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Calendar of Events

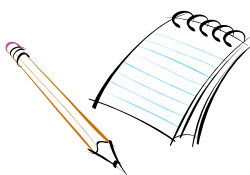
January 8-10, 2010
District Deputy Meeting
Chateau-Bloomington

April 30-May 2, 2010
Knights of Columbus
State Convention
Ladies Luncheon
"Meet & Greet"
Ladies Hospitality &
Special Awards
Hotel Pere Marquette-
Peoria



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#577 DECATUR AUXILIARY

The Decatur Knights of Columbus Auxiliary has been meeting regularly this year, and we are excited to be meeting in the newly remodeled Knights of Columbus Hall. Our hall was completely gutted and rebuilt this past year.

We meet each month on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. We have about 20 in attendance each month so we are few but mighty.

Last Christmas we sold "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets to put on your vehicles. This generated a profit of \$780. We will sell them again this year.

Our first fundraiser this year was to hold a drive by Chicken Dinner. We sell pre-paid dinner tickets for \$7.50. A catering company furnished the food which was dished up into take-home trays by our members. The customers drive up to our door, present their ticket stub for how many dinners they ordered, and take them home. It only involved 3-4 hours on pickup day and about 10 people to dish up the food. Our profit was \$585. These fundraisers have enabled us to make generous contributions to Catholic Charities and Good Samaritan Inn, plus helping our local Knights of Columbus on their fund drives.

Joyce Cook, President

LADIES AUXILIARY OF HIGHLAND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL# 1580

Our auxiliary was formed in 1990. We currently have sixty-seven members, seven of which are Charter Members. We are a very involved group of ladies helping the Knights of Columbus Council in Highland, Illinois.

During the past year, we have been able to make donations to the American Cancer Society, a Catholic Youth Group, Newman, Vocations and Right to Life, HIS Kids, the Food Pantry, the Pregnancy Care Center, St. Jude's "Wheels for Life", St. Paul School Mentor Program and the KC Tootsie Roll fundraiser.

Our ladies participate in many joint activities with the Knights of Columbus. Throughout the year, we make Funeral Home visitations. The Ladies help with the Lenten Fish Fries and the annual Children's Easter party. At the Madison County Fair, the Knights of Columbus sponsor a Disability Awareness Day. This past year the Ladies helped to serve 1,050 lunches at this event. In October, we represented a decade of the Living Rosary which was organized by the Knights. Both the Knights and Ladies help with several annual special Olympics events. Last

August, we called on local businesses to obtain prize donations and served a luncheon for the 4th Degree Golf Tournament. In September, we sponsored a Firemen's Appreciation Dinner. The Knights and Ladies join together to sponsor two needy families for Christmas. Our annual Children's Christmas Party is a wonderful family day for the children and grandchildren of members.

Our fundraisers include two annual quilt raffles, which we do in conjunction with the Knight of Columbus Chicken and Sausage Dinners. We hold an annual Indoor Garage Sale in January. During the summer months, we have a Bingo Stand at the Highland Schweizerfest and serve a Rotary Luncheon at the County Fair. Our Council has a weekly bingo and the ladies donate pies and desserts to be sold at the concession stand. Occasionally we run food stands for an auction. We also rent decorative ceiling lights in the hall for many events/wedding receptions.

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We have an annual Mystery Trip, which is a great highlight of each year. A committee plans the day. We board a bus and see where it takes us and what fun is in store. Mass is always included in our day. This past year, our Chaplain, Fr. Chuck, was part of the planning committee. He took us on a wonderful trip down memory lane and we were able to see his hometown.

Our auxiliary is growing and continually seeking additional ways to serve the Knights of Columbus, the Church and the Community.



Kyle Klostermann, President

NINA COUNCIL AUXILIARY #3602

Our Auxiliary was resurrected in 2007. Initially, it was formed in the early 50's and was active thru the early 70's. Alice Michalak served as Auxiliary President back then, and is now an active, Charter member of the current, resurrected auxiliary. Former Grand Knight, Richard Marvin, was instrumental in our start-up.

Our membership consists of 23 women and continues to grow. We meet the second Sunday of the month. Our ladies are members of St. Irenaeus, St. Mary's and St. Lawrence O'Toole parishes located in the south suburbs of Chicago.

We provide assistance to the Nina Council Knights in their annual Lenten Fish Fries; help secure donations during the Fall Tootsie Roll drive; provide baked goods for other functions.

