

Siena Post Dispatch



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Grand Knight's Message

A few hours of each Knight volunteering covers our manpower needs for September's action-filled activities. These are fun events that are good for the parish (Irish Fest), the community (Heritage Fest) and our sisters and brothers in need (MR/LD Drive).

These run on consecutive weekends starting September 7th. Our food booth needs staffing for Friday/Saturday/Sunday at both fests. Do volunteer when called to work a shift. Wives, teens and older children are welcome and can make valuable contributions and bond with their families.

September 21st and 22nd is the drive for individuals with intellectual abilities. For years this was known as the Tootsie Roll Drive. We need collectors at selected street corners as well as money counters. Details will be available at the general meeting on August 13th at 7:30 p.m.

Looking ahead, we have a First Degree at September 10th's meeting. Contact SK Don Miller, Membership Director, about any candidates you have in mind. October 15th's meeting will afford social time to recover from "Crunch Month" over a dinner. Come early, 7:15 p.m. or so to eat first then start our meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Remember to get your Bar-B-Cue raffle booklets and money in by August 16th. Mail booklet stubs to Siena Council #8596, P. O. Box 271, Dundee, IL 60118. Make checks payable to Knights of Columbus, Siena Council.

In our Lord's grace,
Dan Biggins, Grand Knight

Are You Willing to Carry Our Lord?

You have an opportunity to become a Eucharistic Minister to the Sick and join your Brother Knights in this awesome service. We bring Our Lord in the Eucharist to the elderly, sick and infirmed on Sunday mornings. I know I speak for others in saying that this is truly a wonderful ministry. Non-Knights are welcome as well. Training is in September so let me know you are ready to step forward and share in this use of your gifts. Contact SK **Hank Schmalen** at (847)426-7326 or hschmal@comcast.net for more information or to sign up.

PADS Has a Permanent Home !!!

Our PADS shelter in Elgin now has a permanent home near Elgin Community College. I had the privilege of touring the new facility and it is a huge step forward in caring for our homeless brothers and sisters. The shelter will be open year-around, which means that they need more volunteers on a regular basis: we Knights have an opportunity to once again serve the community. I can't tell you how appreciative they are to have us take a night a month, from 7-9PM. and then the next morning from about 5-7AM. Don't let the inability to make that morning time stop you from volunteering. These are usually Monday night/Tuesday mornings. The average American is only three paychecks from being homeless!!! Contact **Hank Schmalen** for more information.

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Your Time Converts to \$\$\$\$\$\$\$

With money as tight as it is these days it is often hard to come up with some spare cash to donate to very worthy organizations like **Habitat for Humanity** or **PADS**. But, here is a great opportunity for you to give your volunteer time that converts directly to \$\$\$\$ for these charities. **Thomas the Tank Engine** is coming to our own Illinois Railroad Museum in August and they need lots of help with this event that draws thousands of people. The Museum gives cash to these charities for all of the volunteer hours donated so your time is \$\$\$\$\$. There are two weekends available: Friday thru Sunday August 17-18-19 and Saturday and Sunday August 25 and 26. Again, SK Hank Schmalen should be reached for information or to signup. With a new local house starting in the Fall, Habitat can really use the monetary help!!!!

Mark Your Calendar

The **Great Lakes Catholic Men's Conference** is Saturday October 13th at the Convocation Center at NIU in De Kalb. It is a great day of speakers, optional Reconciliation, adoration of Our Lord and Mass. Come and spend the day with your fellow parishioners and other men from across the diocese. Be that Catholic example to your wives, children, grandchildren, and neighbors. Your faith IS that important. More info will be coming, but be sure to **SAVE THE DATE**.

Upcoming Bonfire

There's nothing like a beautiful Fall evening under the stars and around the campfire. A bonfire is being planned for October. Contact Brother Jim Kotleba to help with this activity.

July Meeting Action

A motion was made and seconded to disburse \$4000 to the school as a contribution toward replacement of flooring at the main entrance.

Upcoming Knight Events

August 9	Officer Meeting 7:00
August 13	Business Meeting 7:30
August 16	Bar-B-Cue Raffle tickets due
September 7, 8, 9	Irish Fest
September 14, 15, 16	Heritage Fest
September 21, 22	Drive for people with intellectual disabilities
October – TBA	Bonfire
October 13	Men's Conference

The Good of the Order

If you know of any other Brother Knights 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.

Ron Benzschawel Joe Biggins (deceased uncle of Dan)
James Roy
