

# Siena Post Dispatch



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## Grand Knight's Message

### Reflections – Fraternal Year -2005-06

This past fraternal year has been an emotional and challenging year for our council with the untimely death of our fellow brother and Grand Knight, Jim Winstead. Jim's death occurred only a few hours after the 1<sup>st</sup> degree ceremony, which addresses life and death. Following Jim's death, many fellow brothers consoled in each other for morale and spiritual support. I personally experienced the cohesiveness among my fellow brother knights, which gave me an opportunity to reflect on the true meaning of brotherhood.

During the past year the, our council generated over \$28,000 from the various fund raisers to support local charities, our 3 seminarians, and St Catherine's school and fellowship organizations. Membership decreased due to the purging out of inactive members not in good standing.

As the new fraternal year approaches, the emphasis is to recruit new members and promote the retention of our current membership. As addressed in last month's newsletter, active membership participation in, fund raising events, activities sponsored by our council, and attendance and participation at the our council monthly business meetings will revitalize Siena Council strength.

Vivat Jesu  
Don

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## Degree Team

Due to the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree ceremony's cancellation in May, the next ceremony will be rescheduled for the July 10, 2006 business meeting. It is planned that this ceremony will be conducted under the old format until the September's degree ceremony. I will be contacting team members for this degree ceremony.

A rehearsal needs to be conducted over the coming summer months to learn the new parts of the ceremony in preparation of September's 1, 2006 Degree Ceremony. The new team (9 members) will need to be certified by our District Deputy on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, 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](mailto:news@kofcsiena.org).

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## Columbus Day – “Sail with the Knights” Event

A new council fundraiser event will; be held in less than five months from now, on October 14, 2006. As mentioned, the plan is to serve an Italian style buffet, provide entertainment, and have an auction. I still need a few more volunteers to help organize this event. I would like each member to consider donating an item to be auctioned off. All items need to be new and have a minimum value of \$25. I will be publishing a special flyer on to all the Council's membership as to what type of items will be auctioned. This will be emailed, posted on the web site, and mailed to the membership. A log of the

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items to be auctioned will be maintained and published starting in July. Also, the first planning meeting will be on July 6, 2006, following the monthly officer meeting. Local businesses will be requested to donate to this event.

To make this a successful fundraiser, active membership participation will be greatly appreciated. Stay tuned!

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## Membership "Blitz"

On June 25, 2006, the Siena Council will be conducting a membership "Blitz" for new members after all masses. SK Dan Biggins has volunteered to oversee the activity. The plan is to have donuts and refreshments after each of the masses on that day. Also, St. Mary's will be doing a "blitz" at one of the masses. Dan needs volunteers to support this activity. Preferably, the dress attire will be casual with the Knights of Columbus sport shirt. Would you please contact Brother Dan and volunteer to help support this very important activity at (847) 428-6758 or via our council's web site, which is listed on the last page of this newsletter.

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## Quarterly Blood Drive

Our next quarterly Blood Drive will be on Sunday, June 18, 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. If you have any questions please contact SK Mark Nelson at (847) 426-9684 or email at nelsonbeer@hotmail.com

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## 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 at 5:45 PM. Please mark your calendars for this important event.

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## Corpus Christi Procession

Our parish will be celebrating Corpus Christi, at the 4:30 PM Mass on June 17, 2006. Fr. Rosinki has requested that 4<sup>th</sup> degree Knights attend with a procession after mass in full regalia. I realize this is short notice, but I am hoping that many of the 4<sup>th</sup> degree knights can attend. Fourth degree knights will be contacted over the next week. Thanks

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## New Committee Directors

I want to extend a sincere thanks to SK Fred McCarthy who has volunteered to be our council's Director of Youth Committee. He is replacing SK Robert Waclawik. SK Dan Biggins has volunteered to be the Director of Membership and will be replacing Fred McCarthy. I want to express sincere thanks and commend both Fred and Robert for doing outstanding work and devoting their time and effort to these key services. The next time you see these two men, please give them a hardy thanks.

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## Summer Time Events

There are two planned events over the summer months for the Siena Council Knights and their families. One event is to attend a night baseball game to watch the local Schaumburg Flyers. I have attended a few games, and find it to be a lot of fun for the whole family. Two dates have been selected in July, the 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday – Fireworks Night and the 24<sup>th</sup> – Monday night – McDonald Night. At June's business meeting, the date will be discussed and decided.

The other event will be the annual Siena Council Knights picnic planned for August 20, 2006 at the Randal Oaks Park. Again, this is a fun event for the families with games and other attractions the park has to offer. So I am hoping many of our brothers and their families can attend this fun event.

June 17

4:40 Mass

Blood Drive

June 18

7:30 AM

Officer Installation & Dinner 2006-7

June 24

5:45 PM

Membership "Blitz"

June 25

All Masses

July Officer Meeting

July 6

6:30 PM

"Sail With The Knights" – Initial Planning Meeting

July 6

7:30 PM

July Business Meeting & 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Ceremony

July 10  
7:30 PM

## June's Birthdays

S.K. Don Miller	SK William Hoster III
Jeff Bober	Robert Haneman
SK A.R. Brennan	Jon Escamilla
Dan Peterson	Terry Peters
Raymond Keeran	Timothy Costello
SK Louis Ziokowski	Tom Short
SK Wayne Leisio	Jeffrey Bash

Happy Birthday to all!

## Important Coming Events

June Business Meeting

June 12 7:30 PM

Corpus Christi Procession – St. Catherine

## "The Good of the Order"

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

Chris Gardynski  
Monica Diaz

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 our web site [news@kofcsiena.org](mailto:news@kofcsiena.org) for inclusion in the Council's next newsletter.

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