

Knighly News



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Greetings from the Grand Knight

Happy New Year! I hope 2008 is a happy and healthy New Year for you and your family.

It is the half way mark in my second year as Grand Knight and I take measure of where we are as a Council. Our donations to our charities have never been higher and our man-hours for our charitable efforts continue to increase. Yet, we as a Council continue to struggle with the one thing most fraternal organizations have difficulty overcoming.

Fifteen percent of our Council membership performs 85% of the volunteer work required to keep this Council one of the best in the State of Illinois. I don't think many of you understand what it takes to keep the Council viable in the facility we own.

Do you know that Sunday night Bingo is the fuel that starts the engine for everything we do? Without Bingo we would have to close our Club and sell the facility.

It is very simple! I challenge each of you to get involved in something to support your Council and our good works. Please look around this newsletter at what we do. Call one of your Officers on the back page and get involved. Consider helping out one Sunday evening a month at Bingo.

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NO SMOKING!!!! That is right, our facility is totally smoke free. It is actually refreshing to attend a Fish Fry and Bingo without the smell of smoke going home with you. The remarks I have heard from patrons to our facility have been very positive. I believe this will help us get more attendance at many of our

activities.

By the way, our Club Manager Larry Henry and the Brothers who manage our Fish Fry's have done a marvelous job raising the level of fish quality. So, tell your friends. The K of C Hall is smoke free and the fish is better than ever!!

Coming up in January and February we have our Free Throw and Spelling Bee competitions, which are always great events.

On Feb. 24 our Council is sponsoring a Major Degree at St. Clare School. If you know of anyone who you think would want to become a Knight please get him signed up and call Membership Chairman Bill Blair or me.

We are asking all prospective members to come to our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Jan. 31 at 6:30 p.m. to find out what our Council is about.

God bless and stay safe,
Jim Averkamp
Grand Knight

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Special points of interest:

- Ladies selling chocolate covered strawberries for Mother's Day
- Squires taking on new project
- God's Special Children Golf Classic scheduled for April 25 at Tamarack

Women selling chocolate covered strawberries for Mother's Day

The Ladies ended 2007 with a lovely and fun Christmas party. We had some fun playing a few games and sharing the evening with our friends.

The Ladies took on a family at Christmas to make their Christmas a little brighter. Some of the ladies purchased and wrapped the gifts for the family.

We are going to have a busy 2008 with many activities. Here are a few things scheduled for the meetings, a margarita night, wine and cheese tasting, and a baby shower for the Pregnancy Care Center.

The Ladies are going to be attending the

Stations of the Cross during Lent as a group. We are still sponsoring a Seminarian, Dale Maxfield, and hoping he will be able to attend a meeting during Lent. We will also be selling desserts at the fiddle contest in April.

The Ladies are still sending packages to KC members' families who are in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Ladies are going to be selling chocolate covered strawberries for Mother's Day. We are going to be taking preorders so start saving your money now to help with one of our many fundraisers. We need a lot of orders to be a success. Men watch out, we will be approaching you

for your orders.

Our meetings are held the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the KC Hall. Guests are always welcome to attend. We would like to invite all KC spouses and Catholic women over the age of 18 to join the Ladies Auxiliary.

If you have any questions call me at 624-6528.

Cathy Sweeney
President

Squires vote to support seminarian, plan to tour seminary

Happy New Year from the Squires!

During December we once again adopted a family for Christmas. The Squires purchased, wrapped and delivered the presents. This year we combined our wrapping project for our adopted family with a Christmas lunch at the Hard Rock Café in St. Louis. Ten of our Squires were able to attend and it made for a fun-filled day of giving and celebrating.

Thank you Tara for the special table.

Also, a big thank you to Maria for helping me with transporting a van full of Squires to the restaurant.

We have a new soldier who we adopted in Iraq. This month the Squires will be donating items to send over to him. Let me emphasize that all items sent to our adopted soldier are donate from the Squires themselves. Our Circle only pays for the postage to Iraq.

At our last meeting we voted to under-

take a new project. We are going to help support a seminarian. Fr. James Deiters has helped us contact them and we are planning to go to the seminary for a tour. The young men are very excited about this new project. I will continue to keep you posted.

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Dan Ashbaker
Chief Counselor

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Thursday, Jan. 31, 2008

6:30 p.m.

@ KC Hall

Volunteers, teams, sponsors needed for GSC Golf Classic

It is with great pleasure that I announce plans for the annual GSC golf tournament to be held on Friday, April 25 at 11:00 a.m.

Despite the pending land development at Tamarack Country Club, I have been confirmed it will be open for business as usual in April and the course is booked.

In order to make this event our best yet, I ask everyone to help in some fashion. Here are some ways you can help your Council and our charitable activities:

- Build a foursome and join us for a great day of golf, food, drinks and



fun.

- Volunteer on the course, at the banquet in the Hall, or assist in planning the event.

- Sponsor a hole or use your business contacts to find a new sponsorship.
- Provide an attendance prize or raffle item for the players.
- Grow the event by using your new suggestion to keep this event the premier tournament it has been for eight years.

I thank you in advance and look forward to another successful event. Please contact me with any suggestions you may have at craig.halpin@jda.com

Craig Halpin
Council Activities Director

Calendar of Events

Jan. 24	Ladies Auxiliary meeting	KC Hall	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 25	Blood Drive	KC Hall	3:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Jan. 27	Local Free Throw Contest	St. Clare School	1:00 p.m.
Jan. 31	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner	KC Hall	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 2	Local Spelling Bee	KC Hall	10:30 a.m.
Feb. 3	Super Bowl Party - No Bingo	KC Hall	
Feb. 6	Squires meeting	KC Hall	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 6	Fourth Degree meeting	KC Hall	8:00 p.m.
Feb. 7	Council meeting	KC Hall	8:00 p.m.
Feb. 12	Columbus Club meeting	KC Hall	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 17	District Free Throw Contest	St. Clare School	
Feb. 21	Council meeting	KC Hall	8:00 p.m.
Feb. 24	Major Degree	St. Clare School	1:00 p.m.
Feb. 28	Ladies Auxiliary meeting	KC Hall	7:30 p.m.
Mar. 2	Regional Spelling Bee	KC Hall	10:30 a.m.
Mar. 5	Squires meeting	KC Hall	7:00 p.m.
Mar. 5	Fourth Degree meeting	KC Hall	8:00 p.m.
Mar. 6	Council meeting	KC Hall	8:00 p.m.
Mar. 13	Spring Social	KC Hall	6:30 p.m.
Mar. 27	Ladies Auxiliary	KC Hall	7:30 p.m.
Apr. 25	God's Special Children Golf Classic	Tamarack Country Club	11:00 a.m.
Tuesdays	Taco Tuesday - \$5 all you can eat tacos	KC Hall	5:00 p.m. - 8:00 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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