

MATT DRAPER SCHOLARSHIP



***Left to Right: Leo McKenna, Oswego Council #7247
Emily Cheseboro, Scholarship Winner & Ross Draper
Assistant Principal, Plainfield North High School.***

The Oswego Council #7247 Knights of Columbus is pleased to announce that The 2011 Matt Draper Scholarship was awarded to Emily Cheseboro a senior at Plainfield North High School. Emily has been through so much yet is graduating on time with her class. Since her 8 birthday when she was diagnosed with a condition that impacted her spine and she has been through multiple surgeries and missed a lot of school over the past four years. Because of nerve damage to her foot Emily was unable to participate in high school athletics. Vice Principal, Ross Draper wondered how she stay up on her school work and push through the tough day, but she did!! Emily plans to attend Joliet Junior College next fall to pursue a nursing degree so she can help others get through their difficult situations. The Oswego Council and the Draper family are pleased to honor Emily with a \$1,500 2011 Matt Draper Scholarship for her Courage, Dedication and Outstanding Achievements. The Matt Draper Scholarship honors a graduating high school student who has overcome a disability during their high school years. Matt was injured in a diving accident leaving him a quadraplegic for 11 years. Over those 11 years, Matt faced adversity and obstacles dealing with simple everyday tasks. He worked everyday toward accomplishing his goals & dreams. Matt's courage inspired this Scholarship. Each year the Oswego Knights holds a golf outing to provide the funds to support the program.

COUNCIL

POKER TOURNAMENTS

The spring poker tournament was held on April 16th at the KC Hall. Steve, the Poker Chairman, reports low attendance at this event, (67) players. Although the attendance was lower than usual positive results were reported for the Council's Charity Funds and the Columbus Club. This event continues to be a major source for funds for our Council, thus allowing #7247 to continue their charitable mission. Thanks Steve for continuing to handle this most important fundraising event for the Council and the Columbus Club.



FIRST DEGREE

The Oswego Council First Degree Team conducted two First Degrees this spring. The first was held on March 26, 2011. One new member joined our council. We extend our congratulations to New Brother Knight Bill Dowdy. Bill went on to take his 2nd & 3rd degrees at San Sal Vador-Archangel Council # 282 in Palos Heights on Sunday May 15th. Brother Mike Steele joined Bill for the degree. On Thursday, May 26th the Oswego Council conducted the second First Degree of the spring 2011. John Nehelle and Russell Pietrowiak took their First Degree and became members of the Knights of Columbus (Oswego Council #7247). We extend our congratulations to the new brother Knights.

FRATERNAL NIGHT

If you are not aware of this event it happens on the first Friday of each month. Brothers Knights gather at the KC Hall to enjoy an evening of games, pizza, liquid refreshments and good fellowship. All Knights regardless of council are invited to join with the brothers from council #7247.



BENEFITS NIGHT

On the evening of May 6th a group of 22 Knights, potential Knights and wives gathered at the KC Hall to hear about the many benefits offered by the Knights of Columbus through the Order's Insurance programs. General Agent Michael Lodanto and Field Agent Jack Springmier outlined the history of the Knights Insurance program and all of the programs available to the membership. Life insurance, Long Term Care and Annuities were reviewed. It is the agents' responsibility to not just sell insurance programs, but the work with the membership and help with recruiting events. Our Grand Knight arranged for a very tasty dinner for all who attended



STEAK FRY

Brother Bill Tremaine was at it again cooking up a wonderful dinner (Market Day Steaks, Baked Potato & Green Beans). The meal was wonderful but the attendance was not what we expected. Bill reports that 102 meals were served. Needless to say the profit picture, although positive, was not very satisfactory. This is just another example of the lack of support not only from the community but from our own members. Thanks Bill and your great staff for a great meal. It was excellent (did not need the steak knives but we enjoyed them)

MISERCORDIA CANDY DRIVE

Chairman Jim Boban was at it again on Friday April 29th & Saturday April 30th hitting the streets for the Misericordia Mercy Home. Again this year we wish to thank the three Jewel Stores in Oswego & Yorkville for their support by allowing the Knights to collect at their locations. We also express our appreciation to Marcleys (Oswego Oil Company) for the use of their facilities to collect for this worthy cause. As always we need more help for the needed coverage. However regardless of some open spots the drive collected \$3,000. Thanks again Jim for your dedication to the annual event.

