

# Siena Post Dispatch



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## Grand Knight's Message

In the doldrums of the lazy days of August, it is hard to think of much besides keeping cool, hitting the pool, and where to go on vacation. I know this time of year, it's hard to commit to much of anything besides relaxing with a cool drink, but, unfortunately, I do have to ask you to make some commitments.

First, in keeping with the summer season, our annual Family Barbeque will be on Saturday, **August 6** at the Binnie Woods Forest Preserve west of Randall on Binnie Road. For this one, all you have to do is round up the family and come out around 5:00 or so. No excuses for missing this event.

You recently received two Bar-B-Que raffle booklets from Brother Ed Pudlo. I want to emphasize this annual raffle is a *major* fundraiser supporting both the council's and state assembly's charitable activities. Please either sell or buy your two books and return the proceeds to Ed by **August 15th**. As an added incentive, the Brother Knight who sells the most tickets will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate to the store or establishment of his choice (in case of a tie, the winner will be determined by a drawing).

We are approaching our busiest time of year in terms of needing volunteers to work for the good of the order. This year's *Irish Fest* will run from **Friday, Sept. 9 thru Sunday, Sept. 11**. As we have in the past, we will have a tent selling corn, sandwiches, pizza, and this year cheese fries. This is our largest fund raiser of the year, and it takes a large number of volunteers to make it happen. We need volunteers to help with setup, to staff the tent during the festival, and to help with clean up and teardown. We need everyone's help to make this a success – wives and older children (teenagers) are

welcome also. If you haven't already volunteered, please call Brother Mike Graziano at 847-426-9448, or Brother Dick Williams at 847-428-0445 as soon as possible to insure getting the hours you want.

Just a week after Irish Fest comes the annual *MH-Tootsie Roll Drive* on **Friday, Sept. 16 and Saturday, Sept. 17**. Our turnout for this event last year was very disappointing, and I remind each of you of your commitment to charity and beseech you to volunteer just an hour to help with this drive. Please Call Brother Dennis Gardynski at 847-428-0390 to volunteer or just come to the Fr. McKinstra Community Room at the church during the drive for an assignment. To say thanks for helping, Brother Dennis will be hosting a dinner for all volunteers Saturday evening at 6:00 in the Community Room.

Just to make things interesting, our first non-Irish Fest event with our new corn roaster is also the weekend of **Sept. 16, 17 & 18** at *Dundee's Heritage Fest*. This is yet one more call for volunteers. It takes a minimum of 2 people to staff the corn roaster. To help out and enjoy the Fest and activities first hand, contact our very own "corn king" Brother Dan Biggins at 847-428-6758.

*September will be a challenging and exhausting month for our Council and we are going to need everyone's help, assistance and support to get through it. Just an hour or two from each member will more than meet all of our obligations. Please don't hesitate to make this commitment, we need you.*

In another vein, please remember that Monday, **August 15** is the celebration of the *Assumption* and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Our Chaplin and Pastor, Father Rich, has extended an invitation to all and has assured me there will be seating for everyone.

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All Brother members are also invited to the August business meeting on Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> in the Community Room, the meeting begins at 7:30 with refreshments – hot dogs this month – and fellowship at 8:30.

Vivat Jesu  
Jim

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## Ministering to the Homebound

We currently have 6 dedicated Brother Knights who together form the team of ministers who take communion to the homebound and to hospitals on Sundays. The members are Brothers: Scott Bates, Ron Colby, Dennis Gardynski, Brian Gatzka, Mike Graziano, and Bob Hanneman.

Each Brother is currently responsible for 2 months per year. Unfortunately, Brother Hannerman is moving out of the parish, and will no longer be participating. So the team is looking for a Brother Knight, or two, to join this important ministry.

If you are interested in serving others and would like to join this team, there will be a training session starting in September or October, coordinated by Dolaine Nichols. It will run about 6 weeks, 2 hours each Thursday evening. (At least that is what it was last fall, and Dolaine expects it to be about the same this fall.) Fr. Rosinski insists that any person who wants to become a minister to the homebound take this training first.

To volunteer or obtain more information, please contact Brother Scott Bates at [ssbates@catholicexchange.com](mailto:ssbates@catholicexchange.com).

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## Council Family Barbeque & Picnic

Our annual family barbeque will be on Saturday, **August 6th** at the Binnie Woods Forest Preserve a mile west of Randall Road on Binnie Road in Dundee. The barbeque will start at 5:00 PM and last until dark. If you attend 4:30 Mass, don't worry, just come late.

We'll again be serving all the brats, burgers, dogs, potato salad, cole slaw and chips you can eat.

There will be games for the kids and adults, prizes, and fun for all. This is a family event, so bring out the whole family – the kids, mama, Uncle Joe and Grandma Ruth – everyone is invited. As a matter of fact, if you have a potential candidate for membership, this is a perfect time to bring him and his family along and introduce them to the Knights.

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## Just 3 Hours to Save Lives ...

We are in need of 16 members to donate just 3 hours *per year* to support the blood drives sponsored by our council. The drives are conducted quarterly in March, June September and December on Sunday mornings in the Fr. McKinstra Community Room. Two members are needed from 7:00 AM until 10:00 AM to set up the room, assist donors with paperwork and serve donors refreshments. Two additional members are needed from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM to also assist the donors and to restore the Community Room.

