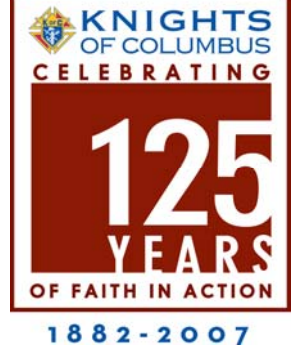




THE KNIGHT LINE

BREESE COUNCIL #2869

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Grand Knight's Notes

The talented children of our local parishes have recently completed their entries in the "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest and have created many works of beauty with their God-given abilities. I hope that their work also inspires us as adults to realize the importance of keeping ourselves focused during this Advent season not primarily on material things but rather on the true reason we celebrate Christmas. The greatest gift given to all of us is Jesus Christ who lived and died for our salvation. Let us each challenge ourselves during these busy days to take some quiet time to contemplate the im-

portance of Christ in our lives so that we may then exhibit the light of Christ to others by our actions and words.

Grand Knight

Rich Koerkeumeier

Merry Christmas! I wish you and your families all the best for a safe and happy holiday season!



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National Night of Prayer for Life - Saturday, December 8th

On Saturday Dec. 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, we will have an opportunity to join in prayer at St. Augustine Church with others around the country in the 18th annual National Night of Prayer for Life. The Pro Life service from 8 PM to 12 AM will consist of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 20 decades of the Scriptural Rosary and other prayers and hymns. One can attend any hour of the service, the first 3 hours being led by representatives of

St. Anthony, St. Augustine and St. Dominic parishes and the last hour led by the Breese Knights of Columbus. During the hour of unity, 11 PM to 12 AM, the faithful will be united in prayer in churches across the country to end abortion and in reparation for sins against the Gospel of Life. Please join in at any hour to pray for the sanctity of all human life.



Family Mass and Council Meeting

Please join us for Mass at 7 PM and our regular council meeting at 8 PM on Thursday, Dec. 13th.





Christmas Caroling - December 12th



All council members are invited to participate as we dust off the songbooks and go caroling at the Breese Nursing Home on Wed. Dec 12th at 6:00 PM.

This is always a good time for our council singers and we hope also for the residents. With a little luck Santa may be on hand for a visit and possibly with gifts for the nursing home residents. Brothers, please join us in bringing some Christmas cheer to our friends.

Turkeys to Newman Center

Approximately 20 Brother Knights spent many hours preparing turkeys on Monday, November 19th, which were transported the following evening to the Newman Catholic Student Center at SIUC. Knights from several Clinton County KC councils and the Pinckneyville Council traveled together to make the trip very enjoyable. A total of 67 turkeys were prepared and delivered for the annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner at the Newman Center, which is usually attended by approximately 500 persons enjoying a sit-down meal, and up to 200 more receiving carryouts.

Deceased Brother Knights Honored at Memorial Mass

Breese Council Brother Knights who passed away during the last completed Fraternal Year (July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007) were remembered in prayer during a Memorial Mass by our Chaplain Father Chuck Tuttle and Deacon Bob Lippert at St. Augustine Church on Nov. 4th. Family members of our departed brothers received a keepsake memorial candle and participated in the candle service at Mass, which was enhanced by participation of the Knights of the Bishop Althoff 4th Degree Assembly. After Mass, family members and Brother Knights enjoyed breakfast and fellowship at our council hall.

Our departed brothers remembered at Mass were Michael "Pix" Von Alst, Rick K. Richter, Cletus A "Buck" Fehrmann, Bernard H. "Smiley" Haake Jr., Gerard M. Buss, Norbert F. Kalmer, Robert W. "Bob" Vander Pluym, William H. "Bill" MacDonald and Kenneth G. Loepker.

New Members

We welcome Stuart Freeman, Paul Diekman and Brent Schlarman who have recently become Knights of Columbus and members of our council. We also welcome transfer members Fr. James Buerster, Bill Hollein and William King.

Brothers, let us all continue to invite other Catholic gentlemen to learn about our activities and ask them to join us as new members. We are planning a 1st Degree on Dec. 27, so now is a great time to invite someone to join and bring a Form 100 for approval.

Toy Donations to BCMW

Our Council will again collect new toys from council members attending the appreciation parties for Chicken Fry and Bingo/Lightning/Colorball Workers. The toys will be brought to BCMW as a contribution to their annual Christmas Toy Drive for distribution to children of needy families in our area.

Mailing Address Changes & E-mail Addresses

Please notify Financial Secretary Joe Langhauser of any mailing address change as soon as possible. Please notify GK Rich Koerkenmeier of any e-mail address changes and to add your e-mail address to the Breese Council E-mail list to receive reminders of upcoming events, departed brothers rosaries etc.





“Keep Christ in Christmas” Poster Contest

345 Students from Pre-Kindergarten to 8th grade recently completed entries for this year’s “Keep Christ in Christmas” Poster Contest at the Breese KC Council. The contest included students from the parishes of St. Anthony, St. Augustine, St. Boniface, St. Dominic, St. Felicitas and St. Rose. This year, the statewide contest featured 5 competition levels.

