

# Siena Post Dispatch



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## Grand Knight's Message

Over the next couple of months, our council will be promoting events and activities that will require member participation. As mention in previous newsletter, it is vital to the success of these fundraiser events that our council's brothers volunteer their help. When you get calls to help at these events, please consider giving as much time as possible. Keep in mind that the funds generated are given to various charities, St. Catherine School to support educational needs, and to our priest and seminarians.

### Please volunteer your time!

Vivat Jesu  
Don Miller GK

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## Degree Team

The next degree ceremony will be conducted at the September 11, 2006 business meeting. The ceremony will be conducted under the old format until the degree team is certified. I will be contacting team members for this degree ceremony.

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.

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## Membership "Blitz"

The recruiting "blitz" is still very much and ongoing process and will for the entire fraternal year. SK Dan Biggins is still actively recruiting new members. **I challenge every officer and trustee to**

**recruit a new member for the next degree ceremony, September 11, 2006.** I will personally be calling these knights to monitor their recruiting efforts between now and September 11, 2006

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## St. Catherine - Irish Fest

This year council's primary fundraiser is scheduled from September 8<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>. SK Richard Hoster and his wife Cathy, SK Hank Schmalen and his wife Debbie, SK Mike Graziano and his wife Mary, and SK Dick William and his wife Margie are organizing this very important event. I want to congratulate these people for their time and effort in making this event a success. There will be a need for many volunteers to support this fundraiser. A newsletter has been mailed to all members outlining the shift schedule. The memorandum was mailed on July 22, 2006 . Also, a copy is attached. to this newsletter.

### Please volunteer your time!

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## MH - Drive

This key event is a total Knights of Columbus state wide fundraiser in support of the mentally handicapped impaired. SK Dennis Grdyski will be coordinating this event, as he has in past years. The dates are September 15-16, 2006. A flyer will be sent to all council members on this all important fundraiser.

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## Quarterly Blood Drive

Our next quarterly Blood Drive will be on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. 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 ((847) 426-9684

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## Columbus Day – “Sail With The Knights” Event

It has been suggested by the planning committee to reschedule this event until February, 2007. I feel the suggestion has a lot of merit. The October 14, date comes after a very busy schedule in September. The February date comes during a time when the council activities are minimal. The school had its auction in March of this year, and will not have another auction until 2008. This event would not conflict with the school's auction. The timing of this event would be staged prior to the Lenten season. The date in February is yet to be determined, but I should have a date confirmed by September and will publish in the next newsletter. As mentioned, the plan is to serve an Italian style buffet, provide entertainment, and have an auction/raffle. The theme of this event will be centered on the Italian Renaissance time period.

A fall breakfast will be planned either in October or November ILO of the “Sail with the Knights” event. Date will be published in September's newsletter.

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## KC Youth Soccer Challenge

This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual soccer challenge sponsored by the Illinois State council. Is there any knight in our council that that is thoroughly enjoys the sport and would like to assume the responsibilities of this program for our council? If so, please contact SK Fred Mc Carthy (847) 428-1409.

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## 85th Annual Bar-B-Cue Raffle

This is a major fund raiser for the Knights of Columbus. The drawing will be held August 27, 2006. Each year nearly 200 councils throughout the state participate in this event. Our council can earned as much as **\$11.50 on a single book with sales of \$15.00**. It is important that our council puts forth its fullest the effort to sell as many books as possible. Booklets have been sent out to all member of our council. Please contact SK Terry Kreplin if you have not received raffle booklets at (847) 426-7946.

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## Summer Time Events

The annual Siena Council Knights picnic planned for August 20, 2006 at Sleepy Hollow's Sabatino Park at 3:00 PM. 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 activity event.

On September 16-17, our council will be operating a corn roasting booth at the annual Heritage Fest in West Dundee. SK Dan Biggins will

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be coordinating this fundraising function. **Again, volunteers will be needed to support this event.**

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## August's Birthdays

SK John Haggenjos	SK Ed Kapelak
Tom Mullen	SK Gerald Campagna
SK Ron Colby	SK Bill Livingston
Don Rage	Ed Pudlo

**Happy Birthday to all!**

## Important Coming Events

August Officer Meeting

**August 10 7:30 PM**

August Business Meeting

**August 14 7:00 PM**

Siena Council Annual Picnic – Sabatino Park

**August 20, 3:00 PM**

St. Catherine Irish Fest

**September 8<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> – Schedule attached**

Annual MH Drive

**September 15<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> – Times TBA**

Heritage Fest

**September 16<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> Times TBA**

Quarterly Blood Drive

**September 17<sup>th</sup> All Sunday Masses**

## “The Good of the Order”

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

Ed Mc Grath

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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## KOC - Football Mania!

At July's business meeting, we were given a presentation by Robert Mc Erlean – KOC Council 13031, Hampshire, Illinois. The presentation was about a fundraiser based on this upcoming professional football season. The ticket price is \$20.00. The ticket has 17 weeks of 3 teams per week. If you have a winning ticket, you have a chance to win cash prizes per week. Attached is a brochure and informational letter on this fundraiser. For every ticket sold our council would receive \$5.00 per ticket. If anyone is interested in selling tickets please contact me through the website or email me at [donmiller7351@sbcglobal.net](mailto:donmiller7351@sbcglobal.net). I have approximately 15 tickets in my possession. I will bring them to the August's business meeting

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*If you have an announcement or article you would like to have appeared in the Siena Post Dispatch, please mail or email it to [news@kofcsiena.org](mailto:news@kofcsiena.org).*