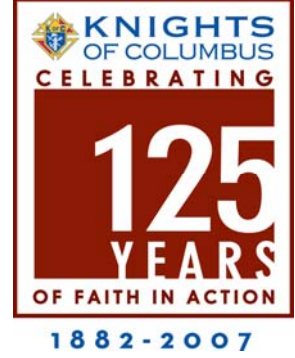




THE KNIGHT LINE

BREESE COUNCIL #2869

AUGUST 2007



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Grand Knight's Notes

The month of July has been a very active one for our council. We began with the installation of officers after Mass at St. Rose Church where our Chaplain Father Chuck delivered another inspiring message on the value of the Knights of Columbus in supporting the Church. We were reminded there as well, near the birthday of our nation, of the principle of Patriotism by the 4th Degree Bishop Althoff Assembly.

I wish to thank all who helped to make our annual golf tournament another success, both on the golf course and at our council hall with the excellent food and the great hospitality offered to our guest Brother Knights. Also on that Sunday, a group of our Breese Council Knights set up and served a meal to the parishioners of St. Boniface Church to celebrate the Anniversary and Retirement of Father Steve Humphrey.

A successful KC & D of I blood drive (with the help of Millie Wesselmann and her ladies) was held on July 11th. I thank Jim Kaulig for his help and the 19 Brother Knights who took time to donate. 97 people presented to donate and 84 units were collected.

At the July 12th council meeting, we agreed to a generous donation to help several local high school students to travel in November to the National Catholic Youth Conference at Columbus, Ohio.

The Clinton County Fair Parade provided an opportunity for Brother Knights of our council and 4th Degree Knights to march and interact with the public. Thanks to all who participated at Carlyle.

On July 29th, the Reverend Monsignor James Buerster was installed as pastor at St. Boniface Church. Having met Fr. Jim that day, I believe the parishioners there are fortunate to have a fine priest beginning his new ministry.

Our Council has received five Honorary Life Membership cards and five Honorary Membership cards, which will be presented to the following Brother Knights who have reached these milestones:

Honorary Life Membership:

William McTaggart
Kenneth Richter
Ralph Timmermann
Donald Toennies
Frank Usselman

Honorary Membership:

Denver Hoelscher
Lavern Holtgrave
Daniel Huelsmann
George Kampwerth
Richard Lappe, Sr.

Grand Knight

Rich Koerckenmeier

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Rev. Msgr. Jim Buerster Becomes New Pastor at St. Boniface Church

Rev. James A. Buerster was born in Wendelin, Illinois in 1953. His parents, Harold & Rose Marie, now retired from the family farm, live in Newton. He has two older brothers and two younger sisters. A close family, the 5 siblings were born within 7 years of each other. He has 13 nieces and nephews and 5 great nieces and nephews. Fr. Jim attended grade school in Wendelin, taught by the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ (P.H.J.C.) religious order. One of his grade school teachers was Sr. Dolorosa, who also taught grade school at Germantown many, many years ago. In 1971, he graduated from St. Henry's Prep. Seminary in Belleville. This high school seminary was supervised by the Oblates of Mary Immaculate (O.M.I.) until it closed its doors in 1984. Fr. Jim then attended Quincy College (now Quincy University), which is a Franciscan college, in Quincy, Illinois. He received a B.A. in Philosophy from Quincy College in 1975. From 1975-1979, Fr. Jim attended St. Meinrad Seminary in St. Meinrad, Indiana. Lo-

cated in Southern Indiana (near Santa Claus, IN) and operated by the Benedictines, O.S.B. - (Order of St. Benedict), Fr. Jim received a Master of Divinity Degree from St. Meinrad School of Theology in 1979. Fr. Jim was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Belleville on June 2, 1979, by Bishop William C o s g r o v e .

Fr. Jim served as an associate priest at St. Mary's in Belleville from 1979-1983 and St. Joseph's in Olin and St. Joseph's in Stringtown from 1983-1986. His first pastorate was Holy Rosary Parish in Fairmont City, from 1986-1991. From 1991-1997, Fr. Jim was pastor of St. Andrew's Parish in Murphysboro. From 1997-2007, Fr. Jim was pastor/rector of St. Peter's Cathedral in Belleville. On July 10, 2007, Fr. Jim Buerster was named pastor of St. Boniface Church in Germantown. In coming to Germantown, Fr. Jim, who is 100% German (on both sides of the family tree), moved from the 'mother' church of the diocese to the 'mother' church of Clinton County.

