

Siena Post Dispatch



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Grand Knight's Message

You have heard me refer to September as crunch month. I think I've changed my mind. As I review November there was a string of activities long enough to trim a tree! The bulk of this Dispatch will be given to listing these accomplishments that make me proud to be a member of this Council.

We inducted five new brothers in November. Welcome to Ed Lesser (who achieved the major degree in one day), Joseph Booth, Gregory Banach, James Masi, and Arturo Salgado. Mike Migliorato has reinstated as a Knight, and Fr. Doherty transferred his Fourth Degree membership to 8596.

We had a fabulously successful blood drive last Sunday. Sixty four units were donated. Heartland Blood Center was very pleased with the response. Thank you Mark Nelson, who has coordinated this worthy event for two years. Thanks also to the many brothers who turned out to help.

Our Fr. Doherty and Deacon Steve Fox were honorees at the annual Clergy Appreciation Dinner. Faithful Navigator Fred McCarthy represented us well as the Master of Ceremonies at this event.

Fred did not stop there. He organized the Teen Dance held in the gym On November 30th. Thanks to the Brothers and their spouses that served as chaperones for the evening. 150 area teens enjoyed this Knights' sponsored event. I appreciated Fred's next day report that showed we had a \$310 profit.

Many of you helped and/or attended the Parish Breakfast on November 18th. This is always a good bonding event for the parishioners. We will be determining how much of the proceeds go to the school at Monday night's meeting on the 10th.

Finally, the Seminarian Raffle came to a successful conclusion with us surpassing last year's total and crashing the 100 books sold threshold. Proceeds from this are shared between our council and State.

Upcoming Events

December 10	Business Meeting 7:30 p.m.
January 10	Officer's Meeting 7:00 p.m.
January 12	Free Throw contest 9:00 a.m.
January 14	Business Meeting and First Degree 7:30 p.m.
February 15-17	K of C retreat in Barrington

We need three hosts for the Free Throw contest from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday the 14th. Call Fred McCarthy 428-1409 to volunteer.

The traditional "Dutch Treat" get-together of past Grand Knights will be held 4PM December 28th at Brother Frank Simal's M.T. Barrels at 1st and Main. Call Dennis Kwain at 426-7585 to RSVP.

The 2008 Budget was distributed at November's meeting. It is included as an attachment to this Dispatch, and will be voted on December 10th.

Future Dispatches

If you know of any Brother Knights' or family member in need of our prayers, or any other announcement you would like in the next newsletter, contact me at 428-6758 or janddbiggins@sbcglobal.net

A Blessed Christmas to you and your families. May we grow further together in Brotherhood in 2008.

-G.K. Dan Biggins