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## JUNE

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### OFFICERS 2009-2010

**CHAPLAIN** Fr. James Dvorscak  
**GRAND KNIGHT** Peter Baker  
**DEPUTY GK** James Peppmuller  
**CHANCELLOR** Mark Welch  
**ADVOCATE** Jason Stetz  
**RECORDER** Michael Baker  
**TREASURER** Donald Bauc  
**FIN. SECRETARY** Dan Michalak  
**WARDEN** Donald Zich  
**OUTSIDE GUARD** David Adams  
**INSIDE GUARD** Tom Lulinski  
**TRUSTEES:**  
**3 YEAR** Bob Strezo  
**2 YEAR** George St Marie  
**1 YEAR** Joost Sluis  
**FIELD AGENT:** John Cinkus  
**KNIGHT OF THE QUARTER:**  
Dan Michalak



**MONDAY JUNE 7: JOLIET ASSEMBLY MEETS** At Council 4400, 7:30 PM. New officers will be elected for the coming fraternal year.  
**TUESDAY JUNE 8: COUNCIL MEETING** In Burnett Hall at 7:30 PM. New officers will be elected—see the officer slate below.

**SATURDAY JUNE 19: ROAD CLEANUP.** Once again we do our civic duty to clean up Wolf Road. The last event in April was wonderfully attended with 14 knights! Come and join Mike Doyle at 9 AM in St Mary's Cemetery at 195th and Wolf Road!

**SATURDAY JUNE 19: POKER NIGHT** 7:30 pm AT Greg Quinn's house, 9930 Cambridge Drive, Mokena, Phone (708) 479 4864

**TUESDAY JUNE 22: OFFICER MEETING.** All current and newly elected officers of the council should attend. In the Bishop Fitzgerald Room of St Mary School, 7:30 PM

**SATURDAY JUNE 26: OFFICER INSTALLATION AND DINNER.** The officers of the Joliet Assembly and the officers of St Mary Council will be formally installed in their offices after the 5 PM Mass. See the article

## OFFICER SLATE FOR 2010-2011

Brother Joe Kral and the nominating committee propose the following men as candidates for council office: (Nominations from the floor are also accepted.)

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|---------------------------|------------------|
| For Grand Knight:         | James Peppmuller |
| For Deputy Grand Knight:  | J. Mark Welch    |
| For Chancellor:           | Donald Bauc      |
| For Advocate:             | David Adams      |
| For Recorder:             | Michael Baker    |
| For Treasurer:            | George St Marie  |
| For Warden:               | Thomas Lulinski  |
| For Outside Guard:        | Carter Caul      |
| For Outside Guard:        | Michael Doyle    |
| For Inside Guard:         | William Farhat   |
| For Inside Guard:         | Albert Sparks    |
| For 3 Year Trustee:       | Peter Baker      |
| Moving to 2 Year Trustee: | Robert Strezo    |
| For 1 Year Trustee        | Donald Zich      |

# LIFE INSURANCE-EASY TO PUT OFF

Buying life insurance is something that's easy to put off until tomorrow. And with the busy lives we all lead, tomorrow can easily become next week, next month, or even next year. For the sake of those you love, don't let that happen. I consider it my fraternal obligation to make sure that every Knights of Columbus member has the opportunity to protect his family with the Order's top-rated insurance products. I'll work with you to put a plan in place that will help your family when that help is most needed.

We all know someone whose health, instantly and seemingly out-of-the-blue, changes. You may think this can't happen to you. Think again. And keep in mind that no one will ring a bell warning you that your health is about to change. Medical technology has turned many diseases previously termed "death sentences" into very treatable conditions. What medical advances haven't changed, however, is that being diagnosed with one of these diseases will dramatically affect your ability to purchase life insurance coverage. Don't wait until it's too late.

Your Knights of Columbus insurance program is second to none. Knights of Columbus life insurance represents a safety net for Catholic families that's unsurpassed, and I'm proud of that. I'm also concerned. Why? Because so many of our brother Knights have no life insurance with the Order. I suspect that, for many of them, tomorrow has become next week, next month or next year. Don't be one of them. Don't wait for the bell to ring. It isn't going to.

