



NEWSLETTER



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ST. Michael the Archangel, Patron of Police, Council 12173

Greetings Brother Knights:

Our January meeting was called to order at 1900 hrs and we had a good turnout of about 28 members in attendance and we were blessed to take on two new members that joined our council, Cook County Sheriff Anthony Gallego from Lombard and also soon to be Officer, hopefully in the not too distant future, Gustavo Puente, as he pursue his dream, who is a Chicago resident.....gentlemen you honor us with your membership....Thank You.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS:

As we opened with our special intentions our prayers were offered for the passing of Celeste Ann Bybee, wife of BK Jeffery P. Bybee and Terry Hudik, brother of BK Gary P. Hudik and Betty Langone, mother of BK Anthony J. Langone and Sophie Hanns wife of SK George Hanns (from Msgr. Leo Gildea, Council #7845, Palm Coast, Florida (we made 4th degree together)) additionally our Chaplin Fr. Dan Brandt, all first responders and our public officials and those intentions not spoken but known to ourselves, we prayed.

BUSINESS: Reports were given by all board members and accepted and passed...
Treasure BK Wayne Bubak cautioned us on being vigilant with spending.....message received.

SK Paul Piraino, DD18... reported that he is 90% finished with the creation of a web-site for our Council which will be "knights12173.com" but he is in need of history of our Council, old pictures anything you think can be of interest and of course we want to reflect our many, many years of law enforcement service and all the communities our members come from.... Good work Paul.....Outstanding.

SK Terry Cornell, Golf Committee Chair reported he and co-chair BK Paul Rutherford are hard at work but it is a slow process and any assistance, contacts, gift donations, item contributions would be of great help for this to be a big success. Our objective is to always to do better than last year and for this I will say a special prayer.

SK Jim Zbella received a donation for the golf outing from BK Ron Danko a 1 week vacation at the "Vacation Village Condo, at Weston" just outside Ft, Lauderdale from 2/18/18 to 2/25/18....God Bless BK Capt. Ron Danko this is a big ticket item that highlights our annual golf outing.

MOTION MADE: for special recognition to a certain Council member for service "above and beyond"...2nded..Passed.

MOTION MADE: to pay "Candidate initiation fee" for 4th Degree Exemplification, of \$70.00 ea for three Council members, to wit: BK Wayne Bubak, BK Paul Rutherford and BK Pedro Momohara....2nded and Passed.

MOTION MADE: to pay 1/2 price for Council members who want to attend 4th Degree Exemplification Banquet
2nded and PASSED



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MOTION MADE: To support SK James Kruger as he participates in the "Polar Plunge" for the "Special Olympics of Illinois".....2nded...PASSED (Good luck Jim...looking forward to your report and pictures. The pics we can use on our new website to show things knights do. You distinguish yourself and honor our Council. God Bless.)

SK Jim O'Leary informs us of many letters of appreciation, gratitude and thank you's received from Blair School for our continued support throughout the year, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas....you have only to attend there Christmas Party and see the children perform and the expression of happiness and excitement on their face when Santa, aka SK Morie McNulty, arrives to know that we are the lucky ones...it will give you goose bumps and even water your eyes.

QUICK STORY: (like the ripples in the pond) our own BK Paul Rutherford invites his cousin Martin Zamora, businessman / proprietor of "Chicago Gun Safety", to the Blair School Christmas Party, they where so taken and impressed by what they seen and wanted to do something, they pulled out there cell phone and ordered fifty pizzas for staff and faculty....my point is that one good deed begets another. VERY IMPRESSIVE. I hope I didn't make them feel uncomfortable.

POINT OF INFORMATION: As established at our November 2016 meeting and as of this date the three recipients for the Council sword will be the aforementioned BK's as they present themselves in full regalia at a Council meeting to receive said sword and complete there full uniform.

SIDE NOTE: we were hopeful that our own Fr. Dan would be able to make his 4th Degree but instead he is making a couple very happy at their wedding.....we will hope for next time.

ADDITIONALLY: SK Richard A. "Doc" Morbidoni,(cell #847-293-6980) the proud veteran that he is, has organized a special tribute to four brave military chaplains that where killed in WWII when there transport ship, the U.S.A.T. Dorchester, was hit by German submarine torpedo in the early hours of Feb. 2, 1943 with 902 aboard. The chaplains, Lt. John P. Washington, Roman Catholic, Lt. George L. Fox, Methodist, Lt. Alexander D. Goode, Jewish and Lt. Clark V. Poling, Dutch Reformed. They had given their life vest to others so that they could be saved at the expense of their lives. "The Four Chaplains Memorial" presentation will be on Sunday 12Feb.2017 at 1330 hrs Great Lakes Navel Station, James A. Lovell ,FHCC Building 4, North Chicago. Directions: 94 West to Rt 41 North to Rt 137 East 3 lights to Rt 131 go 1/4 block to building.

