Knights of Columbus 758-4141

DE KALB COUNCIL, No. 717
1336 E. Lincoln Highway
De Kalb, Illinois 60115

FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

The next Knights of Columbus meeting is December 7, which is also the 70th Anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. The meeting will have a Christmas theme this month. All attendees please wear a “Santa” hat, and “Merry Christmas” will be the often spoken words of the evening. All Knights are invited to this festive meeting. A meal will be served at 6:00 with the meeting starting at 7:00.

At this meeting, we will discuss adding additional people to the committee for the Appreciation Pig Roast Dinner. This event was very successful last year and we hope to increase its success additionally in 2012.

Also, Matt V. has completed his tour of duty with the Cornfest Beer Garden and a new Chairman or Chairmen will be needed for 2012. We will be discussing this situation at the December meeting.

The Tootsie Roll Drive will also need a new chairman. Jim L. has also completed his tour of duty and will pass the position on to a new person. The organization of the drive has been honed to perfection during the last couple of years and Jim will help by passing his knowledge on.

Council #717 has been invited to organize a group to attend the Chicago Wolves Hockey game on Saturday, February 25, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. We will be discussing this event at the meeting. Other councils are using this as a fundraiser. Please come with ideas. If we have a group of 30 or more, each receives a free hat. The evening is being referred to as **Knight at the Rink.**

At the last meeting, we approved the request for membership of Vince McCabe, the president of the Village of Malta.

All Knights are invited to this festive occasion on the 7th. Before the meeting, Al will serve the beverage of your choice to add to the festive occasion and help our members enter into this festive season.

Leaders at the meeting will be:

Jeff Whelan will lead the Lord’s Prayer.
Dan Faivre will lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
Morrie Benson will lead the Hail Mary near the end of the meeting.

Bob Carlson
Grand Knight 2011

FROM THE FOURTH DEGREE

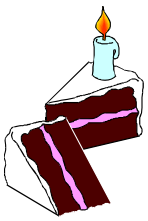
Important dates for Fourth Degree members:

- **December 10** - Annual Christmas Dinner to be held at Sorrentos. Details announced soon.
- **November 29** at Council 717 clubrooms, dinner at 6:00, meeting at 7:00.

COLUMBUS CLUB

Knights Annual Children's Christmas Party
The KC's Annual Kid's Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 4 from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Be sure to sign-up! Sheet is posted on bulletin board in bar. Please indicate number attending, age of child or children, boy or girl, and dish to pass. Deadline to sign-up is Friday, December 2! If you have any questions, please call Kellie Sosa at 815-793-3270. Happy Holidays and hope to see you on the 4th!

Al McCabe's Birthday Party
December 10
Tickets will be on sale at the club. They will be $8.00 per dinner from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. There will be a DJ, raffles, silent auction and lots of FUN!! Come and join us in celebrating his 80 YEARS!!



2012 Thursday Dinners:

- January - Lasagna done by Pat Mossholder
- February- Chicken Parmesan by John Cliffe

January 19 Dinner: All you can eat Walleye. Be there!!!

Community Prayers

Anne Williams
Evelyn Bussone
David Williams, Sr.
Adam White Family
Hank Kinczewski
Julie Whelan
Olga Bianchi
Frank Hoyt
Helen Noble
Al White
Fr. Timar
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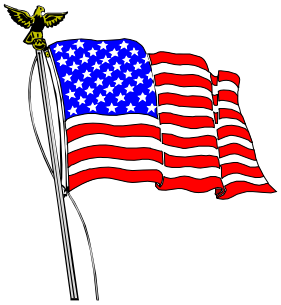
Katie Rogers
Joe Jordan Family
Camille Kellogg
Ray Callahan Family
Paul Plumley
Andy Rigg
Bill Treml
Earl Sullivan
Roberta Sisler
Judith Grimes
Danny Dlabal
Jeff Whelan
Robyn Kayes

FROM THE FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR

On October 22nd in Rock Falls, we had several Brother Knights that achieved the Fourth Degree level of membership in the Knights of Columbus. They are: **Paul Aloisio**, **William Blair**, **Michael Fulco**, **Thomas Handschuh**, **Jacob Nice**, **Dan Sester,** and **Steven Voris**. The Fourth Degree is all about Patriotism. How appropriate is it to have Veteran's Day three weeks later. Veterans have displayed their patriotism so that we have the freedom that we enjoy.

As Master Paul Isherwood said, some veterans bear visible signs of their service: missing limbs, a jagged scar, a certain look in the eye, etc. Others may carry the evidence inside of them, a pin holding a bone together, a piece of shrapnel in the leg, or perhaps another sort of inner steel, the soul's alloy forged in the refinery of adversity.



