

Siena Post Dispatch



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Grand Knight's Message

The month of September is now behind us and the Irish Fest, MH Drive, and Heritage Fest were complete successes. This year's food booth profits exceeded last year's profits by approximately 126% or \$2,588. The Heritage Fest profits exceeded last years profit by 280% or \$1,122, and the MH gross funds collected were approximately \$300-400 higher then last year. This year's MH funds are projected to increase even more due to corporate sponsorship.

My fullest appreciation and thanks to all the brothers who volunteered for the three fundraising events. I want to express a sincere thanks and congratulations to all the brothers and their wives who spearheaded the coordination of the three fundraisers. Irish Fest: SK Richard Holster and his wife Cathy; SK Mike Graziano and his wife Mary, SK Dick William and his wife Margie; SK Hank Schmalen and his wife Debbie; Heritage Fest: SK Dan Biggins and his wife Julie; and MH Drive: SK Dennis Gardynski, who has been responsible for this fund raiser for over 20 years. Fellow brothers please acknowledge these individuals for their time and effort to help raise funds for charities.

As it relates to both the Irish Fest and Heritage Fest, this is the last year that the current committee heads will be coordinating these two events. This presents an opportunity for other brothers in the council to step up and take charge of these two very important fundraisers. If any brother is interested in coordinating one of these events for next year, please contact me.

Vivat Jesu
Don Miller GK

Degree Team

The next degree ceremony will be conducted at the January 8, 2007 business meeting. The ceremony will be conducted under the new format. 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, all 1st degree ceremonies will be conducted under the new format. The degree team will need to be recertified. I will be contacting those brothers who are members of the degree team to conduct a rehearsal and set a date to be recertified by our district deputy.

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. Although, SK Dan Biggins is actively recruiting new members, every brother needs to take an active role in recruiting new members. Our goal is to recruit 15-20 new members this fraternal year, and I believe this is a very achievable goal. We owe it to our fellow brothers to make this goal for the longevity and future of our council.

As an incentive to achieve this goal, SK Dan Biggins and I will _____ for every new member recruited this year. The _____ will be discussed at the officers and trustees meeting this Thursday night, 10/5/06. Dan and I will have the option to choose the suggestion most appropriate.

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“Sail With the Knights” Fundraiser – February, 2007

This event was rescheduled from October 14, 2006 to February 17, 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 on the Italian Renaissance age.

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

St. Catherine School - Donation

At Augusts’ business meeting, St. Catherine’s Principal 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 the school, please contact her at the school. With reference to a monetary gift, I would like to propose a 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

In a tribute to Al, at last month’s meeting the officers’ and trustees’ suggestions for a memorial were discussed. A plaque dedicated to Al Corapi was suggested to be the memorial. The plaque is proposed to be attached to the informational bulletin board in St. Catherine’s Narthex. This plaque will promote Siena Council 8596. It will have space for council brochures, scheduled events, and hooks for rosaries to be provided for St. Catherine’s parishioners.

October’s Birthdays

Ed Ward Kaczynski	Marc Lobit
SK Dave Edwards	Mike Gallagher
Dale Larson	Rudolph Kouba
Ignacio Pena	Matt Gilmore
William Blume	SK Mark Nelson

Happy Birthday to all!

Important Coming Events

September Officer’s and Trustee’s Meeting
October 5 7:00 PM

Business Meeting – Presentation by W. Dundee Fire Dept.

October 9 7:30 PM

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12th Annual Men Conference – NIU - Dekalb, IL
October 14 8:00 AM

Autumn Bonfire – Koppie Farm, Gilberts, IL
October 14 6:00 PM

Rosary
October 17, 2006

2nd & 3rd Degree Knights St. Margaret Mary

I want to express my congratulations to the following brother knights in obtaining their 2nd & 3rd degrees over this past weekend:

Robert Costello
Daniel Peterson
Matt Welton

When you see them, would you please give them a heart felt congratulation for achieving these degrees?

12th Annual Means Conference – NIU Dekalb, IL

I will be attending this conference with 30 other men from St. Catherine's. The one day event will showcase some dynamic speakers and a mass to follow. If you can find the time, I strongly recommend attending this meaningful conference. Would you please contact SK Earl Mc Graft, if you are interested in attending?

“The Good of the Order”

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

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.

If you have an announcement or article you would like to publish in the Siena Post Dispatch, please mail or email it to news@kofcsiena.org.