Brother Knights Continue Deacon Formation

Breese Council Brother Knights Rich Bagby (St. Boniface) and Linus Klostermann (St. Dominic) are continuing their formation toward ordination as Deacons. On Sept. 22nd, Bishop Edward K. Braxton will install them to the Ministry of Acolyte at 10:30 am

at the Cathedral in Belleville.

The Ministry of Acolyte is a ministry of service of the Altar. Through this ministry, the candidates will deepen their understanding of public divine worship and its inner spiritual meaning. Ordination to the Diacon-

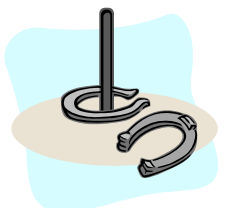
ate is planned for next summer.

Please thank these Brother Knights for their commitment to serving our Lord and the Church with their continuing work in the Diaconate Program!

State Horseshoe Tournament - August 18th

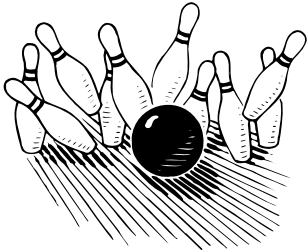
The annual Illinois K of C State Horseshoe Tournament will be held at Lincoln Park in Springfield, IL on Saturday, August 18. Registration begins at 11 am, tournament begins at 12 noon, cost is \$8.00 and a current KC Membership Card must be shown. You can sign up on the bulletin board in

the lounge at the Breese KC Hall. Players will assemble at the hall and depart at 8:30 am on Aug 18th. For further information contact Jim Wesselmann at 526-7301 or Charlie Hilmes at 526-2607.





Special Olympics Bowling - August 19th and 26th



If you have never had the experience of helping Special Olympics Bowlers at one of their tournaments you should not hesitate to sign up for this event. Volunteer Knights are needed to assist the Special Olympics competitors on the bowling lanes at St. Clair Bowl in Fairview Heights on August 19th and

26th and again October 14th. Please contact GK Rich Koerkenmeier at 974-1910 or at grandknight@breeseknights.org to volunteer to help these special individuals as they compete in what is certain to be a memorable event for both participants and volunteers.

BBQ Raffle Tickets Due August 20th

With the July Newsletter, you received 2 books (of 15 each) of Cooperative BBQ Raffle Tickets. Remember these are due in to Mike Netteimer by August 20th. You can use the pre-addressed envelope or hand deliver to Mike. Don't forget that each book of 15 tickets generates \$10 for our coun-

cil but are worthless if left unsold. Additional tickets are still available if needed. Call Mike at 526-4997 or call GK Rich Koerkenmeier at 974-1910.



Family Baseball Outing - August 26th



Only a short time remains to get on the list for KC Day at Busch Stadium to watch the Cards vs. Braves game on Sunday August 26th. As of this writing, Chairman Mike Niemeyer reports there are approximately 20 tickets still available. Tickets cost \$32, which includes a

meal at the Collinsville KC Hall after the game. Bus transport will be provided from the Breese KC Hall to and from the game. You may sign up at the KC Hall lounge or contact Mike Niemeyer at 526-4609. Deadline to sign up is Friday, August 10.

Website and E-mail Changes

The Breese Council Website address and e-mail addresses have changed as we begin this new fraternal year. Thanks to the work of our Webmaster Ahren Langhauser, our website has been transferred to www.breeseknights.org.

GK Rich Koerkenmeier can be reached at

grandknight@breeseknights.org. If you have an e-mail address, please notify Rich so you can be added to our Council e-mail list, which will be used to announce rosaries for departed brothers (as well as other communications).

Financial Secretary Joe Langhauser can be reached at fs@breeseknights.org



Breese Council Family Picnic Sunday, Sept. 16

The annual Breese Council Family Picnic will be held on Sunday, Sept. 16th at the Breese North Park, Center Pavilion, beginning at 2PM with the meal to be served at 5PM. Deputy Grand Knight Rich Robben is planning the picnic with help from our Chancellor Jim Wesselmann. Meat, potato

and drinks will be provided. We ask that families with last names beginning with A thru L bring a dessert and those beginning with M thru Z bring a side dish. A kids' scavenger hunt and other organized games with prizes are being planned. Please RSVP to DGK Rich Robben at 526-2970 or in person.