I'm at your service for a talk and a review of your situation. Call me — let's talk

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## THIRD DEGREE

Three council members accompanied Joe Sluis and Larry Jourdan to the Major Degree ceremonies held at St Paul the Apostle parish in Joliet on May 15. The three completed their initiations into the Knights of Columbus and are now Knights of the order. These men are:

William Farhat

Patrick Markham

Daniel Pikowitz

Congratulations to these new Third Degree brother knights. Completion of the third degree now entitles these men to run for council office and other honors as fully qualified Knights of Columbus.

## NEW BROTHERS!

The First Degree ceremony conducted at our May council meeting inducted five new members into our order. They are:

George J. Curtin of Cambridge Ct., Mokena  
Daniel D. Pikowitz of Brookfield Cir., Tinley Pk.  
Robert R. Rafferty of Scarth Lane, Mokena  
William E. Skedd of Lindsay St., Mokena  
Patrick E. Markham Of Wren Circle, Mokena

We welcome these men into our midst as the newest members of the largest evangelical group of laymen in the world, now numbering over 1.8 million men. Vivat Jesus

# A NEW REGISTERED NURSE AND FATHER

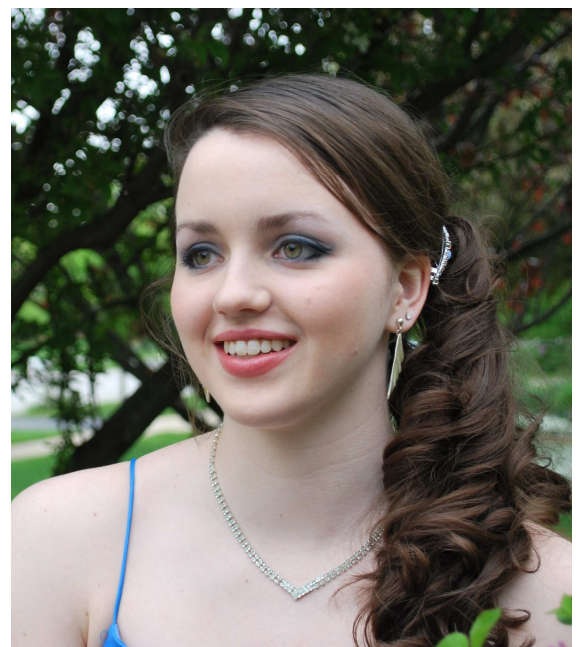
William (Bill) Sluis, son of brother knight Joe Sluis, started a second career on May 18 as a Registered Nurse! In 1991 Bill interrupted his college when he was called to active duty in the US Marine Corps Reserve to serve in Kuwait. His first experience with the need for nursing came when he and his platoon were ordered into the sewers of Kuwait City to flush out Iraqi soldiers hiding there wounded and afraid. After returning to civilian life, Bill worked as a floor and Bingo manager for the Pottawatomie Casino in Milwaukee for many years, earning a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration on line and at night while working there. Bill and his wife, Alexandria (Ali) Back Sluis were given their first child Keegan in April 2003. Keegan was very premature and spent a long time in intensive care, giving Bill another strong experience in nursing. Keegan required surgery several times, which strengthened Bill's interest. In 2007 Bill started preparing for his new career as a registered nurse. As he stated when giving the commencement speech for his graduating class; "When I started this schooling I only had one son, but now I have three. Nursing school has taught me what makes that possible!" Bill's third son was born in April.



