb would not what him to cancel the event. Dab has been sick for several years but one would not have known as she always had a positive attitude until the very end. Whenever Deb was asked how she was feeling or getting along she would always answer, "I am blessed" We all say good bye to Deb and thank her for all she as accomplished for the Knights and her many friends. Deb, "we have been blessed"

Dear Brother Knights,

It is hard to believe that the first year of my term as your Grand Knight is half over and our plans are set for the first half of 2012. The winter and spring schedule of events are outlined on the Councils' web page (oswegokc.org). We continue to encourage our committee chairman to make a phone contact with every Knight on our council's roster. New and active members are important for the growth and future of Council # 7247. Recruit a new member. I continue to appreciate all of your help and support.

Steve Reilly Finch, Grand Knight



PRO-LIFE BREAKFAST

The Second PRO-LIFE Breakfast for the 2011-2012 Fraternal year was held on Sunday January 15, 2012 at the Joachim Center at St. Anne's Church. Joe Leahy working with Matt Walker our Council's Pro-Life Chairman coordinated the breakfast. We thank Joe for all his work to make this event a success. 289 were served and \$1000 was raised. Proceeds of this event and the September Breakfast provide the support for Catholic Charities, Pregnancy Information Center and Birth Right of Joliet. The two Pro-Life Breakfast event generated a bit over \$ 2,000, far short of the \$ 4,000 needed to meet our annual commitment to these three fine organizations. The council needs the support of all members to make these events more successful. Joe reports that council members contributed 100 hours and families and the Scout added another 43. Great staffing support,



FRATERNAL NIGHT

On the first Friday of each month the Brother Knights of the Oswego Council gather at the KC Hall for an evening of fun, games, pizza and a cold beer. Pick your game and join your brother Knights.



FAMILY MASS - October 22, 2011

A group of 20 (Brother Knights & Wives) gathered at St. Anne/s Church at 5:00 PM for the All Souls Mass followed by a Pot Luck meal. All of the Brothers Knights joined together to light a candle for our departed council & Ladies Auxiliary members. The next family mass is scheduled for March 3rd at 5:00 PM Mass at St. Anne church. Please plan to attend (Shirts)



TOY DRIVE 2011

On December 5, 6, & 7 the Knights under the direction of Santa Bill collected 1600 toys for boys & girls in the Aurora and Oswego areas. The toys collected this year were distributed to the following organizations: Catholic Charities, Hesed House Breakfast with Santa, (St. Peter Council), St. Joseph & St. Therese of Jesus churches, the Literacy Center of Aurora, Ministry for Children with a parent in prison and several individual families. Thanks to all who contributed toys and to Santa Bill and his elf's for again working at this event. This the eight year that your council has helped bring a smile to hundred of our local area children.



LIGHT UP FOR CHRIST

This year we were pleased to welcome Father David and Deacon Duane to the "Light up for Christ dedication of the manager display at the KC hall. A group of 18 Knights and family members gathered for this important annual event as we joined many of the 15,000 Councils worldwide lighting up for Christ. Refreshments were served, the KC tree was lighted and "It is OK to wish me a Merry Christmas buttons were passed out.

WHEELCHAIR FOUNDATION DINNER

On the evening of October 29th a group of 65 Knights and Friends of the Knights gathered at the KC Hall for a wonderful dinner and entertainment by the "Trio". Brother Jim Boban was at it again to collect over \$ 3,000 for the Wheelchair Foundation. The dinner was provided by Upper Crust Catering. This years' event was presented in honor of Deb Boban, Jim's wife who passed away two days before dinner & show. The silent auction featured a very special pillow made by Deb just weeks before her death. Her doctor made a generous gift to purchase the pillow for his office. Thanks Jim for another great

POKER TOURNAMENTS



What happens in Oswego the night before Thanksgiving? Answer: The Knights of Columbus, Oswego Council Poker Tournament. Under the direction of our worthy Grand Knight Steve, this is a major fund raising event for the Charity activities of the Oswego Council. Under the permit from the State of Illinois we are allowed to sponsor four (4) tournaments per year. 90 players participated in the Thanksgiving event. This event raised about \$ 3,000 to be shared by the Council and the Columbus Club. Staffing is very important to make this event run and Steve is always looking for help. Activities include a food committee, registration, bartenders, waiters, game managers, chip preparation and cleanup. If you can help please just show up or call Steve for more information @ 630-853-2053.



CULTURE OF LIFE SERIES`

On Monday, November 21th at 7:30 p.m., Knights of Columbus Oswego Council #7247 hosted its first speaker in the "Culture of Life" series. The first speaker was Congressman Randy Hultgren. Congressman Hultgren represents Illinois' 14th District, and has been a firm defender of life throughout his political career. Congressman Hultgren spoke about his involvement with pro-life legislation on Capitol Hill, and how we as citizens can work together with our elected representatives to protect and promote the Culture of Life. THE NEXT EVENT is February 9th at 7:30 PM at the KC Hall will feature Dr. Colleen A. Malloy, MD. The subject: "MEDICAL FACT AND FICTION ABOUT ABORTION". Matt Walker, Pro-Life Chairman invites everyone to attend.

