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Grand Knight's Message

A hello to my brothers and I hope summer is bringing revitalization and time to enjoy this sweet season with loved ones.

I am eager to see the Member Satisfaction Questionnaires that were distributed in July's meeting. Please bring it Monday night. The Member Prospect list was kept simple – just name and phone number were sought - but basically asked you to consider men from every category of relationship as candidates for our order. Can you bring one new member into our council this year?

The last month has allowed some aspects of Irish Fest to be finalized. Some new entertainment - Seven Nations and Bua will be there– and our offering will include corn, corned beef sandwiches, pizza, and pop (same as last year). The planning needs to start in earnest. Positions as lead for each day of Heritage as well as Irish Fest need to be filled.

Vivat Jesus!
Grand Knight Dan Biggins

Men's Conference

The Great Lakes Catholic Men's conference is Saturday October 11. It is again at the NIU Convocation Center and will feature motivational and inspirational speakers to "tune-up" our lives. Ten or more men qualify as a group, saving \$10 off the \$40 admission. To encourage younger participation, College and teens are only \$15, so consider asking your son(s) to join you this year.

Motion for Consideration

In July's business meeting it was proposed we support the St. Vincent DePaul Society's Friends of the Poor Walk. The local marchers will leave from St. Catherine and walk through our community. Funds raised will be disbursed to local need. Motion was made to take a Leadership Sponsor position for \$500. The Knights will receive exposure in the events program and signage.

This motion will be voted on August 11th.

Roaster Rental

(Say that five times fast). Our neighbors at St. Charles Borromeo in Hampshire wish to rent our corn roaster for a fest on their parish grounds September 21st. A price and arrangements have been agreed upon.

News from International Convention

(Quebec City, Quebec, August 7, 2008) - Delegates to the annual international convention of the Knights of Columbus today adopted a resolution opposing "any governmental action or policy that promotes abortion, embryonic stem cell research, human cloning, euthanasia, assisted suicide and other offenses against life."

The delegates also challenged "our fellow Catholics who are elected officials to be true to the faith they claim to profess by acting bravely and publicly in defense of life, affirming with Pope Benedict XVI that 'there can be no room for purely private religion.'"

The resolution stated that the organization reaffirms

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its "commitment to building a culture of life by promoting policies that favor the family," and reaffirmed the organization's "long standing policy of not inviting to any Knights of Columbus event persons, especially public officials or candidates for public office, who do not support the legal protection of unborn children."

The resolution on life issues follows by several days the opening convention address by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, in which he called on Catholic voters to "stop accommodating pro-abortion politicians," and encouraged them to "say 'no' to every candidate of every political party who supports abortion."

Delegates also adopted a resolution calling for "legal and constitutional protection . . . for the definition of marriage as the union of one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others."

Upcoming 8596 Events

August 7	Officer's Meeting 7:00
August 11	Business meeting 7:30
August 16 and 17	Rosary 4:05 and 9:05
August 23	Raffle tickets mailed
August 28	Raffle ticket pickup Elmhurst
September 5-7	Irish Fest
September 12-14	Heritage Fest
September 19 & 20	Developmental Dis. drive
September 21	Blood Drive
October 9	Officer's Meeting 7:00
October 11	Men's Catholic Conference
October 13	Business Meeting 7:00
October 18	4 th Degree ceremony
November 6	Officer's meeting 7:00
November 10	Business Meeting 7:30
November 14	Clergy Appreciation Dinner
November 30	Blood Drive

December 4 ?	Officer's Meeting 7:00 ?
December 5	Christmas Party
December 8	Business Meeting 7:30
December 12	Teen Dance
January 8	Officer's Meeting
January 12	Business Meeting
February 21	Auction
March 15	Blood Drive
June 14	Blood Drive

If you have an announcement you would like to see published in future newsletters email the information to janddbiggins@sbcglobal.net .

Prayer Offering

Jim Kotleba's mother passed away in July.