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Grand Knight's Message

If you're feeling sad and depressed, guilty or dejected ... all because you've neglected to volunteer for our Irish Fest food tent ... well cheer up and take heart , it's not too late, there's still time. Just take that positive step and call the Grazianos at 847-426-9448 or the Williams at 847-428-0445 and relief and redemption shall be yours!

Seriously, if you haven't already done so, we do need for you to sign up for a shift, not only for Irish Fest but also for Heritage Fest the following weekend. These events are only successful through everyone's efforts and labor.

In a different vein, I recently had dinner with my daughter and son-in-law of just a year. They're still busy just getting their marriage started, getting their careers going, and looking forward to their future together. In a moment of sober contemplation, I wondered what impact it would have on them if Cindi or I became seriously ill and required long term care in a medical or nursing facility.

Cindi and I've tried to plan and provide for our senior years and retirement ... but who plans for an unexpected disability? Both of us want to be independent and not be a burden on our children. I think that is a common desire of all parents.

Just as Father McGivney's original concept for the Knights of Columbus included a life insurance program to provide for the widows and children of departed members, our program today also offers protection for long term care.

We are all getting older by the day and with all the misconceptions and misinformation about

Medicare and Social Security, we all need accurate and timely information to plan for our senior years and protect our families from unnecessary financial burdens. Our insurance agent, Brother Paul Kehoe can provide just that information. Give him a call at 847-219-9777 ... I did.

A reminder, this month's business meeting is also a First Degree Exemplification. Please plan on attending and sharing this special and moving ceremony with the new candidates for membership. We will be serving refreshments afterwards.

Vivat Jesu
Jim

Family Barbeque



Council Recorder Ion Nicolaescu and family chow down at the council's annual Family Barbeque

This year's Family Barbeque at Binnie Woods Forest Preserve was a success. About 50 members, wives and children attended and feasted on burgers, brats, hot dogs and all the trimmings. Games included horseshoes, bean bags and our

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annual bocce ball tournament. It looked like brothers McCarthy and Winstead were going to sweep the bocce ball tournament ... that is until Mary Graziano and Marcy Williams took the field and literally kicked Fred and Jim's _ _ _ _ _ . If you missed the Barbeque this year, you missed a great afternoon and all I can say is ... better make it next year.

Blood Drive Volunteers

Brother Fred McCarthy is still looking for volunteers to assist with the council's quarterly blood drives. Ideally, we need two members from 7:00 AM until 10:00 AM to set up the room, assist donors with the paperwork and serve donors refreshments; and then two members from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM to also assist the donors and to restore the Community Room. Our next scheduled blood drive is on Sunday, September 18th.

This is an opportunity to really do something worthwhile. Every 3 seconds someone needs donated blood – an accident victim, a patient under-going surgery, or maybe a child receiving treatment for leukemia or cancer. The demand for blood is greater than ever and our supply needs constant replenishment.

Please contact Brother Fred McCarthy at mccarfp@echoincorporated.com.

Attention 1st 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. You can indicate your interest to Brother Fred McCarthy at mccarfp@echoincorporated.com or me at jas.winstead@worldnt.att.net.

The schedule for the day is:

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| Registration | 11:30 AM |
| 1 st Degree | 12:30 PM |
| 2 nd Degree | 2:00 PM |
| 3 rd Degree | Following the 2 nd Degree |

Dinner will be served following the 3rd Degree

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.

Major Degree Volunteers

Hosting a Major Degree Ceremony requires the combined efforts of a great number of brother Knights. We are lucky in that we are able to fulfill our obligation to participate in a Major Degree by co-hosting with St. Margaret Mary and sharing the staffing. In addition to the degree teams, it takes about 15 to 20 brothers working together to conduct a successful exemplification.

We do need volunteers. If you are able to help, please contact either Brother Rich Hoster at rhoster@smithandrichardson.com, or contact me at jas.winstead@worldnet.att.net.

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Serving the Less Fortunate

When you stand before our God, will you say, "Lord, when did I see you hungry and not give you something to eat....or thirsty and not give you something to drink?" And will He say, "My child, you had the opportunity to do exactly that at PADS. You could have helped feed the hungry and give shelter to the homeless but you were just too busy"

Again this year our council will be providing two helpers at the PADS shelter in Elgin the third Monday of every month while it is open. It is normally from about 7 to 10:30pm, and again the following morning from 5 to 7am. It is not hard work, but *VERY* rewarding and worthwhile work. Consider saying "yes" to this call to serve our less fortunate brothers and sisters. For questions, or to sign up contact Hank Schmalen (847) 426-7326 or hschmal@sbcglobal.net

Annual Retreat Weekend

It's not too early to get our 2006 retreat weekend on your calendar so that nothing interferes with it! We have only 12 slots next year (only 11 left) and I want to give first opportunity to our Brother Knights before I invite other men of the parish to join us. It is Friday February 17th at 6:00pm to Sunday the 19th at noon. Talk to those that have made this retreat....it's an awesome experience!!! It's at a great location at Bellarmine Retreat Center in Barrington. You have your own room, the food is great and, above all, the time with God is not to be missed. If you have already made your decision to go, let me know or if you have questions give me a yell. Brother Hank Schmalen at (847) 426-7326 or hschmal@sbcglobal.net.

August Birthdays

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

Happy Birthday to all!

Catholic Men's Conference

On **Saturday, October 8th** 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.

Upcoming Events

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| Officers Meeting | Sept 8 | 7:00 |
| First Degree | Sept 12 | 7:30 |
| Council Business Meeting | Sept 12 | 8:30 |
| Rosary Weekend | Sept 17 & 18 | |
| Irish Fest | 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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“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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| Jim Roy | Chris Gardynski |
| Dan Stroick | Bob Waclawik |
| Bill Livingston | |

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 for inclusion in our next newsletter.

*HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE
LABOR DAY WEEKEND*

Important To Do's...

Sign Up for Irish Fest

Call or email Brother Mike Graziano
847-426-9448
mandmgraz@comcast.net

or

Brother Dick Williams
847-428-0445

Sign Up for MH Tootsie Roll Drive

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

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.