On Sunday, November 8th we held our corporate Communion service at the 11 o'clock Mass at St. Mary's. We do this annually at one of our home parishes. We also try to perform some service work each year. The last two year's we visited a nursing home and spent time with the residents there; we also visited a senior citizens home and spent the afternoon playing bingo with the guests. We provided the prizes and the refreshments. It is our plan to do that again come February.

Most of our fundraising has been through raffles; but we are looking into a Trivia Night and a Tea Party; and our Craft Committee is working on a project for submission to a local Crafts Fair. Funds raised in the past have gone to the local food pantries and in purchasing school supplies for needy children registered at our parish schools.

We celebrate annually with a Christmas luncheon and invite our spouses, guests and the Knights of Nina Council to join us.

Happy New Year!
Dolly Mikolajczyk, President

LADY KNIGHTS AUXILIARY #4179

The Lady Knights Auxiliary #4179 currently has 35 members and meets the 1st Wednesday of every month at the Knights of Columbus Council building. The building is located near Chatham, Il. overlooking the scenic Lake Springfield.

The Lady Knights have been busy this Fall helping the brother Knights with events such as a Religious Appreciation Day (recognition of Priests and Nuns), collecting and counting money for the MR Drive and assisting with children's holiday parties.

The Lady Knights had our own events in the Fall such as our Annual Fall breakfast at the Lake and Halloween Spaghetti dinner. Each month at our meeting we collect non perishable food items that we donate to the Catholic Charities Holy family Food Pantry.

The Lady Knights are currently working on planning 2010 year events and charity fundraisers. One of our Lady Knights designed a membership flyer which has been duplicated and will be used in conjunction with the membership drive with the Knights. We hope to get some new faces in the future at our meetings.

Pam Wollesen, President

BETHALTO LADY KNIGHTS #4688

The Bethalto Lady Knights #4688 was formed in 1997. We have at present 20 members and hopefully 3 more by the time you read this letter. We are not a big auxiliary but we are always ready and willing to help our Knights.

This year we have already had one fundraiser. We had a spaghetti dinner, and a craft show of which both were successful. The proceeds from these two events help us to adopt about five families for Christmas. We get the names from our area nurse. Then on a selected day we all gather and do the shopping for these families. We also provide each family with a food basket and turkey for their Christmas meal. We love doing this each year and there is no feeling that can describe the way we feel when we help those that would not have Christmas.

We, ladies also help the Knights with projects



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they have, like the Tootsie Roll Drive, Special Olympics, Christmas parties and many more. We also support two Seminaries each year and other charities.

All in all I am very blessed to have such wonderful Lady Knights and friends.

Bea Albarado, President

HOLY GHOST LADIES #4977

Our Ladies held a Bake Sale Memorial Day weekend at St. Thomas Church and we donated to the St. Thomas Ministry of Care/Food Pantry. This event was chaired by Mary Lou Arns and Ramona Reschek. The check was presented to Marilyn Komey from St. Thomas at the June Auxiliary meeting.

Ladies Auxiliary member Gen Baur and (K of C) husband Jim donated cases of dried meat and beef jerky to the Ladies Auxiliary who in turn delivered some to Palatine Town-



ship Food Pantry drop off at Palatine Complete Dental. Auxiliary members, Linda Farley and Juli Tragasz joined the dental office staff in delivering the donated meats and other items collected by the dental office to the Palatine Township Food Pantry.

Juliana Tragasz, President

MADONNA DELLA STRADA #5574

“More than a social group”, as our new color brochure announces, our 13-member (and growing) Ladies

Auxiliary has emerged as a parish hospitality service corps and “first responders.” In the 2008-2009 season, these special needs ranged from hosting a reception after the Easter Vigil, to distributing a company’s donated coats to poor families, to judging entries in our St. Thomas the Apostle School’s Science Fair.

And sadly, just before Thanksgiving, we provided breakfast and mourned with the many who came to pay their respects to our Worthy Lady President Villa D. Perry Gordon’s husband, Sir Michael Gordon, who passed away November 17. Worthy Lady Villa and Sir Michael (Financial secretary of our Knights of Columbus Council) were a model family couple and parish leaders in their work as a team in service to the parish and school, their families and children, and the community.

Our Lady of the Way, Madonna della Strada, Council #5574 lives up to its core values of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Under the patronage of Our Lady, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Council will walk this path of life. We will support, assist and nurture needy individuals by Charity. We unite as one with our fellow brothers, the Knights of Columbus, to enhance the welfare of the school and church community and promote socialization among our members.

