

# Siena Post Dispatch



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## Grand Knight's Message

I congratulate our Council on rising to the occasion with many, many hours of volunteer work supporting the trio of fundraisers in September. Thank your wife and children on behalf of the Council if they were able to assist; seeing the families come out is always a joy. We had good not great volume under spotty attendance at IrishFest, great volume due to the consistently heavy traffic at Heritage Fest, and a small but productive cadre of solicitors and counters at the drive for people with Intellectual Disabilities. There were times when work crews were underutilized at Irish. While better than having insufficient help, too many workers for the available work can make the time pass slowly. With the elimination of pork sandwiches we had less to do, and customer activity is tough to predict. Friday after 8:30 was slow as was most of Sunday. Anyone there from 5 to 8 Saturday saw an extended crush of customers where all hands were needed on deck. Those crunch times are fun! Do not feel like your assistance was not needed at whatever time you were there. We will work to refine this in the future to maximize our volunteers' time.

There is room to improve our booth signage, one to state our menu, and two, broadcast the Knights name. It's also clear we have to top off our fuel tanks between fests. Our \$2 corn price, up from \$1.50 last year, got no notice from attendees and helped our profit picture. If you have any observations or suggestions with the fests fresh in your mind, call me at 428-6758.

To keep those cooking and serving skills sharp, we have a Knights breakfast coming up November 18. It's been a while as we passed on the Spring one in favor of the auction dinner. We need your help staffing this one as you have in the past. We're also looking for involvement from members who have

not helped before. You never really know a man until you've spilled hash browns on his shoes; I urge you not to miss that opportunity.

-Grand Knight Dan Biggins

## Al Corapi Memorial

The beautiful chalice we are donating to the parish was shown at last month's meeting. It will be presented to Fr. Doherty or the celebrant following the 4:30 mass on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Connie Corapi attends this mass and will present to Father. All Knights are welcome to come to this mass where it will be a nice touch for us and family members able to attend to sit together as a group. No special attire. We'll capture some photos for use in the bulletin. This chalice is a worthy remembrance for a man with 80 years of history with our parish.

## Earl McGrath Honor

On the topic of longevity, Earl has surpassed 65 years as a Knight! And the years I've observed have been and remain active ones; attending Knight meetings regularly, leading rosaries and promoting attendance at the Men's Conference and other parish activities. Thank you, Earl, for setting an example on leading a Catholic man's life.

## New Members...up to us all!

I ask each member of our council to ask one fellow parishioner this month to join our Council. We have fun events coming they can take part in – we can open the bonfire to non-members – and the November breakfast and December family Christmas party. Call them now and ask them to consider induction at the November 12 First Degree.

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## New Addition...in the narthex

The defibrillator purchased by the Knights is mounted in the narthex and ready for use. Training is being arranged which will encompass resuscitative instructions as well as operation of the AED. The lectors are the primary group responsible for parishioners' well-being, so trainees are taken primarily from this group. Should you be interested in receiving training let Dan know. It will be a three hour weeknight session.

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## Upcoming Knight Events

October 11	Life Center Fundraiser Banquet - Villa Olivia
October 13	Great Lakes Men's Conference 9 to 5 in DeKalb
October 13 and 14	Vocation Raffle sales/new member signup in narthex
October 17	Pro-Life Movement speaker at St. Mary's Huntley at 7
October 19	Bonfire
October 20 and 21	Rosary for Protection of All Life Saturday at 4pm, Sunday at 9am
November 3	Presentation of chalice in memory of Al Corapi
November 12	First Degree & Monthly business meeting
November 18	K of C Breakfast in school gym
November 30	Teen Dance
December 2	Blood Drive
December 7	K of C Christmas Party
February 15-17	K of C retreat in Barrington

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## The Good of the Order

Remember in your prayers the following members of our extended family:

Marty Peterson, a brother Knight who passed away suddenly the last week of September

Margaret Roby, deceased mother-in-law of Kevin Montavon

Sarah Montavon, daughter of Kevin

Susan Edwards, sister-in-law of Dave

Paul Montes, uncle of Julie (Dan) Biggins

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