BILL'S FAMILY: FINNIGAN BILL KEEGAN ALI BRODIN

## ROSEMARY QUINN

Rosemary Quinn, daughter of Past Grand Knight Gregory Quinn, was a State Qualifier for the High School Badminton Tournament held at Eastern Illinois University on Friday and Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. After a tough season, Rosemary and her doubles partner Ally Teutemacher, secured a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish at the Conference Tournament held at Lockport High School on April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, and then placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the Sectional Tournament held at Carl Sandburg High School on May 6<sup>th</sup>, thereby qualifying for the State Tournament. Rosemary and Ally were the only members of Lincoln-Way East High School's Badminton Team to qualify for the State Tournament. Unfortunately, they did not advance beyond the preliminary rounds at State. Both juniors in high school, they vowed to build on this year's experience and return to State next year and improve their performance. In addition to her badminton interest, Rosemary has been an active in Knights of Columbus events since before she could walk. Starting with pulling the beard of Santa when she was just one year old, she has been involved with the Pancake Breakfasts, Tootsie Roll Drive, baking desserts for the Spaghetti Dinner, Taco Fest, selling tickets for the Turtle Race and catching the turtles as they crossed the finish line, and has been the Bingo Caller at Nun's Bingo for the past several years. Congratulations to Rosemary and best wishes and good luck for next year.



Rosemary Quinn

## VOTE IN JUNE

The annual council election will be conducted at the June meeting on Tuesday June 8. The nominating committee has selected a slate of candidates that is presented on the front page of this newsletter.

Note that the slate presented is only a proposal and that any third degree knight can place his name in nomination for any of the posts listed. Leadership in the Knights of Columbus is an honor that many relish. It is common to visit another council and to have a newly met knight tell you that he is a "Past

Grand Knight". Officers usually serve for two terms although there is no rule about it. Consider being one and come to the June meeting so you can vote!



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Our Joliet Assembly of the Fourth Degree will celebrate its Golden Anniversary this year. A great celebration will take place on August 14 to commemorate the event. Cardinal George, our Bishops, many K of C dignitaries and others have been invited. St George Serbian Hall, a wonderful place in Joliet with a great dance floor, will be the place. All will enjoy prime rib or a chicken meal choice. We will dance the night away. All are invited, whether knights or not, to come and join in.

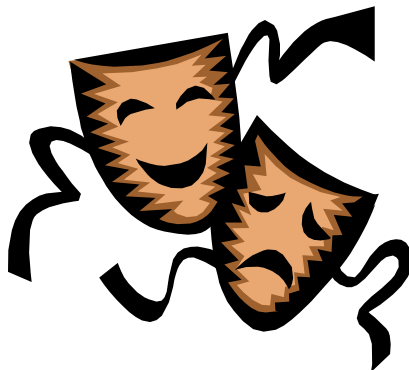
MARK YOUR CALENDAR  
AND RESERVE SATURDAY  
AUGUST 14!



## ST MARY SCHOOL SPRING PLAY

The annual spring play of St Mary School was a huge success. The musical "Bye Bye Birdie" was elegantly staged and performed by the St Mary Junior High students. The singing, staging and performances were of a caliber normally associated with a high school production. It was a great play. The staff of St Mary School deserves our admiration for creating a learning environment that produces such a wonderful result from a small student body.

One of the stars of the show was Cameron Harper, son of brother knight Greg Harper, who played the part of "Conrad Birdie". Cameron was great!



## OFFICER INSTALLATION



It is the custom of the Joliet Assembly to hold its officer installation at the home parish of the Faithful Navigator (president). Since Greg Quinn is the Navigator, officer installation for the Assembly will be

combined with installation of council officers at St Mary. The event will take place at the 5 PM Mass on Saturday June 26. All attendees will attend Mass with Fourth Degree knights providing an honor guard in regalia. After the Mass, the Master will install the Assembly officers, then the District Deputy will install our council officers. The evening will then continue with a dinner in Burnett Hall. Council 6993 will prepare and serve the dinner. Come and join your brothers and their wives to honor the new officers



# DEFEND THE FAITH!

In recent months, the secular attacks on our Holy Church have dramatically increased. As Knights of Columbus, we are defenders of that faith. All of us can sometimes use additional ammunition when standing up for our religion. The article reprinted below, and the advertisement from “The Catholic League” reprinted on the reverse side of this page are provided to help you in your defense of the Holy Roman Catholic Church. Stand up proudly as a Knight and a Catholic gentleman! Vivat Jesus

## BE PROUD TO BE CATHOLIC!

Sam Miller, a prominent Cleveland *Jewish* Businessman said in a speech on March 6, 2008:

Why would a newspaper carry on a vendetta on one of the most important institutions that we have today in the United States, namely the Catholic Church?