Our structure helps us respond quickly and collaboratively; several members provide a liaison to other ministries, including the Bereavement, Respect Life, and Ushers Committees. This year we set up standing subcommittees, such as By-Laws and Membership, to streamline our processes and attract new members.

Three successful regular Ladies Auxiliary events raise funds for worthy efforts as well as offer parishioners spiritual nourishment, education, and

entertainment as well as the opportunity to “give back”.

The Annual Ladies Auxiliary Prayer Breakfast, the third Saturday in March offers a “themed” message and décor, a featured speaker, local performing talent, good food, and camaraderie. This year, on March 28th, father Gregory Houck, O. Carm Carith House (next to STA church), set the theme—“Yes We Can—Serve the Community Together!” exemplified by the life of St. Therese of Lisieux, “The Little Flower”. The young Praise Dancers of neighboring St. Ailbe’s Parish started the entertainment, and two brothers, in the St. Thomas Apostle School and St. Ignatius College Prep, played violin and piano. Lively conversations afterward brought “home” the Little Flower’s message about humble service in community.

The annual pro-life baby shower two consecutive weekends around Mother’s day benefits a selected pregnancy center supporting girls, women and families facing an unplanned or problematic pregnancy and difficult parenting situations. People in the community have been referred to this Ladies event both for help and for donating clothes and supplies. Originally a project of our Knights, the Ladies now have joined the Knights as co-sponsors, with support provided by the parish respect Life Committee. Beneficiaries have included the South Haven Pregnancy Center (unique in its service to the Southside), the Women’s Centers, and Birthright.

The annual 6-week Penny drive in May- mid June places large bottles in the church and the school for depositing pennies. Proceeds go to help the school. This year these funds went toward enhancing the School’s Reading Garden with the restoration of

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the statue of St. Therese of Lisieuz ("The Little Flower") that was found in the old convent (now the Carmelite Carith House). Other Penny Drives have funded other special activities and field trips for STA students.

Our Auxiliary will be helping the corner Children's Hospital Child Life and Family Education Program this coming Christmas holiday season. Finally, its committees are hard at work, and reporting progress on our next Annual Prayer Breakfast, March 27, 2010. The featured speaker will be Fr. John Farry, former pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

Worthy Lady Villa D. Perry Gordon,
President



**GEORGE CARDINAL MUNDELEIN
LADIES AUXILIARY #13267**

The Project Moses" 10 Commandment Monument is a gift from the Ladies Auxiliary, the Knights of Columbus and the parishioners of SMDP.

One of our members Karen Ouimet-Rasmussen planted the seed at one of our first meetings. Diane Candelaria picked up that seed and was determined to erect this monument to Santa Maria del Popolo. She was the chairwomen who headed this committee and held many fundraisers to obtain the money to purchase this gift.

K of C and the Shields family gave us the first check toward this project in memory of Fathers James and William Shields. The K of C was to use the donation for whatever charitable purpose they deemed necessary and they felt this was a very worthwhile cause. When we received that check we knew we could do this! Gigi and John Anzalone provided the concrete pad where the monument will sit. Thank you to John Crigler and the K of C for their labor involved in getting this monument off the trunk and on to the concrete pad.

All the Ladies Auxiliary (LA) members who worked every fundraiser needed to obtain the money for the purchase of this gift to the parish. All the parishioners who participated in each and every fundraiser raised the funds to purchase the monument for the parish.



Margo Rogers, President

**DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA
#14562**

The Daughters of Isabella #14562 became an auxiliary with the installation on October 3, 2009. Twelve of our seventeen Charter members were installed by District Deputy Knight Tim Cosgrove. We were also blessed to have the 4th Degree from Knights' Council #14562 to share our special day with us.

Since our inception, we have assisted the Knights with refreshments at their first ever blood drive. Some of our members also gave blood that day. We worked the Tootsie Roll Drive at several stores, like we did unofficially

last year, but this year we also shared a booth with the Knights at Steger's Oktoberfest. Several of our members helped out at the food booth at the St. Liborius Parish Picnic. The Daughters were represented at the annual St. Liborius Ministry Fair. We were very proud to be able to purchase the cake for the Knights first ever Marriage Renewal Mass and Dinner. It marked the first time we were able to offer monetary assistance to the Knights.

