

Knighly News



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Greetings from the Grand Knight

Brothers and Ladies,

August is here and wow, is it hot!! Stay cool indoors and keep an eye on your elderly family members.

This time of year brings change for so many of our children with school starting so soon.

Well, your Council Officers and Directors are changing as well. I want to thank Rob Ratz for his tireless devotion to our Youth Activities the last three years. He has been fantastic and will step in as our new Advocate for the coming fraternal year.

A huge thanks needs to go to Steve Frisch for his unprecedented direction of our Family Activities over the last three years. Steve and Patsy have moved to Germany on assignment for the USAF. They will be missed and we hope they come back to us soon.

Thanks to Bill Blair for his wearing the Warden jewel last year. Bill has taken over the Community Activities this year from A.J. Adams. A.J. has done a tremendous job with Community Activities for so many years I have lost count. Thanks again A.J. for your tireless service!!!

Our new Warden, Stan Jones,

has taken over Family Activities as well and I am certain Stan will continue the fine tradition that Steve has created. Knowing Stan, we are in for another great year of memories.

I also want to thank Jay Reeser for stepping into Rob's shoes with Youth Activities. He knows he has the support of so many with our wide variety of Youth Activities. Good luck Jay and Stan!

God bless you and your family,

Jim Awerkamp
Grand Knight

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Squires meet with soldier they sponsor

The newly elected Officers of Circle 4682 have hit the road running.

At a special meeting on July 7, 10 of the young men met and listened to Stephan Cramer, our adopted soldier. He was on medical leave for an injury to his wrist and made the time to tell the Circle how much the packages we sent mean to him. It was a moving meeting, pizza and soft drinks followed and many of the boys spoke with Steve, one on one.

We held our 2nd Annual Par-

ent/Child Golf Classic on July 14, it was an enjoyable time and the weather was great. We had a total of 11 parent/child teams, all participants enjoyed a free lunch, snacks, soft drinks and water.

This year we gave out 10 awards, four trophies and six medals. Congratulations to the first place team of Squire Tyler Klingelhofer and his father, Richard. We hope this day of fun and fellowship continues to grow. Also special thanks to all the Squires who helped with

set-up, you did a great job.

The 7th Annual Squires BBQ is scheduled for Aug. 18 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in front of the KC Hall. Please stop by and enjoy a pork steak, brat or hamburger and sides for lunch. This is our major fundraiser and all proceeds earned help us fund the charitable activities we undertake during our year. We thank you in advance for your support.

Dan Ashbaker
Chief Counselor

Special points of interest:

- New Ladies Auxiliary Officers installed
- Football sweepstakes tickets being mailed to members
- Public Relations Committee being formed

Volunteers needed for St. Clare Oktoberfest and dedication

The weekend of Sept. 29 and 30 will be a very big weekend for St. Clare Parish.

We will be having our 7th Annual Oktoberfest on Sept. 29 and will be celebrating the official dedication of our new parish home on Sept. 30. We will be asking for a great deal of help from my Brother Knights on this weekend.

The Oktoberfest will again have bingo this year and we are expecting our best year yet. Bingo will be from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Sept. 29. We already have a caller who has volunteered, who else can we count on? Sign-up sheets will be passed around during future meetings or you can call me to volunteer your time.

Also, we may be needing the services of

several Brother Knights on the day of the dedication. I am not sure how many or in what capacity at this time, but I will be in contact with GK Jim Awerkamp as we get closer. Please reserve some time now for Sept. 30 from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Bill Blair
Community Activities Director

Ladies Auxiliary installs new officers for 2007 - 08

The new Ladies Auxiliary Officers for 2007-2008 were installed on June 21. Thanks to Grand Knight Jim Awerkamp for the impressive ceremony and all the members who attended.

I would like to present the new board members:

President - Cathy Sweeney
Vice President - Barb Armstrong
Secretary - June McGeehon
Treasurer - Lisa Saenz
Trustee - Pat Musser
Trustee - Sheila Henry
Trustee - Pat Sholl
Sergeant at Arms - Betty Osborne

On July 26 we held a meeting and the board members supplied the delicious desserts for the evening. Our next meeting is on Aug. 23 at 7:30 p.m.. Hope to see many of the members there.

We would like to invite all KC spouses and Catholic women over 18 years of age to join the Ladies Auxiliary. Our meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. If you have any questions please call me at 624-6528. Guest are always welcome.

Barb Armstrong is looking for bingo volunteers to work bingo on Sunday evenings. Please contact Barb to help her out or she will be calling you to fill in some of the

dates needed.

The Ladies Auxiliary has sponsored a Seminarian for many years. We are going to sponsor Dale Maxfield.

We hope he will be able to come to our meeting in September or whenever he is available so everyone can meet him.

We have many activities that we will be helping out with in the future. So Ladies, there will be many opportunities to sign up to help and use your talents.

Cathy Sweeney
President

Get your football sweepstakes tickets in by Sept. 15

A tremendous amount of time and energy is spent coordinating ticket distribution and collection efforts for the NFL Sweepstakes each year.

