

Siena Post Dispatch



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Grand Knight's Message

The busy time of our fraternal year is now upon us. I am hoping that every brother Knight in our council has seriously considered volunteering their time for the many fundraising events this month. As mentioned, the success of these fundraising events depends on your fullest support.

Please volunteer your time!

Vivat Jesu
Don Miller GK

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. I received a letter from the state council indicating that all old 1st degree procedural materials need to be returned to the state council. After November 1, 2006 all degrees will be conducted under the new format and the degree team needs to be recertified.

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.

Membership "Blitz"

The recruiting "blitz" is still very much an ongoing process and will continue to be for the entire fraternal year. SK Dan Biggins is still actively recruiting new members. Brother Dan and I conducted a membership "Blitz" at St. Mary's in Gilberts on August 27, and possibly recruited a new member. **As mentioned, in the previous newsletter, I challenge every officer and trustee to recruit a new member for the next degree ceremony, September 11, 2006.**

St. Catherine's - Irish Fest

This year council's primary fundraiser is scheduled from September 8th -10th. 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. To date, many of the work shifts are filled, however there is the need for more volunteers for the clean-up on Sunday, 9/10/06, after 6:00 PM

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.

Quarterly Blood Drive

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Our next quarterly Blood Drive will be on Sunday, September 17th. 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 will start around 10:00 or 10:30 and can stay until around 1:00 to help with clean-up. No need to call, just show up. If you have any questions, please contact SK Mark Nelson ((847) 426-9684

On September 16-17, our council will have a food booth at this annual event. The main course will be roasted sweet corn. So please invite friends and family members to this early fall event. While you are enjoying the festivities, please stop in and purchase a delicious corn on the cob meal. SK Dan Biggins will be coordinating this fundraising function. **Volunteers are much needed to support this event.**

“Sail With the Knights” Fundraiser – February, 2007

This event was rescheduled from October 14, 2006 to February 16, 2007. Please mark your calendars for this new fundraiser. February is a good month to hold this event since the council activities are minimal. The school had its auction in March of this year, and will not have another auction until 2008. The timing of this event will be staged prior to the Lenten season. 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 around the Italian Renaissance age.

A fall breakfast will be planned in November ILO of the “Sail with the Knights “event.

KC Youth Soccer Challenge

This is the 2nd annual soccer challenge sponsored by the Illinois State council. SK Fred Mc Carthy will be coordinating this activity - (847) 428-1409.

Heritage Fest – West Dundee

St. Catherine School - Donation

At Augusts’ business meeting, Principle Margaret Sanders made a presentation to the council as to the needs of the school. Some of the items mentioned were, gym floor repair, floor mats, and brighter lightning system in the hall way. Also, she asked if the knights would volunteer to help with some of the landscaping and repair chores around the school. From the manpower side, if there is anyone who would like to donate some time to school, please contact her at the school. With reference to a monetary gift, I would like to propose a \$2,500 donation to the school to help purchase some of the above-mentioned items, or subsidize the costs of repairing the gym floor. It will be addressed and discussed at the next officers’ and trustees’ meeting.

S.K. Corapi – Memorial

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We all were very saddened by the news of S.K. Corapi's passing in August. He was a very religious man and devoted much of his time to St. Catherine. He was known by many of the parishioners at St. Catherine. Al's presence will be greatly missed. God Bless his soul.

In a tribute to Al, I would like to propose that a memorial be considered. At the next officers' and trustees' meeting, suggestions for a memorial will be determined. The suggestions will be discussed at September's business meeting. These suggestions will need Fr. Rosinski's approval and blessing.

September's Birthdays

William Ernst	SK James Liss
SK Brian Gatza	James Kruger III
Louis Rotundo	Thomas Kleczewski
SK Edward McNamara	SK Greg Baron

Happy Birthday to all!

Important Coming Events

September Officer Meeting		
September 7th		7:00 PM
St. Catherine Irish Fest		
September 8th -10th		
Business Meeting – 1 st Degree Ceremony		
September 11,		7:30 PM

Rosary
September 17, 2006

Annual MH Drive
September 15th -16th

Heritage Fest
September 16th-17th

Quarterly Blood Drive
September 17th **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:

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 for inclusion in the Council's next newsletter.

To mention a few things about the Annual KC Siena Picnic on August 20th, the turn-out was low turn out, however for those Knights and their families who attended, there was plenty of good food, games, and fun for the kids. It was a wonderful sunny day to have a picnic. I want to thank everyone who helped and prepared some the delicious foods and desserts. The next page has a couple of pictures taken of this summer event. The rest of the picture will be pass around at the September's business meeting.

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