We will be helping the Knights to sell Christmas pins during advent. In 2010, we will once again be providing baked goods for the annual Pasta Dinner. The Daughters will be part of the Knights' Blue Mass, honoring our police, firemen, and paramedics. Every Friday of Lent we will help provide different varieties of meatless soup for the Knights' Bread and Soup Dinner. The dinner precedes the Stations of the Cross which we hope to lead one week this year. We are also planning our first fundraiser before Lent in which we will possibly be selling paczki the Sunday before "Fat Tuesday".

Our Sick and Welfare Committee has begun a nice tradition, besides sending get well cards to our membership, they send congratulation cards to Daughters or wives of Knights who have recently had a child. Inside the cards are coupons for baby products that the membership collects monthly. New moms have told us how thankful they are to receive coupons for necessities such as diapers. We look forward to many years of service to Knights Council #14562, St. Liborius, and the Steger and Crete Communities.

Sue Mazur, President



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KNIGHT'S TRIVIA ANSWERS

September, 2009 Issue

Who is this? Bednar
State Deputy

Who is this? Barone
Past State Deputy

Who is this? Doerfler
Past Program Director

What is the State Knights of Columbus Motto?
What Works Team Work

What is the State Ladies Auxiliary Motto?
Let's Grow As A Team

November, 2009 Issue

State Ladies Auxiliary Motto
Let's Grow As A Team

State office: *Kankakee*

K of C Founder: *Michael J. McGivney*

Next Convention and location:
April 30-May 2nd at Pere-Marquette, Peoria.

Does Ladies Auxiliary exist on it's own, and if not who is their guide?
No, Council Grand Knight

Should you wear your auxiliary pin at activities and why?
Yes, it is a way of being recognized.

Ladies Auxiliary is a K of C Family Life Activities program.



FUNDRAISING IDEAS

Breakfast (Scrambled eggs, etc.)

Lunch-Taco Bar

Soup & Salad

Spaghetti Dinner

Rummage Sale

Luncheon & Card Party

Fashion Show & Luncheon

Mother/Daughter Banquet

Mother's Day carnations (sell)

Pot Luck Dinner (raffle prizes)

Note paper sales

LADIES AUXILIARY COMMITTEES

Church

Membership

Fundraising

Sick & Welfare

Public Relations

Refreshments

Ladies, these are suggested committees that you might consider if your membership is a fair size.

WANTED!
ATTENTION
PRESIDENTS

Articles on what your auxiliary is doing. Please send one or two paragraphs to:

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Thank you Presidents!
(for your articles)

NOTICE:

Soon the newsletter will be available from the Knights of Columbus website in the Ladies Auxiliary section. President's, make copies for your members to read over after your meetings.

Sandy Decker, Editor

HAPPY NEW YEAR!





WHAT WORKS -TEAM WORK

LET'S GROW AS A TEAM!



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

May the blessings of our Lord grant to each of us and our families the best in 2010 and good health to all.

Pray for our Deceased Knights and Ladies and their families.

“A precious one from us is gone
A voice we loved is still
A place is vacant in our hearts
That never can be filled.”

Unknown



CHAMPAIGN PUNCH

2 bottles Champaign
1 (6oz.) Lemonade, thawed
1 (8oz.) frozen Strawberries with sugar
1 qt. Ginger ale

Combine in bowl and add ice.

Linda Cobb



KNIGHTS & LADIES AUXILIARY TRIVIA

How many ladies are needed to form an auxiliary?

At what age can a lady become an auxiliary member?

How many officers are there in an auxiliary?

Do you need to say the Pledge of Allegiance at a meeting?

Should you say a prayer at the beginning and end of an auxiliary meeting?

Does the auxiliary have their own programs?

Should we as auxiliary members help our Knights of Columbus Council?

Is the Ladies Auxiliary a social group only?



GRANDMOTHERS CRANBERRY BREAD

2 c sifted flour all purpose
1 c sugar
1 1/2 tsp baking powder
1 tsp salt
1/2 tsp baking soda
1/4 c butter or margarine
1 egg beaten
1 tsp grated orange peel
3/4 c orange juice
1 1/2 c light raisins
1 1/2 c fresh or frozen cranberries (chopped)

Sift flour, sugar, baking powder, salt, & baking soda into bowl. Cut in butter until crumbly. Add egg, orange peel and orange juice all at once, stir until mixture is moist fold in raisins and cranberries. Spoon into greased 9 X 5 X 3 loaf pan. Bake at 350 deg. for 1 hour and 10 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Remove from pan and cool. Cranberries may be substituted for the raisins.

Sandy Decker & Connie Dyas