Except in parades, however, the men and women who have kept America safe wear no badge or emblem. You cannot tell a veteran by just looking, he is the cop on the beat who spent six months in Saudi Arabia sweating two gallons a day making sure that the armored personnel carriers didn't run out of fuel. Or he is the bar room loud mouth, dumber than five wooden planks, whose overgrown frat-boy behavior is outweighed a hundred times in the cosmic scales by four hours of exquisite bravery near the 38th parallel. She or he is the nurse who fought against futility and went to sleep sobbing every night for two solid years in Da Nang. He is the POW who went away one person and returned another—or didn't come back at all.

He is the Quantico drill instructor who has never seen combat – but has saved countless lives by turning slouch, no account rednecks and gang members into Marines, and teaching them to watch each other's backs. He is the parade riding Legionnaire who pins on his ribbons and medals with a prosthetic hand. He is the career quartermaster who watches the ribbons and medal pass him by.

He is the three anonymous heroes in The Tomb Of The Unknowns, whose presence at the Arlington National Cemetery must forever preserve the memory of all the anonymous heroes whose valor dies unrecognized with them on the battleship or in the ocean's sunless deep.

He is the old guy bagging groceries at the supermarket, palsied now and aggravatingly slow, who helped to liberate a Nazi death camp and who wishes all day long that his wife were still alive to hold him when the nightmares come.

He is an ordinary and yet an extraordinary human being – a person who offered some of his life's most vital years in the service of his country, and who sacrificed his ambitions so that others would not have to sacrifice theirs.

He is a soldier and a savior and a sword against the darkness, and he is nothing more than the finest, greatest testimony on behalf of the finest, greatest nation ever known.

So, remember each time you see someone who has served our country, just lean over and say "Thank You." That's all most people need, and in most cases it will mean more than any medals they could have been awarded or were awarded. Two little words that mean a lot, "THANK YOU."

It is the soldier, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press. It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech. It is the soldier, not the campus organizer, who has given us the freedom to demonstrate. It is the soldier, who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag, who allows the protestor to burn the flag.

I am proud to serve as your Faithful Navigator. Please call me anytime if I can help you.

Richard Stading
Faithful Navigator
847-987-1989

WEBSITE INFORMATION

Take note of the following websites which will give our memberships information on events:

www.niuknights.org
(Website for Council 5572 Newman)

www.kofc717.org
(Website for Council 717 in DeKalb)

Club Hours
(may vary)
758-4141

Bar

Monday - Thursday ..... 3:00 - 8:00
Friday..... 3:00 - 11:00
Saturday ..... 10:00 - 6:00
Sunday ..... 10:00 - 5:00
Fish Fry every Friday ..... 5:00 - 8:00
Price about $6.00

Burgers every Saturday..... 11:00 - 2:00
Fries/Mushrooms/Onion Rings/Soups

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Remember all proceeds from the club help support your council

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Three Year Trustee ..... Jim Quinn

December 2011

KC Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 11 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30		January 12 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31		1	2 **Fish Fry**	3 **Burgers**
4 **KC Childr-en's Chri-stmas Party**	5	6	7 **Coun-cil Meet-ing**	8	9 **Fish Fry**	10 **Burgers**
11 **8:00 AM Pan-cake Breakfast**	12	13	14	15	16 **500 Draw-ing** **Fish Fry**	17 **Burgers**
18	19	20	21 **Colu-mbus Club Meeting**	22	23 **Fish Fry**	24 **Christmas Eve**
25 **Christ-mas**	26	27	28	29	30 **Fish Fry**	31 **Burgers** **New Year's Eve**

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Team Schedules for December/January

Fish Fry Schedule

Dec. 2	Melton Team
Dec. 9	Johnson Team
Dec. 16	Williams Team
Dec. 23	Kalal/Larson Team
Dec. 30	Klatt Team
Jan. 6	Edwards Team
Jan. 13	Cochran Team
Jan. 20	Rogers Team
Jan. 27	Melton Team

Burger Schedule

Dec. 3	Volk Team
Dec. 10	Zenz Team
Dec. 17	Cliffe Team
Dec. 24	NO BURGERS
Dec. 31	Gary Lakatos Team
Jan. 7	Tim Rogers Team
Jan. 14	Donnelly Team
Jan. 21	Walsh Team
Jan. 28	Keller Team

500 Club Winners (November)

$500	Darrell Kennedy (336)
$100	Jan Eggum (259)
Door Prize	Jim Rombough

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