

Siena Post Dispatch



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Grand Knight's Message

Membership – Recruiting/Retention

It is of the utmost importance that our council has members that are actively participating in the various council sponsor events. Active membership involvement not only means success for the council in raising funds for charity, but also promotes retention of our members. Strong and active membership involvement is the life blood of any organization.

Currently, our council is experiencing loss of members due to not being active or participating in council events, and not being in good standing due to nonpayment of annual dues. Last year at this time our membership was 185 and is projected to be 150 by July 1, 2006. Every member has a responsibility to the council to recruit future members that can help revitalize Siena Council for the loss of members over the past year and next few months. It has been mentioned at past meetings that it is not the sole responsibility of the Director of Membership to recruit. It is every member's responsibility to help strengthen our ranks once again.

I personally challenge every member of our council to recruit a least one new member over the next year. All of us have catholic friends or relatives that might want to join our council. Once you have recruited a new member, than sponsor and promote the new knight to participate in council functions, obtain their second, third, and fourth degrees, and to attend monthly meetings. **Get them involved!**

Finally, existing member retention is equally as important to recruiting new members. Participation and comradely are the key ingredients to good retention. Achieving successful results through the team concept should be promoted by every knight in our council. To be part of a dynamic organization that strives to improve the quality of life for mankind.

In summary, let us all strive over the next year to strengthen our council through active recruiting and retention.

May God bless our entire fellow brother Knights in this continued endeavor.

Vivat Jesu
Don

Degree Team

Do you still remember back when you joined the Knights of Columbus and your First Degree induction ceremony? Have you ever wished you could take part in a Degree Ceremony as a participant? Now is your chance. There have been some changes to the ceremony, and our Degree Team will soon start learning and practicing the new Degree.

As you may remember, there are as many as 9 participants in the ceremony: the Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Warden, one or two Warden's helpers, an Inside Guard, and a Music Master.

A few weeks ago, I received an email from a past member of our council, Tom Ficht who graciously volunteer to be Chancellor of the Degree

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Team. I full hardily accepted Tom's offer and welcome him back to the team.

Also, as some might know the 1st degree ceremony was cancelled this month but will be rescheduled for the July 10, 2006 business meeting. A rehearsal will need to be conducted prior to the July ceremony and our tem needs to be certified by our District Deputy, S.K. John Angerame.

If you are interested in joining our Degree Team and serving the council in this way, please call Don Miller at 847-426-9552 or email our web site at news@kofcsiena.org.

New Sir Knights

I would like to extend my fullest congratulations on behalf of the council to our two new Sir Knights, S.K. Terry Kreplin and S.K. Ion Nicolaesu. I would like all brother knights to congratulate them for achieving their 4th degree.

Columbus Day – Sail with the Knights Event

This council fund raider event is less then 6 months from now, October 14, 2006. The preliminary plan is to serve various Italian foods – buffet style, entertain with music and dancing, and have an auction – silent and open. I need volunteers to help organize this event. Also, I like each member to consider donating an item to be auctioned off. Local businesses will be requested to donate to our event.

Other than the Irish Fest, this will be one of the council's major fund raising events for the year

Quarterly Blood Drive

Our next quarterly Blood Drive will be on Sunday, June 11, 2006. If you have previously volunteered to assist, please mark your calendars. We need volunteers to assist with setting up the room at 7:00 AM that morning and then assisting the donors with cookies and juice. A second shift that can start around 10:00 or 10:30 and can stay until around 1:00 to help with clean-up is also needed. No need to call, just show up.

Proposed Officer Roster Fraternal Year 2006-07

Attached are the proposed officer and trustee names for the fraternal year 2006-07. These knights will be confirmed at the business meeting on June 12, 2006

The installation ceremony and dinner to follow is scheduled for June 24, 2006 @ 2:00 PM. Please mark your calendars for this important event.

May's Birthdays

S.K. Richard Lee	Paul Dunn
Kurt Cina	Lawrence Fettes Jr
Martin Peterson	S.K. James Gaffke
Robert Skupien	S.K. Dennis Kwain
S.K. Robert Waclawik	

Happy Birthday to all!

Coming Events

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June Officer Meeting	June 8 7:00
June Business Meeting	June 12 7:30
Blood Drive	June 18

listed above, please email the names to our web site news@kofcsiena.org for inclusion in the council next newsletter.

“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

Chris Gardynski

If you know of a Brother Knight or Brother's family member who is in need of our prayers and is not

If you have an announcement or article you would like to have appear in the Siena Post Dispatch, please mail or email it to donmiller7351@sbcglobal.net.

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Roster of Officers & Trustees

Chaplain	Fr. Rich Rosinski
Grand Knight	SK Donald Miller
Deputy Grand Knight	SK Terry Kreplin
Chancellor	SK Biggins
Treasurer	Mr. Robert Castello
Recorder	SK Ion Nicolaescu
Advocate	SK Edward McNamara
Financial Secretary	SK Kevin Montavon
Warden	SK Alan Popp
Inside Guard	SK Dave Edwards
Outside Guard	Mr. Edward Pudlo
3 rd Year Trustee	SK Fred McCarthy
2 nd Year Trustee	SK Rich Hoster
1 st Year Trustee	SK Hank Schmalen