

# Siena Post Dispatch



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## Grand Knight's Message

My Brothers, thank you for volunteering to help at this months' activities. Both Irish and Heritage Fests will generate funds permitting continued support of our beneficiary organizations. Besides seeing each other, I enjoy meeting and working with brothers' spouses and children as well. Plus these fests raise our profile to the community beyond St. Catherine. There is still time to sign up for Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> and Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup> for the Drive for people with Intellectual Disabilities. Tootsie Rolls for everyone! Contact Dennis Gardynski at 428-0390 to select a time.

We are planning a mailing to local businesses following the 21/22nd to seek donations for boxes of Tootsie Rolls. This is a different market than the individual solicitations we'll do for the drive. This will be a first for our Council. We also have the annual raffle to support the Illinois Vocations Fund. This will launch in October and ends at Thanksgiving. It is hard to top this among the important causes we support. Assistance in running these activities will be discussed at our meetings of the 6th and 10<sup>th</sup>.

Vivat Jesus!  
Grand Knight  
Dan Biggins

## Your Time With God

How often during our hectic schedules do we wish we could just "get away from it all"? Well, mark your calendar because you can! Our annual Knights retreat at Bellarmine Hall in Barrington is scheduled for February 15-17 and you can attend. It starts on Friday evening with dinner and then you get to enjoy a weekend of silence and prayer. The accommodations are great, the food is wonderful

and best of all you get some time with your Lord and Savior. Contact Hank Schmalen (847) 426-7326 or [hschmal@comcast.net](mailto:hschmal@comcast.net) for more information or to reserve your spot.

## PADS Help

Did you know that the average American is only three paychecks away from being homeless? It's true. Fortunately I think most of us are in a better position than that but it helps to demonstrate how quickly one can find oneself without basic shelter. For those in need PADS of Elgin now has a permanent home and is able to provide a place to sleep, get counseling and employment assistance on a year-around basis. We Knights are in a position to help. Siena Council has extended our one night a month to a year-round effort as well, and we need 3 people the third Monday of the month to help out. Deb and I volunteered in August and it is a wonderful space for the guests. I will have a sign up sheet at the Irish Fest tent this week or you can email me with your choice. If everyone only does one night a year we only need 33 brothers to sign up! It is only a few hours and the rewards are great. Let me know which month's third Monday you wish to cover. Spouses are welcome too.

### 2007

September 17  
October 15  
November  
December 17

### 2008

January 21  
February 18

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March 17  
April 21  
May 19  
June 16  
July 21

-Hank Schmalen

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## Great Lakes Catholic Mens' Conference

Want to be with hundreds of other men sharing our Catholic faith? The day is Saturday October 13th at Northern Illinois University Convocation Center in DeKalb and you can join us for some great guest speakers, the chance for Reconciliation, private adoration, Mass and more. Sign up in the narthex after Mass or contact Earl McGrath or Hank Schmalen for more information.

## August Meeting Action

A motion was made to donate an additional \$1000 to the school for the flooring improvement (\$4000 was disbursed last month). Decision was made to table the motion pending the outcome of our September fundraisers and questions about the school's alternate sources of funds. The project has been completed with significant safety and aesthetic improvement.

## Special Event October Meeting

We're blocking out some time at our October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting to note our accomplishments – and take a well-deserved breather - after the rush of September. We'll have dinner about 7:15 and delay the business meeting start till about 7:45. Come soak up some brotherhood!

## Upcoming Knight Events

September 7, 8, 9	Irish Fest
September 14, 15, 16	Heritage Fest
September 21, 22	Drive for people with Intellectual Disabilities
October 8	October Dinner Meeting
October 13	Great Lakes Catholic Mens' Conference
October 19	Bonfire

## 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](mailto:news@kofcsiena.org). for inclusion in the Council's next newsletter.

Bishop Doran    Ron Benzschawel    Ed Lesser

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