Our meeting was a good one but if other Council members could have made it, it would have been a better one....why weren't you there.....next time we're hopping and keeping our fingers crossed. Take care.

Lead Me, Guide Me, Lord

Dennis P. Fitzgerald

Fr. Dan Brandt's Corner...

The **Department of Justice** report that was rushed through just before the recent change of presidential administration has brought about some discussion. Educated readers question if the study is worth the paper it was prematurely printed on. But I like to look at the positive: IF the report offers just *one* insight that might help CPD do its job even better than it already is, then we've profited.

The only item I took from the report is its reference to the number of suicides among CPD members. Suicide is an unfortunate reality that affects all of us. The DOJ states that Chicago suffers over 60% more police suicides than the national average (see page 123 of the report: "Officer Wellness and Safety"). Even if there is a hint of accuracy to this assertion, then it's something worth looking into seriously.

We HAVE, for many years, been doing *exactly* that. In fact, the Chaplains Section and a committee of CPD bosses--with the support of the **Chicago Police Memorial Foundation**--host annual **Police Suicide Awareness and Prevention seminars** featuring nationally-known experts. Additionally, available to our members 24/7 are your full-time **CPD Chaplains**, the **Employee Assistance Program (EAP)**--our professional counselors, **CPD Peer Support**, and the **Chicago Police Survivors**. In the DOJ's haste to push the report through, they failed to mention all these other resources available to our officers in need of help. I have learned in my communications with police chaplains from around the country, some of these resources are unique to Chicago.

But perhaps the greatest resource we have is each other. Please don't EVER hesitate to pick up the phone if you observe something in a coworker that alarms you. See also our website's "Resources and Outreaches" pages for more information on this difficult subject.

The DOJ report, despite its questionable legitimacy, prompted the difficult topic of police suicide to be written about here. So there's *one* positive that came from its premature release!

Planning ahead... Sunday, 05 FEB, **St. Barnabas Parish** (10134 S. Longwood Drive) will be our host as Fr. Tom Mulcrone (CFD Chaplain) and I celebrate a special **police and fire Mass** at 10:00 a.m. Please join us, in uniform if you'd like, to offer thanks and praise with our brothers and sisters in the fire service.

Thursday, 16 FEB, 6:00 – 11:00 p.m., the **CPD Survivors** will host their fourth annual "Phoenix Rising" event at the FOP Hall. Come check out the many resources offered to department members and support the Survivors, who continue to help officers involved in critical incidents. Food, beverages, live music, and fun for all. For more information, please visit their website:
www.ChicagoPoliceSurvivors.com.

On Saturday, 18 FEB, 3:00 - 8:00 p.m., the **Emerald Society** is hosting a fundraiser at 115 Bourbon Street. Tickets cost \$25 and are available from any band member or by calling 773-410-9779.

Ash Wednesday is 01 MAR. In time-honored tradition, department chaplains will distribute blessed ashes at various police facilities throughout the city. The schedule will be posted in the Daily Bulletin and on our website.

A benefit is planned to assist several officers whose financial situations are affected as a result of their service to the community and some severe scrutiny that followed. More details forthcoming, but mark your calendar for **Back the Blue**, scheduled for Sunday, 19 MAR, 1-6 p.m. at 115 Bourbon Street.

God bless you and your God-ordained work,

Fr. Dan Brandt, CPD Chaplain

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SAVE THE DATE

JULY 10, 2017

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

19TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

UPCOMING EVENT

05 Feb	Police & Fire Mass	St. Barnabas Parish 10134 S. Longwood Dr.	10:00am
18 Feb	Emerald Society Fundraiser	115 Bourbon Street. Info call 773-410-9779	3:00-8:00
18 Feb	Exemplification of the 4th Degree	Sheridan/ Lisle Illinois	10:00am
26 Feb	Get behind the vest Pancake Breakfast	St. John Fisher 102nd & Washtenaw	8:00-Noon
05 Apr	Patriotic Night	FOP Hall...Hosted by our Council	7:70pm
06 May	Run to Remember	Grant Park / Chicago Police Memorial Foundation	
10 Jul	K of C Golf Outing	Glen Eagles CC	8:00am