COUNCIL CHRISTMAS PARY



On the evening of December 15th a group of 35 Knights and family members gathered at the KC Hall for the annual Christmas party and White Elephant gift exchange. With a Pot Luck Dish and the main course from Upper Crust Catering we all enjoyed a wonderful meal. After a few drinks and dinner the famous White Elephant gift exchange got under way. There were many wonderful gifts passed around. Many of the wonderful items moved on to the Fourth Degree, Marquette Assembly Christmas dinner and White Elephant Gift exchange. So many (Junk) wonderful gifts were exchanged. A good time was had by all. Plan to attend next year.



COUNCIL PICNIC

A group of brother Knights, wives and the Ladies Auxiliary gathered at Hudson Park in Oswego for the Councils' Annual Picnic. As it was September 24th and the sun was not to be seen, one could say that is was somewhat on the COOL side to say the least. However Bill & Jim and committee cooked up the hamburgers and brats. The location is perfect for the Picnic – So, we are planning to reserve early in the summer. Thanks to Bill & Jim and to all who attended. The food provided by the Ladies was just wonderful.

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING



Saturday, May 19, 2010 at FOX BEND GOLF COURSE

Shot Gun start at 12:30 followed by a Pork Chop Dinner at the KC Hall

This event supports the Matt Draper and Leon McNair Scholarship Funds.

HOW CAN ALL OF THE KNIGHT HELP?

GET your foursome and register (\$320) or \$90 for a single: Secure a hole Sponsor for \$100:

Contribute items to the Door Prizes and Silent Auction.

Come and help.

Contact Leo @630-554-3755 or Mike @630-897-2551

SOUP' ON



Sunday, February 26th 12-3 pm

Free will donation or non perishable food item for the Kendall County Food Pantry

Presented in memory of Deborah Boban



ANNUAL SPRING FLING CARD PARTY



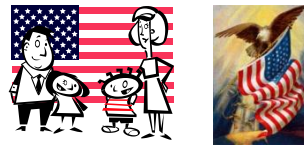
Sunday March 25, 1 – 4 pm

Luncheon, Fashion show, Raffles

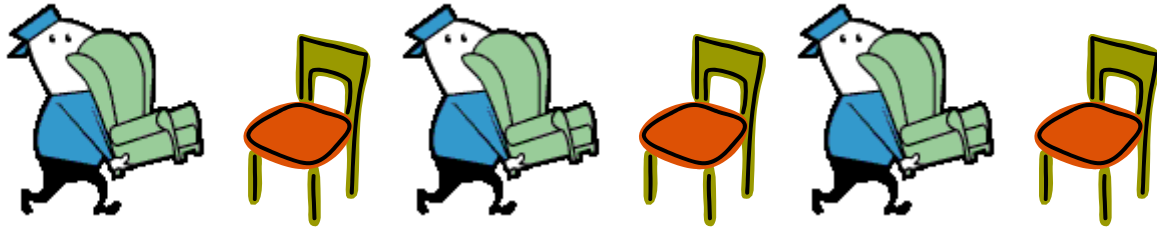
Portion of proceeds to be donated to the Oswego High Schools Art Departments.

In Memory of Sandra Bartels

FOURTH DEGREE FLAG CORPS



The Marquette Assembly is in need for the support of their members with Regalia to join the Assembly's Flag Corps. This unit meets twice a month for training. One meeting is at 6:30 pm just before the Assembly business meeting. Call Steve @ 630-853-2053



Worthy brothers may I wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous new year. As we enter 2012 it has become necessary for me to advise you of a great need that we have as a council. As you are aware we lease our hall from the Joliet Diocese and we take on the responsibility for maintenance and upkeep. The hall is our greatest material asset in that it enables us to have a home for our many fundraisers, meetings, degrees, and other gatherings. The cost to maintain the hall, parking lot and amenities falls on the Columbus Club of which we are all members.

The Columbus Club's chief source of revenue is banquet rentals without which we would not be able to afford to sustain the hall. We are faced with stiff competition and a downward economy. It is thus more important than ever to maintain a high standard to attract rentals. The Columbus Club have been doing what it can to meet this challenge, resealing the parking lot, installing new light fixtures and new blinds, updating décor and maintaining the infrastructure. However one area that we, as Columbus Club board members, know we have not kept up with the times is our current seating.