Training will be provided. You need not donate yourself and Heartland Blood Center technicians take care of all actual blood extraction procedures.

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This is an opportunity to do something really worthwhile. Every 3 seconds a patient needs life-sustaining donated blood – an accident victim, a patient undergoing surgery, or a patient receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer or another disease. The demand for blood is greater than ever and the nation's supply needs constant replenishment.

Our council has done a great job supporting blood drives for years, but that's primarily the result of the hard work of the two Brother Jims, Kotleba and Winstead. We need to share the workload among the membership. Won't you please help?

Please contact Brother Fred McCarthy at [mccarfp@echoincorporated.com](mailto:mccarfp@echoincorporated.com) and indicate you would like to help in March, June, September or December, and whether you want to help from 7:00 AM-10:00 AM or from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM.

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## Attention 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Knights

We will once again be co-hosting a Major Degree with our Brother Knights from St. Margaret Mary in Algonquin on October 2nd. If you have not yet received your Second and Third Degrees, this will be an excellent opportunity to obtain both on the same day. There will be more information to follow, but you may indicate your interest to Brother Fred McCarthy at [mccarfp@echoincorporated.com](mailto:mccarfp@echoincorporated.com) or me at [jas.winstead@worldnt.att.net](mailto:jas.winstead@worldnt.att.net).

If you are already a Third Degree Knight, just a reminder there will also be a Fourth Degree exemplification in October. Again, please contact Brother McCarthy if you are interested in taking this next step in our Order.

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## August Birthdays

Happy birthday to the following brothers:

Gerald Campagna	Tom Mullen
Ron Colby	Don Rage
John Haggenjos	Ralph Tileston
Ed Kapelak	Ed Wilson
Bill Livingston	Ed Seggelke
Blane Muscat	

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## Give a Priest a Hand . . .

Fr. Dave Austin is hosting a picnic for Alter Servers and their families at Binnie Woods Forest Preserve on Binnie Road in Dundee on Saturday, August 13 beginning around 3:00 PM. We have volunteered to supply the food and drinks, as well as the "chefs." Anyone who would like to assist Fr. Dave and help with the grilling ... just show up. Your payment will be Fr. Dave's sincere blessing and all the hot dogs and brats you can eat.

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## Thomas the Tank Engine

There is still time to volunteer to help Habitat **For Humanity** without actually building a house, or to assist **PADS** without contributing money. Every year the Illinois Railroad Museum makes a cash donation to Habitat for Humanity or PADS for the hours volunteers donate. Two weekends are available to help and the work is easy and fun. The weekends are **August 19, 20 and 21** and **August, 27 and 28**. Call Hank Schmalen at (847) 426-7326 to volunteer or email [hschmal@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hschmal@sbcglobal.net)

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## Catholic Men's Conference

If you're like most of us, you probably keep that car you have so much invested in tuned-up. How often do you make that same effort to "tune-up" your soul? On **Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>** the Catholic Men's Conference will again be held at NIU. It is a day of great speakers, reflection, reconciliation, Mass and a chance to recharge your spiritual batteries. We will carpool from St. Catherine's, leaving about 7:30 am and returning about 5:30pm. Give attendance some serious thought and prayer. More info will be coming or contact Hank Schmalen at [hschmal@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hschmal@sbcglobal.net).

Jim Roy  
Dan Stroick  
Bill Livingston

Chris Gardynski  
Bob Waclawik

If you know of a Brother Knight or Brother's family member who is in need of our prayers and is not listed above, please email the names to [jas.winstead@worldnet.att.net](mailto:jas.winstead@worldnet.att.net) for inclusion in our next newsletter.

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## Distribution Notice

Due to the importance and number of upcoming activities, this edition of the Siena Post Dispatch is being mailed to all current members. The Siena Post Dispatch is also available monthly via email, and is available on our website at [www.kofcsiena.org](http://www.kofcsiena.org).

If you would like to begin receiving the Post Dispatch via email, please notify me at [jas.winstead@worldnet.att.net](mailto:jas.winstead@worldnet.att.net) and you will be automatically added to our email distribution list.

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## Upcoming Events

Family BBQ	August 6
Officers Meeting	August 4 7:00
Council Business Meeting	August 8 7:30
Rosary Weekend	August 20 & 21
Thomas the Tank Engine:	August 19, 20, 21, 27 & 28
Irishfest:	Sept 9, 10 & 11
MH (Tootsie Roll) Drive:	Sept 16 & 17
Dundee Heritage Fest	Sept 16, 17 & 18
Blood Drive	September 18
Major Degree	October 2
Catholic Men's Conference	October 8
Spaghetti Dinner	October 15

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## Important To Do's...

### Sign Up for Irish Fest

Call or email Brother Mike Graziano  
847-426-9448

[mandmgraz@comcast.net](mailto:mandmgraz@comcast.net)

or

Brother Dick Williams  
847-428-0445

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## "The Good of the Order"

Please remember in your prayers the following Brothers and family members who are ill or in distress:

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Call Brother Dennis Gardynski  
847-428-0390

## *Sign Up for Dundee Heritage Fest*

Call or email Brother Dan Biggins  
847-428-6758  
[biggins1472@msn.com](mailto:biggins1472@msn.com)

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*If you have an announcement or article you would like to have appear in the Siena Post Dispatch, please mail or email it to [jas.winstead@worldnet.att.net](mailto:jas.winstead@worldnet.att.net).*