



# The Knightly News

Knights of Columbus St. Mary's Council Huntley 11666

District # 43

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## From the Grand Knight's Desk

Since the last article, we've lost a couple of Brother Knights. Jon Sapsford passed away in December, Vern Janisch and Tom Simonelli both passed in January. Jon recently transferred into our council and was looking forward to becoming active after his recovery. Vern was one of the Brothers that founded our council and laid the foundation as our Financial Secretary. Tom was a recent transfer and lived in Del Webb. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

I knew that we're an active council, but until I started tracking all of the activities I'm now in awe! Here's a list of the activities for the last 3 months – Mass for the Deceased Brothers, Clergy Appreciation Dinner, Turkey Testicle Festival parking, 4th degree members leading a Rosary, Christmas party, blood drive, Keep Christ in Christmas magnet sales, vocation raffle, 4th degree members usher at Christmas Eve mass, Alter server breakfast, free throw contest, Silent retreat and the substance abuse awareness poster contest. These activities require a lot of planning. So, THANKS to all that assisted. These would not be possible without your good work.

We've just completed fiscal year 2010 and I wanted to provide you with a brief financial update. First the GREAT news, with everyone's hard work we were able to donate over \$10,000.00. Our total income was \$28,520.81 and our expenses were \$24,695.58. The major (income & expense) events were the picnic, ID drive, and golf outing. While the picnic and ID drive came up a little short of our goal, they were still successful events. The golf outing was a huge success. By partnering with another council (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton) we

were able to raise almost \$4,000.00 profit and this money will be used throughout the year to provide financial assistance to St Mary's youth group. Since I've joined this council, we continue to make great strides to become financially strong.

I'd like to congratulate the brothers that have been selected as Knight of the Month (see list below).

We have very big goals on membership this year and need everyone's support and assistance. To date, we've recruited 9 new members and have a goal of 16. If you enjoy being a member of the Knights of Columbus then ask a friend to join.

In case you haven't heard, the Alter and Rosary Society will be praying the Rosary on the 2nd Tuesday of every month. They've asked the Knights to stand guard for the rosary. This starts at 6:30pm and would end around 7:00pm. All members & their families are encouraged to attend.

By the way, did I mention that we have a bake sale scheduled for the weekend of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. The proceeds from this will be used to offset expenses from the annual picnic. We need your assistance to make this successful. Please drop off your items before mass on that weekend.

The power of prayer works. Please pray for our deceased Brother Knights and all that are sick.

Vivat Jesus!

Don Walz

## Newest Knights at 11666

Please welcome **Jim Perlowski** into our council. Jim took his first degree in December.

Please take the time to introduce yourself to Jim when you see him next.

## Christmas Giving Tree

We want to thank all the volunteers who showed up at the new church to help with the giving tree. We had several knights show up, some even brought family members. They separated and moved thousands of gifts for the less fortunate in the area. It was great to see the kids in action, they really worked hard. It was a great reminder of what a generous parish we have at St. Mary's.



Gary & Guy organizing all the goodies!



Knights of the Month	
November-10	Phil Riccio & Guy DeMaertelaere
December-10	Glenn Gawron and David Booth
January-11	Jerry O'Sullivan and Ruben Ruello

The February Knight of the Month will be announced at the February general business meeting!

## Knight Profile of the Month

### *Brian Giangregio Field Agent*

Brian joined the Knights of Columbus in August 2009. He currently lives in Huntley with his wife of ten years, Kristi and their 4 children. Brian grew up in St. Charles and attended St Charles High School. He graduated from Arizona St. with a broadcast journalism degree. He met Kristi while they were both working at Cantigny Golf in Wheaton.

What place would you like to visit the most?

*"Hawaii"*

What place would you never like to go back to?

*"Gary, IN"*

The one thing people don't know about you?

*"I am a huge mixed martial arts fan."*

## March Blood Drive

Our next blood drive is March 26<sup>th</sup> at the church. If you are available to help please contact Bill Byrne. Bill's email is [spiffykatze@aol.com](mailto:spiffykatze@aol.com) or see him at the next general business meeting. We had over 325 donations during our blood drives in 2010

## Rosary & Holy Hour

The Altar & Rosary Society will be praying the rosary at the new church on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Our council will be joining them before our scheduled Officer's meeting at 6:30 PM. All our welcome to attend! Due to cold weather on February 8<sup>th</sup> we didn't have as many as we usually would. Feel free to bring your family.

## Free Throw Competition

We had 24 participants involved in our free throw competition at Centegra. We also had 28 Knights show up to volunteer. The kids had lots of fun and performed great. A big thanks to Frank Rzeszutko, Jerry O'Sullivan, & all who helped out!

## Silent Retreat

There was a silent retreat on January 21-23 at Bellarmine Hall in Barrington. The event was sold out. There about 40 Knights from various councils in the area. Thanks to Louis Schutt for his time & help with organizing this event!

## New Design for Council Shirts

Tom Sherman has a new style shirt for council members to purchase. They are now available for purchase. The shirts look great. Please see Tom if you need to order a size not in stock.

## Pro Life Essay

We received 6 entries for the contest. It was decided that all the submissions will receive a prize. They were all well written. Thanks to Jim Conrey & Nick Rodriguez for their efforts in heading up this event!

## Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest

Thank you to Ken Kasprzak for his time organizing the substance abuse awareness poster contest. We are happy to announce that we had 144 participants.

8 to 11 year old winners:

Drug Abuse: Melissa Tito

Alcohol Abuse: Rachel Bielawski

12 to 14 year old winners:

Drug Abuse: Abby Piemonte

Alcohol Abuse: Tyler Rau

## Double Star Award

The council has received the double star award for our membership for 2009-10. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row the council has received this award. To receive this award for this year, we have to add 32 new members this year & meet our insurance quota.



**3 Future Hall of Famers, current GK Don Walz, PSGK's Tom Lentz & Dave Parmer**

**\*\*\* Newsletter Submissions \*\*\*** Please email your articles and photos to [huntley11666newsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:huntley11666newsletter@yahoo.com) by the 15 of every month.

## Huntley Knights in Action



**Dave Parmer and Don Walz with the Hi Net Award**



**Our newest Knight, Jim Perlowski**



**Sun City's finest. Jim Bartel & Bob Westrich  
at the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree ceremony**