

# Siena Post Dispatch



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## Grand Knight's Message: September Activities' Wrap-up

Many brothers and families donated time in a September full of events. I am proud we are able to organize and staff such an active calendar. Thanks to **everyone** for their help!

Irish Fest was a big success for the parish and us. We repeated our menu of corned beef sandwiches, pizza, corn, and pop and water. We netted \$3000.

A week later the weather wiped out Heritage Fest. Fests can survive cloudbursts: everybody shuts down for an hour, then you're back in business. Ongoing heavy rains are a different matter. We got some roasting time in Friday and Saturday. If we count revenue from renting the roaster to another parish we were up about \$100. I feel bad for the West Dundee employees who work so hard for this.

We raised about \$1800 in the Drive for people with developmental disabilities. We will make an appeal to business via mail to augment this.

The blood drive gathered donations of 44 units.

After many years of running the DevDis drive, Dennis Gardynski is hanging up his Tootsie Roll vest. Any brother wishing to take this on for '09 please contact me. Stepping up now would allow for a debriefing session while fresh in Dennis' mind, getting a head start for next year.

Vivat Jesus!  
Grand Knight Dan Biggins

## Chairing Activities

Let me expand about chairing the DevDis drive to how we transition the running of all our recurring activities. We do not seek to have individuals be rigidly associated with an activity where it becomes "his". Members should not be identified with an event and be called upon or expected to assume the same position next year that he did this year. **It is healthier for the council and we members to have people cycle in and through a chairman position.** Some continuity, however, is valuable. Most of our activities – the fests, Christmas party, breakfasts, auction – would gain by having a senior and junior tag team of chairmen. The senior was last year's junior, while last year's senior has cycled through. This year's junior is next year's senior, with a new junior active. This would provide a continual flow of new ideas and avoid member burnout. How often do members not volunteer to chair something once out of fear it will become a burden, a job for life?

I suggest we implement this and would welcome feedback. For example now is the best time to announce chairs, not just for DevDis but September's fests as well.

## Motions for Consideration

It has been proposed to host a bowling outing, where prospective candidates would be treated and courted to join our Council. 25 is the target for attendance, the bulk being candidates. Give prospects' names to Don Miller, who will be doing a mailing. Council

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members acting as hosts will be selected. We will vote on authorizing \$400 be spent on this recruiting effort.

March marks 25 years since 8596 was chartered. Joe Borowski is heading a committee organizing a mass and dinner for Saturday March 14. It has been moved to send \$500 to the Elgin Holiday Inn as a deposit on the room and meal.

Votes will be taken on these motions October 13.

## **“Thank You”**

Get the Thanksgiving season off to a good start at the annual KC-sponsored Clergy Appreciation Dinner. This will be Friday November 14<sup>th</sup> at Golf Club of Illinois. This is a nice event where we get to formally fete our clergy with five other councils. Cocktail hour starts at 6 with dinner at 7. The \$30 tickets should be purchased immediately as this will sell out. See Dan Biggins.

## **Upcoming 8596 Events**

October 13	Business meeting 7:30
October 18	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree ceremony
October 26	Bowling recruiting 3:30
November 4	Election day
November 6	Officer's meeting 7:00
November 10	Business meeting 7:30 with 1 <sup>st</sup> degree ceremony.
November 21	Teen Dance
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

January 8	Officer's meeting 7:00
January 12	Business meeting 7:30
January 17	Free throw contest
February 21	Auction
March 15	Blood Drive
June 14	Blood Drive

A handful of Knights, and optionally spouses, are needed for the dance and free throw events. Call Fred McCarthy to volunteer.

If you have an announcement you would like to see published in future newsletters email the information to [janddbeggins@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janddbeggins@sbcglobal.net) .

## **Prayer Offering**

We pray for the repose of the soul of Brother Ed Lesser who passed away October 2<sup>nd</sup> . .