

Siena Post Dispatch



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Grand Knight's Message

As it always is, our annual Christmas Party for members, families and our clergy was a successful and enjoyable event. A special thank you must go to Brother Hank Schmalen and his wife, Deb, for the beautiful decorations; to the entire Kruger family and especially Karen and Brothers Jim and Paul for again preparing and serving the most delicious deep fried turkeys and secret recipe dressing to be found anywhere; to Brother Steve Francois and his wife Sylvia for the music and carols; and of course all the children's favorite, Brother Jim Kotleba who was again rumored to be the jolly elf in the Santa Claus outfit. And, of course, a thank you to all of the Brother Knights and their families who brought the wonderful and delicious dishes and deserts that we all enjoyed. Thanks to all for coming together and sharing a night of fellowship and good cheer.

One note of regret came from the Christmas Party, however. It came to my attention that not all of our membership was informed of the date and time of the party. To those members, I certainly apologize. We have tried to significantly reduce our postage expenses, which was exceeding a thousand dollars a year, through the use of our website and emails. Unfortunately, our new efforts at electronic communications have not been perfect, and we have missed getting important information out to all of our members. As the result, in the future, we will mail out a special "Events" letter at least three times a year to all members not on our emailing list to insure everyone is kept informed of important upcoming dates and events.

We do have one new member, Antonio Dettori. Antonio is a resident of West Dundee, attends St. Catherine's, and was sponsored by

Brother Mark Nelson. Please, when you have the opportunity, welcome Antonio to our brotherhood.

As we move into the new year, I want to take this opportunity to wish one and all a most prosperous, healthy, fulfilling and happy new year.

Vivat Jesu
Jim

How Cold Are You ??

Tonight, or the next time the temperature is in single digits, ask yourself, "If I had no place to go tonight, where would I find someplace warm and safe to sleep where I wouldn't literally freeze to death?" Statistics show the average American is only *THREE* paychecks away from being homeless!!!! Think about that.

You can help our local homeless shelter PADS on the 3rd Monday evening of the month.....we have agreed to provide two people for each of these nights.....there are still opportunities open. Contact Hank Schmalen to volunteer hschmal@sbcglobal.net or (847) 612-6158

January	Don and Cathy Miller
February	Mike and Mary Graziano
March	The Francois Family
April	OPEN
May	OPEN

Tune-up Time

It is time to recharge those spiritual batteries, Brothers.....and an easy and painless way to do so is through the Knights' Weekend

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Retreat coming up February 17, 18 & 19 at the Bellarmine Retreat House in Barrington. We have only 8 spaces left and I will have to open it up to the parish in the near future. Those attending so far are:

Hank Schmalen
Ron Colby
Earl McGrath
Scott Bates

If you are interested and want to attend or need more information let me know ASAP.....Hank Schmalen
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donated through our drives during 2005 to 160 pints. This has indeed been a successful year for our blood drive program and we should all feel proud that our organization has made such a significant contribution to the health and welfare of our community.

In addition to all of the donors who have supported our drives with their loyalty, I want to personally thank Brothers Fred McCarthy and Hank Schmalen for their continued help and assistance in making these drives a success, as well as all of the brothers who have contributed their time and efforts.

K of C Annual Free Throw Contest

Our council sponsored Free Throw Contest for boys and girls, ages 10 thru 14 will be Saturday morning, January 14th in the St. Catherine School gym. Brother Bob Waclawik is once again organizing and hosting the event.

It does take several adults to facilitate this event and volunteers are both encouraged and welcomed. To help, all you need to do is help "shag" balls, keep count of the kids' baskets, and generally keep things moving along. The actual contest only takes a couple of hours and we are always done by noon. If you can help, please just report to Bob at the gym between 8:30 and 9:00 Saturday morning, the 14th.

Blood Drive Results

Our December 4th Blood Drive resulted in a total of 43 donated pints of whole blood being collected. This brought the total amount of blood

January Birthdays

Mike Bertram	Bill Kunkel
Tom Clancy	Jim Lullo
Paul Corbo	Fred McCarthy
Larry Hageman	Joe Motyl
Ken Hagler	Tom Pfeiffer
John Hall	Francis Simal

Happy Birthday to all!

Upcoming Events

Officers Meeting	January 5 th	7:00
January First Degree	January 9 th	7:30
Council Business Meeting	January 9 th	8:30
Free Throw Contest	January 14	
Rosary Weekend	January 14 th & 15 th	

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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:

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 for inclusion in our next newsletter.

2006 Operating Budget

On the following page, you will find a copy of our 2006 Council Budget. For reference, I have included the 2005 budget, as well as our year to date expenses. As you will observe, the officers and trustees have proposed a balanced budget for 2006 which we feel is both realistic and attainable.

This is the final publication of the budget, it having been presented to a majority of the membership via email over 30 days ago. The budget will be brought to the table for a final vote at the January 9th Business Meeting. Any member who wishes to address or question this budget is invited to attend the meeting and be heard.

Jim Winstead
Grand Knight

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.

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 2006 Proposed Council Budget

	2005 BUDGET	Y-T-D 2005 EXPENSE	2006 PROPOSED BUDGET
Income Accounts			
Dues/Assessments	\$4,100.00	\$4,484.50	\$4,100.00
Teen Dance	600.00		900.00
Breakfasts	2,800.00	3,733.75	4,500.00
Interest Income	100.00		100.00
MH Drive	5,900.00	4,090.00	4,000.00
Vocation Raffle	2,200.00	1,852.21	2,000.00
BBQ Raffle	1,500.00	2,039.00	2,000.00
Major Degree	0.00		200.00
Misc. Income	100.00	932.95	1,025.00
Irish Fest	9,000.00	7,812.83	8,000.00
Corn Roast Events	2,000.00	958.00	3,000.00
Total Income	\$28,300.00	\$25,903.24	\$29,825.00
Expense Accounts			
State Per Capita	\$850.00	\$1,296.75	\$900.00
National Per Capital	735.00	592.67	600.00
Rockford Per Capita	30.00	26.10	30.00
State Disaster Fund	0.00		225.00
Newman Fund	500.00		500.00
Charitable Assistance	1,500.00	3,950.00	1,000.00
Major Degree Expense	100.00	296.94	200.00
Postage	500.00	405.59	600.00
Mail Box Rental	70.00	70.00	70.00
Supplies	1,000.00	591.40	800.00
Flowers/Mass Cards	200.00	140.70	200.00
Altar Servers Appreciation	750.00	98.94	500.00
Free Throw Program	200.00		200.00
Teen Dance Expense	600.00	525.00	600.00
State Convention Expense	250.00	353.66	250.00
Council Advertising Expense	100.00	75.00	100.00
Pro-Life Expense	500.00	200.00	500.00
Insurance	600.00	541.00	600.00

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Installation Dinner	500.00	200.00	250.00
Family Events Expense	600.00	286.99	600.00
Christmas Party	200.00	79.00	200.00
Breakfast Expenses	1,200.00	1,861.17	1,800.00
School/Church Repairs	1,500.00		2,000.00
Cleaning (First Degree Robes)	60.00		50.00
MH Drive	5,900.00	4,332.26	4,000.00
Vocations	4,000.00	743.55	4,700.00
BBQ Raffle Expenses	800.00	717.50	800.00
Irish Fest	3,855.00	5,767.01	5,000.00
Misc. Expense	1,000.00	1,550.94	1,000.00
Rosaries	0.00		400.00
Corn Roaster Expense	1,600.00	1,083.42	1,150.00
Total Expense	\$29,700.00	\$25,785.59	\$29,825.00

Difference (\$1,400.00) \$117.65 \$0.00