MRLD Drive (Tootsie Roll Drive) September 21, 22 & 23

Our annual fund drive to benefit MRLD (Mental Retardation/Learning Disabled), often called the Tootsie Roll drive, is scheduled for the weekend of September 21st, 22nd & 23rd. Jim Shulte, who has for so many years led this fund drive, has turned over the Chairman's duties to Ray Brosch, who has assisted Jim in the past few years.

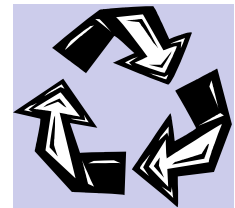


Brother Knights, please plan your activities for this weekend in September to give priority to being available to work your scheduled shift! Remember, not only will your Team Captain, Chairman, Grand Knight and Council be depending on you, but also the many local persons who benefit from the funds we collect count on you to be able to assist in this collection effort!

Blue Sky Recycling Container at KC Hall

Within the last few weeks you may have seen the new Blue Sky Recycling Container near the trash dumpsters in the southeast corner of our Breese KC Hall parking lot. **THIS IS NOT ANOTHER DUMPSTER!** The Columbian Association Board, in their diligent efforts to cut unnecessary expense and bring in additional revenue, has arranged for the placement of this paper recycling container with the expectation of generating additional income. Each "dump" of the container will generate \$25, **BUT ONLY** if it is filled with paper items only! **ALLOWABLE** items include newspapers, office paper, magazines, soft books, phone books and light cardboard. **STRICTLY FORBIDDEN** are large corrugated cardboard, plas-

tic of any kind, cans, bottles, chicken bones etc!! The depositing of some of these disallowed items has caused the rejection of payment 3 times in approximately the last 4 weeks. Members are encouraged to bring in and deposit **ALLOWABLE** items listed above, however we must all be diligent in keeping non-paper items out! Kitchen Fry Crews, Bingo Workers etc. must all be careful to be absolutely sure that **ONLY** paper products and no other foreign materials are placed inside! Please remind your fellow members of these strict requirements until we all are well informed on this subject, and thank you for your cooperation. Remember: if in doubt, leave it out!



Did you know that we now have Catholic radio available 24 hours per day in Clinton County? As of Tuesday, July 24th, 92.7 FM broadcasts many programs to help build one's faith, including much programming from the EWTN Network.



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Welcome New Members!

On July 25th five new members became 1st Degree Knights and joined our council. We welcome David Brinker of St. Rose, Justin Hemann and Matt Schlarman of Breese, and Jeremy Hemker and Scott Voyles of Aviston. We also welcome 3rd Degree Brother Knight William King as a transfer member to our council!

Friday Night Reminder

Reminder to Friday night Bingo crews, Fry crews, Lightning crews, or at other council event workers: your help is greatly appreciated, but if, for some reason, you are unable to be present to work, please be considerate and arrange for a substitute (or inform your crew leader ASAP.

Knights of the Month - Phillip Moss & Curt Zurliene

Please congratulate our August Knights of the Month, Phillip Moss and Curt Zurliene, and thank them for their work in preparing for and staging of another successful Council Golf Scramble. They have worked well together for the past several years in putting together an event which is enjoyed by many of our Brother Knights from various councils who come not only for the golf, but for the great chicken dinner and the fellowship of friends.

Volunteers Needed!

Please consider giving some time on a Saturday to assist in the cleaning of cemetery tombstones along with Ron Kleiboeker and his team. This is one project where a man can certainly see the result of his work and in which cemetery visitors often comment on the major aesthetic improvement. You can sign up at the Breese KC Hall lounge and you will be contacted as the cleaning dates are set.

Family of the Month - Don & Linda Deiters

Don and Linda Deiters are our August Family of the Month and have worked together in many ways over the years for the advancement of the Breese Council. Since joining the Knights of Columbus in 1979, Don has held many leadership positions in the council, in the Bishop Althoff 4th Degree Assembly, on our Columbian Association Board and has recently completed his 4 year term as District Deputy. Linda has provided valuable assistance to Don in many of these roles as well as assisting in food preparation and serving at our hall for various banquets etc. Both are members of St. Dominic Church, with Linda serving as Eucharistic Minister and being active in the Ladies' Sodality. She also serves as chairperson of the Breese American Legion Bingo and is active in the Legion Ladies Auxiliary.

Catholic Radio

Recently, when the K of C parade float was found to be unfit for use with only minimal time to prepare, Don and Linda pitched in to help a small group develop a fine float for use in the County Fair Parade including having painted several very attractive signs with the symbols of the K of C, 4th Degree and Colum-