Do you know—the Catholic Church educates 2.6 million students everyday at the cost to your Church of 10 billion dollars, and a savings on the other hand to the American taxpayer of 18 billion dollars. Your graduates go on to graduate studies at the rate of 92%, all at a cost to you. To the rest of America it's free.

The Church has 230 colleges and universities in the U.S. with an enrollment of 700,000 students. The Catholic Church has a non-profit hospital system of 637 hospitals, which account for hospital treatment of 1 out of every 5 people—not just Catholics—in the United States today.

But the press is vindictive and trying to totally denigrate in every way the Catholic Church in this country. They have blamed the disease of pedophilia on the Catholic Church, which is as irresponsible as blaming adultery on the institution of marriage.

Let me give you some figures that you as Catholics should know and remember. For example, 12% of the Protestant clergy surveyed admitted to sexual intercourse with a parishioner; 38% acknowledged other inappropriate sexual contact in a study by the United Methodist Church. 41.8% of clergywomen reported unwanted sexual behavior; 17% of laywomen had been sexually harassed. Meanwhile, 1.7% of the Catholic Clergy has been found guilty of pedophilia. 10% of the Protestant ministers have been found guilty of pedophilia. *This is not a Catholic Problem.*

A study of American priests showed that most are happy in the priesthood and find it even better than they had expected, and that most, if given the choice, would choose to be priests again in face of all this obnoxious PR the church has been receiving.

The Catholic Church is bleeding from self-inflicted wounds. The agony that Catholics have felt and suffered is not necessarily the fault of the Church. You have been hurt by a small number of wayward priests that have probably been totally weeded out by now.

Walk with your shoulders high and your head higher. Be a proud member of the most important non-governmental agency in the United States. Then remember what Jeremiah said: “*Stand by the roads, and look and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is and walk in it, and find the rest of your souls.*” Be proud to speak up for your faith with pride and reverence and learn what your Church does for all other religions. Be proud that you're a Catholic.

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# GOING FOR THE VATICAN JUGULAR

*Recent accusations against the Vatican deserve a response.*

- Fr. Lawrence Murphy apparently began his predatory behavior in Wisconsin in the 1950s, yet the victims' families never contacted the police until the mid-1970s. After an investigation, the case was dropped.
- The Vatican did not learn of the case until 1996.
- Cardinal Ratzinger, now the pope, was the head of the office that was contacted. There is no evidence that he knew of it. But even if he did, he would have had to allow for an investigation. While the inquiry was proceeding, Murphy died.
- The *Times* questions why Murphy was never defrocked. But only the Vatican can do that, and since it never learned of the case until he was dying, it was never a realistic option.
- The *Times* says the Vatican's canonical inquiry was done in secret. Correct. The proceedings of internal investigations—even in organizations like the *Times*—are never shown on C-SPAN.
- The *Times* says repeatedly that Church officials did not report accusations of abuse to the police. The common response of all organizations, secular as well as religious, was to access therapy and reinstate the patient (I prefer the term offender). Today it is obvious that a more hard-line approach is necessary, though therapy is still popular in many quarters.
- The *Times* continues to editorialize about the "pedophilia crisis," when all along it's been a homosexual crisis. Eighty percent of the victims of priestly sexual abuse are male and most of them are post-pubescent. While homosexuality does not cause predatory behavior, and most gay priests are not molesters, most of the molesters have been gay.

Here's what's really going on. The *Times* has teamed up with Jeffrey Anderson, a radical lawyer who has made millions suing the Church (and greasing professional victims' groups like SNAP), so they can weaken its moral authority. Why? Because of issues like abortion, gay marriage and women's ordination. That's what's really driving them mad, and that's why they are on the hunt. Those who doubt this to be true need to ask why the debt-ridden *Times* does not spend the same resources looking for dirt in other institutions that occurred a half-century ago.

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