This fund raiser is essential in our ongoing efforts for improvements made at the hall. Every dollar that we can generate with the sweepstakes allows other monies to be distributed to our many charitable causes. It just doesn't get any better than this!

Brothers...we need your help. This year we

are sending out two tickets to each Knight household. Please take the time to either sell the tickets or purchase them yourselves.

If anyone would like to purchase more than two tickets, either send an additional \$10 per ticket (tickets will be forwarded to you in return) or come to a meeting/hall and pick up more tickets. Anyone selling or buying 10 tickets will get 1 free.

Look for your tickets in the mail and please

respond as soon as possible, but no later than Sept. 15.

With our busy and hectic lifestyles, many of us just can't participate in the volunteerism needed for Sunday bingo, Friday fish fry, Gods Special Children Golf Tournament, Turkey Trot etc. For those of us...this is a great way to give back to the council.

Duane Daniels & Phil Hoher

New Community Activities Director looking for Blood Drive help

As this is my first submission as Community Activities Director I wanted to start by thanking the past Community Activities Director. A very big thank you goes out from me to A.J. Adams for his work over the past several years in this capacity and for his offer of any future assistance as needed.

A.J.'s efforts in this role are just a small part of what he contributes to the Council and it is very much appreciated.

I'd also like to thank Jerry Dunn for his efforts over the past few years. Jerry is stepping down as the promotions guy and early shift volunteer for Blood Drives. Thanks!!

We had a blood drive on July 27 and we were six pints short of our goal. I encourage all of you to either donate blood or ask someone you know who will be willing to participate in our next Blood Drive on Friday, Sept. 28. I realize not everyone can donate blood, but that doesn't mean we can't ask a willing replacement to do their part.

On Saturday, Aug. 11 we donated some time to the O'Fallon Homecoming Festival. This never seems to be short of volunteers and the commitment is appreciated.

I have two needs in the near future that I am hoping I can get some assistance with.

As mentioned, Jerry Dunn is stepping down from his participation with the Blood Drives. I am looking for someone who is available six times a year to work from 1:00 p.m. to around 4:00 p.m. or 5:00 p.m. to get the Blood Drives started.

The next Blood Drive is scheduled for Sept. 28 and I will be busy with St. Clare's Oktoberfest and dedication scheduled for that same weekend. I would be very appreciative if a couple Brother Knights can step in and work the Blood Drive in my absence. If you're available please contact me at 593-7556.

Bill Blair
Community Activities Director

Public Relations Committee being formed

Our Council is in the process of evaluating our current public relations and needs your help.

We are looking for members who have experience in this area, have contacts with the media, and web page development or

promotional print experience.

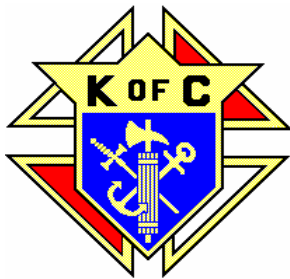
If you can bring your skill sets to our Council we would like to ramp up our current public relations efforts in the community, churches and print.

Please call me at 628-8060 or email me at craig.halpin@jda.com with your interest in joining this committee. I will then schedule a time we can meet to develop a plan.

Craig Halpin
Council Activities Director

Calendar of Events

Aug. 25	Council Family Picnic	O'Fallon Community Park	11:00 a.m.
Sept. 5	Squires meeting	KC Hall	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 5	4th Degree meeting	KC Hall	8:00 p.m.
Sept. 6	Council meeting	KC Hall	8:00 p.m.
Sept. 11	Columbus Club meeting	KC Hall	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 14	Columbus Club Drawing	KC Hall	8:00 p.m.
Sept. 20	Council meeting	KC Hall	8:00 p.m.
Sept. 21 - 22	Tootsie Roll Drive		
Sept. 27	Ladies Auxiliary meeting	KC Hall	7:30 p.m.
Wednesdays	Wing Wednesday - \$5 all you can eat wings	KC Hall	5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Fridays	Fish Fry	KC Hall	4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Sundays	Bingo	KC Hall	6:30 p.m.



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Grand Knight reactivates, appoints committees

Brothers,

Over the past two months I have reactivated two important committees that will help us focus on retaining and recruiting members for our Council. These committees are vital to our continued success.

DGK Eugene Bringaze, Financial Secretary Joe Mehallow, Chancellor Craig Halpin, and Warden Stan Jones have joined me on our Retention Committee.

We have removed 51 members from our rolls for not paying their dues, many having not paid for more than three years.

We also are addressing 50 additional members who have not paid their dues for the 2007 calendar year.

Additional goals of this committee will be to focus on causes for membership

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suspensions and identify solutions to those occurrences.

I am looking for Brothers to join Robert Goodrich, Membership Chairman, and

Bill Blair, Community Activities Director, and myself on the Membership Committee. This committee needs to focus on informing prospective and newer members of the workings of our Council and the Order.

This committee also needs to determine the interests of new candidates for subsequent involvement in Council activities. Please let Rob, Bill, or I know of your interest in joining this important committee.

God Bless,
Jim Awerkamp
Grand Knight