No doubt you are all aware of our metal chairs, without pads, that are not the most comfortable option of seating to put it mildly. This seating is the number one reason that potential rentals move on to another facility. Our challenge for 2012 is to change this. We MUST update our chairs to acceptable, upholstered, padded, banquet seating that a potential renter would be happy to seat their family and friends on.

It is estimated that for 200 chairs it will cost approximately \$6000.00 and therefore that is our goal. We need to raise that amount above and beyond our normal income that we need for ongoing maintenance and expenses. It costs us approximately \$2500.00 a month to maintain the hall plus capital expenses as needed.

Our Council has approximately 150 active members and we could go a long way to meet this challenge immediately if each member would purchase one chair. As your Grand Knight I must appeal to you to do just that. Please consider making a onetime donation of \$40.00 to the Columbus Club of which you are a member. I know that not everyone can do this, while some may be able to do more, I ask you to prayerfully consider what you can afford and send it to us to meet this urgent need.

Let us step up at this time together as Knights, as we always do, and solve this need today. With everyone's help we can have our Columbus Club sit in a better place. We will, of course, plan special fundraisers to meet any shortfall if needed.

We would like to complete this project, if possible, before summer in time for the Wedding season. I would therefore ask that you make your donation payable to "Columbus Club of Oswego" before April 1st this year.

Special thanks to all that can help,

Steve Reilly-Finch, GK

Vivat Jesus

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE



Again this September Brother Knight Mike Steele took on the mission of the annual TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE. Mike and his team spread out to the Jewel in Montgomery, Marcley's (Oswego Oil Company) in Oswego, Boulder Hill Pass at St. Anne Church and several other key intersections. We thank all who helped out at this important event to collect \$\$\$\$\$\$ for needs our special friends. Over \$ 3,000 was collected over the two days. Thanks Mike for you continued support for the Oswego Council # 7247.

Pope Benedict XVI has named 22 new cardinals



Pope Benedict XVI has named 22 new cardinals, including three members of the Knights of Columbus, announcing their formal induction for Feb. 18, at St. Peter's Basilica.

Cardinals are the Holy Father's closest advisors, and those under 80 have the responsibility of electing the pope's successor.

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson welcomed the news of the appointments and said, "The Knights of Columbus is pleased that these distinguished members of our organization have been selected for this great honor. Their dedication to the Gospel and to the service of the Church is inspiring and provides an excellent example to our members in North America. Together with the 1.8 Knights of Columbus, I congratulate the cardinals-designate and pledge our continued solidarity with them and our Holy Father."

Among those to be elevated to the Sacred College of Cardinals are two Americans and a Canadian, all of whom are members of the Order: Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan of New York; Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien, Grand Master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem; and Archbishop Thomas C. Collins of Toronto.

Cardinal-designate Dolan is a native of St. Louis and was ordained a priest of that archdiocese in 1976. During the 1990s he served as a secretary at the Apostolic Nunciature in Washington and rector of the Pontifical North American College, a U.S. seminary in Rome. Pope John Paul II appointed him an auxiliary bishop of St. Louis in 2001 and a year later named him Archbishop of Milwaukee. Pope Benedict XVI appointed him to lead the Archdiocese of New York in 2009. He was elected to the presidency of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in 2010.

Cardinal-designate Dolan joined St. Anthony Council 417 in Washington, D.C., in 1980 while a doctoral student at The Catholic University of America. He is also a member of Charles Carroll Assembly 693 in Manhattan.

Cardinal-designate O'Brien was born in New York and ordained a priest for that archdiocese in 1965. He served as a U.S. Army chaplain during the early 1970s and later as both vice-chancellor of the archdiocese and secretary to Cardinals Terence Cooke and John O'Connor. He was rector of St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers (Dunwoodie) from 1985-89 and 1994-97. Between those periods he was rector of the North American College in Rome. He was appointed an auxiliary bishop of New York by Pope John Paul II in 1996 and Coadjutor Archbishop for the Military Services U.S.A. in April 1997. He succeeded to that post in August 1997 and served in that role for 10 years until being appointed Archbishop of Baltimore by Pope Benedict XVI in 2007. Late last year the Holy Father named him Pro-Grand Master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

In 1995, the cardinal-designate joined Sisqua Council 1852 in Mount Kisco, N.Y. In 1999, he became a member of Father Nicholas Habets Assembly 1505 in Virginia Beach, V.A.

Cardinal-designate Collins was born in the southwestern Ontario City of Guelph and ordained a priest for the Diocese of Hamilton in 1973. In addition to pastoral duties, he served as a college and seminary professor during his early priesthood, ultimately serving as vice-rector and rector of St. Peter's Seminary in London Ontario during the 1990s. Pope John Paul II appointed him Coadjutor Bishop of Saint Paul in Alberta in 1997. The cardinal-designate joined the Order in 1998 and is a member of Toronto Council 1388 and Cardinal McGuigan Assembly 865 (also in Toronto).

