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From the Desk of the Grand Knight...

My Brother Knights,
Vivat Jesus!

Summer is Here! Have a safe summer.
We are beginning a new Fraternal Year. We got a lot done last year. I am looking forward to working with you even more this year. I want to thank the outgoing officers for their service and I would like to welcome our new officers.

Mother's Day Brunch

It seems so long ago; the Mother's Day Brunch was a big success. Special thanks goes out to the "scullery crew", Mike Cavazos; Mark Savickis and Greg Steirman who spent the day cleaning pots and pans.

Family Fun Day

On Sunday, June 8, we hosted the "Family Fun Day" on the parish grounds. Another

success and thanks to all who helped and all who participated in this event.

Corporate Communions

It was brought up at the June meeting that we will have a few more Corporate Communions this year on the Weekend. We will have one on a Saturday at 4:00pm Mass; after Mass we can come to the Activities Room for something to eat. 10:00 Mass seemed to be the preferred time on Sunday, while 12:00 Mass was received better than the 8:00 Mass.

Fr. Verryser Officers

A special "Thank you" goes out to our outgoing Chancellor, SK Ed Robinson; SK Jess Ventro is our new Chancellor.

Dave Zmudczynski has been elected Deputy Grand Knight

while SK Mike Robinson was elected to the Advocate position.

Blood Drives

As, I am sure, you have heard; the American Red Cross is in desperate need for blood. St. Linus has 2 Blood Drives a year. One is hosted by the Christian Women and one is hosted by the Knights. It is a hope that we have a Blood Drive every 8 to 10 weeks throughout the year so the parishioners get used to donating more often because we are giving them the opportunity.

A New Year; New Ideas

Our Program Director, SK Mike Beurer, is looking for new ideas for Activities that the Council can host. If you have, ideas take to an Officer or call Mike to discuss the activity. The only "dumb" idea is the one that is not expressed!

Upcoming Programs and Events

Program Director: S.K. Mike Beurer

Gentlemen, I would first like to acknowledge and congratulate the new officers that will guide our Council toward the future. As we enter into the summer months of the calendar, many of us look forward to family vacations and other outdoor activities that require much of our time. Understanding this time, the Council chooses to reign in some of the programs to allow everyone to enjoy the summer months.

At this time, I would like to thank each person who has volunteered their or their families' time, to ensure that all

the events scheduled were a success. Once again, our Council is only as strong as the commitment of its members. Going forward, we are always looking to bring in new ideas, or add additional caveats to existing events. If you have any ideas, or questions, please do not hesitate to discuss the idea with any of the officers or the Program Director.

As far as summer events go, we are currently planning a "Movie Night with the Knights" on August 16, 2008. The location will be the lawn of St. Linus Convent with a start time of

9:00 PM. If weather becomes an issue, the event will be moved to the Activities Room of St. Linus.

Also, please keep in mind that the St. Linus Festival is quickly approaching. Our Council has taken on the "Night on the Town" booth. If anyone would like to work the booth during the festival or would like to make a donation towards the booth, please S.K. Phil Flavin. This is an opportunity to allow the community to meet the Knights of Columbus.

State Deputies Meeting Focuses on Membership Growth, New Initiatives

From the Supreme Council Web Site - www.kofc.org



Supreme Chaplain Bishop William E. Lori celebrates the closing Mass at the June state deputies meeting.

The state deputies concluded their meeting in New Haven Sunday with a Mass celebrated by Supreme Chaplain Bishop William Lori. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson then spoke, stressing the need for the continuing development of the Order – in membership growth, individual faith formation, and overall charitable outreach.

He also mentioned several new initiatives that the Supreme Council has undertaken.

Focusing on the Knights of Columbus as “a people of life and for life,” he introduced a new pro-life campaign and related initiatives that will begin immediately. The first of the initiatives is a new pro-life billboard and poster campaign and a complementary Web page to detail the K of C’s efforts in support for life, including prayer, volunteer service, public advocacy, educational initiatives, and financial support.

In addition, he outlined a program to provide pro-life pregnancy centers with modern

ultrasound equipment. Citing statistics that show more than 75 percent of pregnant women choose life for their child after seeing their babies – and hearing their heartbeats – through ultrasound technology, he explained that the Supreme Council is to partner financially with state councils to equip crisis pregnancy centers with this important technology as a means of saving lives.

Another new initiative announced by the Supreme Knight is a program for Catholic men on fatherhood and family life, called “Fathers for Good: An Initiative for Men by the Knights of Columbus.”

The project will begin during the upcoming Supreme Convention with the official launching of a new interactive Web site devoted to that topic. The Web site will be of special interest to Knights, their wives and families, but will appeal also to all Catholic husbands and families. In addition to providing resources, information and guidance to men, “Fathers for Good” will be

a means of recruiting active young men to the Knights of Columbus.

In addition to these initiatives, the Supreme Knight also announced that following the 2009 Supreme Convention in Phoenix, Ariz., the first-ever Marian Congress in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be held.

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the event together with the Archdiocese of Mexico City and the Diocese of Phoenix. It will feature several churchmen and prominent experts on the Marian apparitions of 1531 at Tepeyac. The event will unite Knights and Catholics from throughout North America in solidarity of faith and veneration for the Blessed Mother.

