

Siena Post Dispatch



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Grand Knight's Message

Now that the Bears are in hibernation after the spectacular Super Bowl or should I say Bear debacle, it is time for us to look forward to spring, which is only 45 days away. Our council has a major fundraiser on April 14, 2007 featuring an Italian theme with an auction. There will be a need for volunteers and donations to make this event successful.

The Lenten Season begins February 21st and will continue until Easter, April 8th. This is a time for spiritual self examination and repentance. It is a time to reflect upon our commitment to our Church and our personal responses to Christ's call to all of us to be disciples of his word. The Knights of Columbus Men's Retreat on February 16 presents an excellent opportunity for such reflection and self examination. There is still time and availability to attend this religious weekend.

Even though the weather was cold and snowy, the breakfast sponsored by our council on the January 28th was well attended. The net proceeds were approximately \$1,000 dollars, which made it a successful fund raising event.

As I have mentioned in past newsletters, all of us need to continue recruiting new members. As of 2/1/07, the council has a net loss of 10 members. The goal for this fraternal year is to have a plus gain of 10 new members. Over the past few weeks, I received calls from two men wanting to join our council, which is a very encouraging sign. I know there are other potential candidates in our parish that want to be members of our council, if they are approach and presented with the benefits of being a member of our council.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the next business meeting.

Vivat Jesus
Don Miller GK

Important Coming Events

2007

February 8 7:00 PM
Officers' and Trustees' Meeting

February 12 7:30 PM
Business Meeting

February 16
KC Men's Retreat –Bellarmine Retreat Center
Barrington, IL – Hank Schmalen (847) 426-7326

February 17-18
Rosary Weekend

February 19
PADS – SK Fred McCarthy

February 21
Ash Wednesday

March 16
Teen Dance - TBA

Degree Team

On March 12th, the Degree Team will be conducting its 1st Degree ceremony. If you are member of the degree team and are unable to be attend the ceremony, would you please contact SK Larry Smith at (847) 608-6577 or (312) 540-5302?

Membership Blitz

Council membership goal is 20 new members. We have recruited 6 new knights this year, and we only need 14 candidates to reach our goal. Keep reaching out to new members.

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KC Fundraiser - Italian Theme

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As previously published, the theme for the fundraiser is the Italian Renaissance Age. 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. An informational letter will be mailed to every council member within the next 2 weeks outlining the event and donation requirements.

SK John Galvin III – 50 Years

It is very gratifying for me to recognize a member of our council that has attained 50 consecutive years of membership and service to the Knights of Columbus. John was one of the original charter members of Siena Council 8596. Not many of our council members will ever achieve such an achievement. With this in mind, I feel it is appropriate for our council to consider and provide some sort of special recognition for John's membership longevity. The officers and trustees are open to any suggestions that members might have in honoring our John for his achievement. If you have any suggestions, please contact me via email or telephone, donmiller7351@sbcglobal.net or (847)426-9552. Also, if anyone would like to congratulate John on his accomplishment, his address is:

SK John J. Galvin
1405 82nd Ave Lot227
Vero Beach, FL 32966-6936

Congratulation

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 16th. 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

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. for inclusion in the Council's next newsletter.

February's Birthdays

SK Hoffman Ramos	SK William Whitehead
SK Allen Wall	Jerome Eschenbach
SK Nicholas Koclanis	Prescott Bates
Lawrence Bates	Sean Brady
SK Brett Muscat	Lawrence Hageman Jr
SK Chad Koppie	SK Donald Ziemba
Tom Ficht	SK Mike Graziano
Antonio Dettori	SK John Hall

Congratulations and Happy Birthday