STATE CONVENTION

DGK Steve Reilly-Finch and Chancellor Mike Steele represented the Oswego Council at the State Convention on April 29 & 30. Mike reported on the activities at the May 19th Council meeting



CHURCH



FAMILY MASS

On February 5th a group of (25) Knights, Ladies Auxiliary and family members gather at St. Anne's for the 5:00 PM Mass. Gift bearers were Dale Anderson & Mike Blanton. Following the Mass we all gathered at the KC Hall for a wonderful pot luck dinner and social event. Note: 35% of many of the ministries at St. Anne's are staffed by members and family members of the Oswego Council.



CLERGY NIGHT

On Monday May 9th 110 Knights from the Aurora area joined with the Priest & Deacons for the 35th annual Clergy Appreciation Dinner. The Oswego Council was represented by Deacon Duane and Brother Knights Dale Anderson, Gerry Knuth, Bill Tremaine, Leo McKenna, Phil Dembinski, Larry Koziol & Steve Reilly-Finch. We were pleased that Bishop Doran and our State Treasurer were able to join the event to honor & thank our Priests and Deacons. Council #736 cooked a wonderful Pork Chop dinner.

QUARTERLY ROSARY



In addition to praying one decade of the Rosary at each meeting everyone is invited to join the Knight and pray the Rosary at 7:00 PM before the council meeting. Watch the St. Anne Bulletin for the next scheduled Rosary.

PRO-LIFE PRAYER SERVICE

March 23, (22) Knights, Ladies Auxiliary and family members gathered at the St. Anne's Chapel to pray for the Knights of Columbus International Day of the Unborn Child. We attended the 7:00 PM Mass celebrated by Father Novak. Following the Mass the group prayed the Rosary lead by Church Director Leo McKenna and assisted by Pat Koziol. The event was part of a world wide effort for respect life. Thanks to all who attended this evening to pray for the unborn on this the Feast of the Annunciation.

BREAKFAST

Each year the council sponsors two Pancakes for Life Breakfast events. The dollars raised at these two events are distributed at the first meeting in March. This year the breakfast dollars and a contribution from the council provided \$ 4,000 to be distributed to Catholic Charities, Pregnancy Information Center and Birthright of Joliet. Although we served a combined total at the two breakfasts, we still need more support for not only our membership but from St, Anne Parish.



Left to Right: Geoff Franklin (Catholic Charities): Bev Callison (Pregnancy Information Center): Gerry Knuth (Grand Knight): Karen Hartfield (Birth Right of Joliet)

YOUTH

SCOUTING

The Oswego Council continues to sponsor the Scout Troop 7247, Cub Pack and the Adventure Group. The Columbus Club is now providing the hall for the Cub Scout Pack 384 Blue & Gold dinner.

TEAM SPONSORSHIP

Youth Director Mike Resner again this year proposed that the Council continue to support the Youth Baseball and Softball teams. The Council membership voted to provide the requested funds.

UMPIRE TRAINING

Mike reports that the Umpire training sessions are still in progress at the hall. The Columbus Club provides the hall at no charge.

2010 FUNDS DISTRIBUTED

At the first meeting in March 2011 in addition to the \$4,000 distributes to the Pro-Life organization and additional \$3,000 was distributed from the Tootsie Roll drive to organizations support handicap individuals. This year funds were distributed to Special Camps, Special Olympics. Mike Steele thanks all of his helpers at the Tootsie Roll drive. The best way to collect positive dollars is "COVERAGE". Please plan to sign up for 2 hours this fall to help bring in the big \$\$\$\$\$

2010 ACTIVITIES REPORT

Each year the council submits to the State & Supreme at summary of Fraternal Activities. Here is 2010.

CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS

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| Church Activities: | \$ 1,052 |
| Community Activities: | \$ 15,960 |
| Youth activities | \$ 4,086 |
| TOTAL | \$ 21,098 |

Does not include per capita payment: \$ 3502 and direct payments: Misericordia, & The Wheelchair Foundation. \$ 6,000.

FRATERNAL COMMITMENT

Volunteer Hours in all areas: 3850

Three Cheers for # 7247 – Great Job.

FOURTH DEGREE

Congratulations to Mike & Karl who took their Fourth Degree at the Marriott Hotel this past April. Leo, Gerry and Dale joined the new Fourth members at the installation.

KNIGHT MEETINGS The Knights meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday at 7:30 PM of every month. There is also a social evening on the 1st Friday at 7:30 PM of every month. All Knights are welcome at these monthly gatherings

JUNE DATES TO REMEMBER

The following is list of dates in June that you may want to keep open on your calendar;

June 14 Flag Retirement, Oswego KC Hall at 6:30(?) PM

June 16 Installation of Officers, Mass and Dinner, Oswego KC Hall at 6:30 PM

June 18 Ladies Craft Show, Oswego KC Hall at 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

June 18 Poker Tournament, Oswego KC Hall at 6:00 PM

June 21 4th Degree Meeting – Election of Officers, Oswego KC Hall at 7:30 PM

June 23 Special Camps near White Pines state Park in Oregon, IL All Day

June 25 St Charles Softball, Pottawatomie Park St. Charles, All Day

COUNCIL OFFICERS 

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Deacon Duane Wozek

GRAND KNIGHT

Gerry Knuth
DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT

Steve Reilly-Finch

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Jim Bennett

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LECTURER

Dale Anderson

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Bill Tremaine

TRUSTEE 2 YEAR

Larry Koziol

TRUSTEE 3 YEAR

Jim Boban

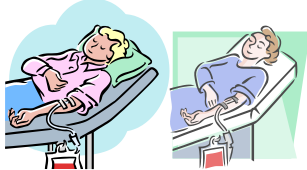
BLOOD DRIVE

The NEXT Community Blood Drive is scheduled for July 14, 2011 from 2:00PM to 6:30PM at the KC Hall.

The Blood Drive resulted in **62** units of blood received from 68 potential donors.

Larry thanks his helper for their volunteer support of this important

event.



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Dear Brother Knights,

Well my term as your Grand Knight is coming to an end. I am pleased to thank all of the event chairman and their committees for a great job and their continued support of the Oswego Council. However, I continue to be concerned as the number of active brother Knights that are carrying the work of the Oswego Council and that this group is getting older. To continue the great work of the Knights of Columbus and the Oswego Council we need to improve the participation of our local members. Attending meeting is important but helping at one or more events is equally if not more important. For example of the 30 individuals helping with the Missercordia Candy Drive only 14 were members of the Oswego Council. Regardless of the weak support from the 100+ Knights in our area, Jim Boban reports that we collected \$3,000. Jim Thanks all of the workers who gave 2 hours of their time for the kids..

It has been an honor to serve as your Grand Knight (for the second time) for the fraternal year 2010-2011. We have a great council doing good things for our Church, Community and the Order. I wish your new Grand Knight much success for his first fraternal year 2011-2012 and ask that all of the Brother Knights continue to support the leader of the Oswego Council #7247.

Fraternally yours

Gerry Knuth, Grand Knight

COMING to the PARKING LOT

#1: **FIRST FRIDAY FRATERNAL NIGHT** – June 3rd around 7:00 PM. Your Brother Knights will be meeting in the parking lot cooking up Hot Dogs & Hamburgers and outdoor games. Come join your Brother Knights.

#2 **FLAG RETIREMENT** – June 14th at 6:30 PM. Join the 4th Degree Knights, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and the American Legion for the formal retirement of flags. The Marquette Assembly flag corps will present the colors.

#3: **FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS** - July 4th around 7:00 PM. Hot Dogs & Hamburgers by the Council. Bring your chairs, games snacks with the whole family.