Family Fun Day 2008

Program Director S.K. Michael Beurer

I would first like to thank all the individuals who assist in this year's Family Fun Day. Without the diligent effort each expressed events such as this would never take place. I would like to thank John Luka, Adam, and Dave Zmudzynski for working the grill. These individuals made approximately 150 burgers and 100 hot dogs. In addition to the burgers and hot dogs, various salads and side dishes were provided. Among them were a tuna salad, two different types of broccoli salads, various vegetable and fruit trays, a pasta salad, and an Almond Joy cake. In addition to the aforementioned items, we also provided soft serve ice cream and snow cones. However, the food was

only secondary. The children had two waterslides, a small pool for the little ones, and a moonwalk, which were used to build an appetite and expend some energy. Many adults, along with the older kids managed to get a great game of volleyball in, and after an opportunity to catch a breath, the competitiveness moved from the volleyball court to the baseball field where a game of softball was underway.

At this time, I would also like to thank Pat Ventro, Jess Ventro, and Michelle Kramarz for maintaining the ice cream and snow cone machine throughout the day. I also want to express my gratitude for the individuals that provided various salads and side dishes for the event.

Individuals such as you make such events a community effort. I also want to individuals such as Walt Pruchnik, Darryl Staley, Tom Kramarz, Ed Robinson, Alex Gonzales, Mike Robinson, Tony Marimpietri, Joe Zeolla not only for setting up before the event but for the various things throughout the day to make this event a success. Finally, a general thank you to those individuals who assisted in the breakdown of the event prior to the storm moving in, your assistance was greatly appreciated. Men, you and your families are the foundation on which the Knights of Columbus are based; you each have my sincere gratitude.

Membership

Membership Director: S.K. Mike Robinson

We should always be on the look out for new members. Maybe a neighbor or someone who sits near you in church every weekend just needs to be asked. An idea – asked his wife if he would like to join! Let us make our Council grow. You are the one that can do that! If you know someone in college or in the military, ask them if they would like to join the Knights. Our Council does not charge dues to full time college students or full time men in the military.

Any questions as to the process for attaining the 1st degree or general questions about the council, the Order, or specific events do not hesitate to contact our Membership Director, S.K. Michael Robinson, or any other member of Father Veryser Council



Sick & Deceased List

Please remember the sick and recovering from our council and their family members especially, Rev. S.K. Robert LaCroix, B.K. Richard Chavez; B.K. Ted Bartek; B.K. Larry Farchione; Jack and Connie Gardner, father and mother of B.K. Jack Gardner; B.K. Bill Kubek; B.K. Bob Percha; B.K. Chuck Rocheleau, BK Steve Marczewski

If you know of a Brother Knight or member of his family who is in need of our prayers, please contact GK Tom Kramarz or DGK Dave Zmudzynski.

Pro Life Fundraisers

Our Pro-Life Family Chairman, Jim McLaughlin, ran the "Baby Bottle Boomerang". This is an opportunity to distribute baby bottles, which are filled with spare change and returned.

Jim has stated that the event was a success but he does not have a final amount as of this printing. Once the information is available, it will be reported.

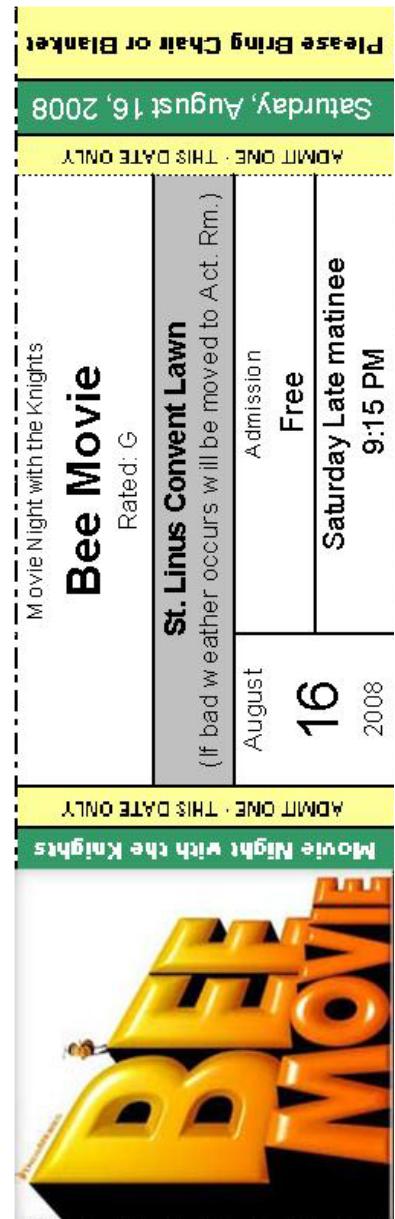
State Convention Election Results

On Saturday May 23, 2008, delegates to the 108th Michigan State Convention elected:

John R. "Bob" Moody, State Deputy
Thomas A. Marecetti, Sr., State Secretary
Michael J. Malinowski, State Treasurer
Robert W. Fox, State Advocate

The elected officers will assume their duties on July 1, 2008.

On Saturday May 23, 2008, delegates to the 108th Michigan State Convention elected Kenneth B. Unterbrink to the office of State Warden. Kenneth (Ken) B. Unterbrink will assume his duties as our 46th State Warden on July 1, 2008.



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By alternating Masses, this will allow an opportunity for exposure to the Knights of Columbus. Please review the calendars for any upcoming Corporate communions.

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Corporate Communions
St. Linus Church
All are invited and
encouraged to attend*

About Our Organization...

The Knights was formed to render financial aid to members and their families. Mutual aid and assistance are offered to sick, disabled and needy members and their families. Social and intellectual fellowship is promoted among members and their families through educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and public relief works. Thanks to the efforts of Father

Michael J. McGivney, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Haven and some of his parishioners, the Connecticut state legislature on March 29, 1882, officially chartered the Knights of Columbus as a fraternal benefit society. The Order is still true to its founding principles of charity, unity and fraternity.



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