

# Siena Post Dispatch



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## Grand Knight's Message

New Year's Eve has always been a time for reflecting on the past, and more importantly looking forward to the coming year. Now that we are experiencing the new year, it's time to reflect on the changes we want or need to make and resolve to follow through on these changes.

New Year resolutions offer the first of many important tools for remaking ourselves. People the world over make New Year resolutions. Often, what we vow to improve is some habit related to health, weight, exercise, occupation and income. I would like all council members to consider as one of their New Year's resolutions to become more involved in this years council's fundraising events and activities. By being more involved, we are helping others. Our council sponsors and supports various fundraising events that aid in improving St. Catherine's Catholic education, assists our parish priest and seminarians, and provides funding to local charitable organizations.

As one of your New Year's Resolution, please seriously consider in becoming more involved in Siena Council fundraisers and recruiting new members that will strengthen and continue the tradition of our council.

Vivat Jesus  
Don Miller GK

## Important Coming Events

### 2007

- January 4** 7:00 PM  
Officers' and Trustees' Meeting
- January 8** 7:30 PM  
1<sup>st</sup> Degree Ceremony & Business Meeting
- January 13** 9:00 AM  
Free Throw Contest
- January 28**  
KC Breakfast

### **January 20-21**

Rosary Weekend

### **January 26**

Teen Dance (tentative reschedule date)

### **February 16**

KC Men's Retreat –Bellarmine Retreat Center  
Barrington, IL – Hank Schmalen (847) 426-7326

## Degree Team

I want to congratulate the members of the Degree Team in successfully achieving recertification on December 11, 2006:

GK	SK Fred McCarthy
DGK	SK Larry Smith (Elgin Council)
Chancellor	SK Tom Ficht
Worthy Warden	SK Mike Graziano
Warden Assist.	SK Dick Williams
Inside Guard	SK Dave Edwards
Music	SK Don Miller

On January 8<sup>th</sup>, the new Degree Team will be conducting its 1st Degree ceremony.

## Membership Blitz

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the recruiting blitz is a high priority - not just at our council, but state and nationwide. Both SK Dan Biggins and I have received numerous positive responses from potential candidates. At the upcoming 1<sup>st</sup> degree ceremony on the 8<sup>th</sup>, we are projecting a good turnout of new candidates.

Council membership goal is 20 new members

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## “Sail With the Knights” Fundraiser April 14, 2007

It has been confirmed that this new fundraiser will be scheduled on April 14, 2007. The decision has been made to hold the event at St. Catherine’s gym instead of the Holiday Inn, primarily due to having the gym already reserved. Currently, we need members to volunteer for two committees. As previously published, the theme for the fundraiser is the Italian Renaissance Age. We need members to volunteer their time and donate an item for the auction. The majority of the funds will be generated by the items donated, so it is vitally important that every member makes an effort to donate an item.

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## Annual Siena Council Christmas Party

The annual Christmas party on December 15<sup>th</sup> was attended by approximately 50 people. It was a festive evening with great food, Santa Claus, and music provided by Steve and Sylvia Francois and Fr. Rosinski. Of the 50 attendees, 16 were children, which delighted Santa and kept him quite busy in handing out the gifts.

The main course of fried turkey with the trimmings was provided by the Kruger Family, who did an outstanding service in preparing the Christmas dinner. The Schmalen Family did a wonderful job in decorating the Community Room.

It was a wonderful evening, and I want to thank the families that made this event a complete success. Pictures were taken at the Christmas party, and I will be passing the pictures around at the business meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

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## KC Breakfast – January 28, 2007

Since our council had only one breakfast last year, we decided to start the new year by treating the parish families and our council members to the wonderful KC breakfast. I had many parish members asking about when

our next breakfast will be, so on the 28<sup>th</sup> this fundraiser event has been scheduled. Again, we need volunteer to make this event a complete success, so please contact Rich Hoster by phone (847) 426-9479 or by email [rhoster@smithandrichardson.com](mailto:rhoster@smithandrichardson.com).

**Please spread the word about this important fundraiser.**

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## Men’s Retreat – Bellarmine Retreat Center – Barrington, Illinois

The October Men’s Conference presented an opportunity for Catholic men to spend time with God in reflection. A second opportunity will be available on February 16<sup>th</sup>. It begins Friday evening and lasts through lunch on Sunday. This is a special weekend where you truly escape the daily grind and recharge your spiritual batteries. The facilities are beautiful, the food is great, and the time with God is insightful. For more information, please contact Hank Schmalen (847) 426-7326 or [hschmal@comcast.net](mailto:hschmal@comcast.net)

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## The Good of the Order

If you know of a Brother Knight or Brother’s family member who is in need of our prayers, or an announcement you would like to see published in our Siena Post, please email the information to our website [news@kofcsiena.org](mailto:news@kofcsiena.org). for inclusion in the Council’s next newsletter.

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## January Birthdays

SK James Lullo	SK Mike Bertram
SK Larry Hageman	Joe Motyl
Paul Corbo	SK Tom Pfeiffer
SK William Kunkel	Tom Clancy
Francis Simal	SK Fred McCarthy

**Congratulations and Happy Birthday**