The beautiful entry of ASA 8th grader Sarah Kennedy, after winning the Grand Prize at the Breese Council 7-8 grade level, was selected as Number 1 at the State level as well! Thanks to all 345 students for your great work, and to the parents and teachers who encouraged the children to participate. Thanks also to Joe & Barb Richter for their work as chair-couple, to our FS Joe Langhauser for his valued assistance and to Larry Deiters for his

donation of materials.

Awards will be presented on Sunday, Dec 8th.

Council winners are listed below.

Pre-K/K Grand Prize -Savannah Biggs, 3 top winners-Hannah McSparin, Shannon Lampe, Haley Ashford.

1st/2nd Grade Grand Prize-Amber Litteken, 3 top winners-Amy Boeckman, Elyse Kampwerth, Sophia Mondt

3rd/4th Grade Grand Prize-Erin Huene, 3 top winners-Kelly Voss, Jake Timmermann, Mitchell Wiegmann

5th/6th Grade Grand Prize-Larissa Woltering, 3 top winners-Devon Victory, Taylor Luebbers, Julia Billhartz

7th/8th Grade Grand Prize-Sarah Kennedy, 3 top winners-Amy Nettles, Nolan Mueth, Alexis Zachry

Annual Columbian Association Meeting & Election of Officers - Jan. 17

The annual Columbian Association Meeting and Election of Columbian Board Officers will be held on Thurs. Jan 17th, 8 PM at the Breese KC Hall. The Columbian Board meets on the first Wednesday of each month to discuss and act on important maintenance, personnel and operations issues for our council home. The terms of 3 members will expire in January 2008 so 3 will be elected. Gerard Rolfingsmeyer has served 2 terms of 3 years each

and will retire from the board, Joe Eilers and Mike Kuhl have each served a 3 year term and are considering running for re-election. Please consider whether you may be interested in serving on the Columbian Board and speak to nominating committee members Dennis Book, Bob Foote or Curt Zurliene. We thank all the board members for their years of service in these important positions.

Statewide Vocations Support Raffle

Thank you Brother Knights for helping to support Catholic vocations by working to sell the Vocations Raffle Tickets sent with the October newsletter. Together we sold 127 ticket books generating \$6 per book for the State Council Vocations Fund and \$9 per book being retained by our council.

New Start Time!

The start time for monthly Columbian Association Board Meetings will change from 7:30 PM to 8:00 PM beginning with the January 2nd 2008 meeting. (The meeting will remain on the 1st Wednesday of each month).



Annual Membership Dinner - January 19th

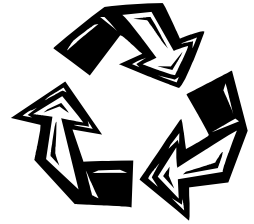
All Breese Council Knights, their wives and families are invited to our annual membership dinner on Saturday evening, January 19th. Simply pay your 2008 membership dues as you enter to join your Brother Knights for great food and fellowship as we begin a new calendar year.



“Blue Whale” Paper Recycling Container

Thank you, Brother Knights, for your diligent efforts in allowing only paper products and light cardboard into the “Blue Whale” paper recycling

container and you are encouraged to deposit paper from home as well.



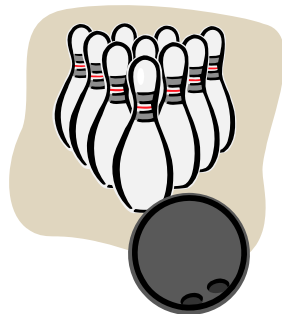
Newman Fall Gala & Award to Ruth Langhauser

On Saturday, Nov 10th, 19 Knights and Ladies representing the Breese, Aviston and Trenton KC Councils along with Father Ben Stern of St. Dominic Parish attended the Fall Gala to benefit the Newman Catholic Student Center on the SIU Campus at Carbondale. The annual event is organized and presented by the Newman Center Ladies Auxiliary to raise funds to help the Newman Student Center continue to provide a Catholic presence on campus at SIUC. The Gala includes a dinner, silent auction, entertainment, music and dancing. The highlight of the evening

however, for our Clinton County Knights and Ladies was the surprise presentation of the “Ermantine Gruninger Award” to Ruth Langhauser, wife of Breese Council Brother Knight Ralph Langhauser, for her many years of dedicated volunteer service and support as a member of the Newman Center Ladies Auxiliary. As a student at SIUC years ago, Ruth found comfort and support for her faith life at the Newman Catholic Student Center, then in its first year of operation, as many students still find today. Congratulations to Ruth.

State Bowling Tournament - Entry Deadline January 2nd

The 78th annual Illinois K of C Bowling Tournament along with the 31st annual Women’s Bowling Tournament will be held at Redbird Lanes in Cahokia over five successive weekends beginning Jan. 19th & 20th 2008. The tournament is open to all KC members in good standing, their wives, daughters, girlfriends, widows and daughters of a deceased member. Singles, doubles and team events will be held with a cost of \$17 per event. Entry deadline is Jan 2, 2008 and KC members must have a current membership card with them to bowl. For further info, contact Gary Jansen at 526-4031 or 772-8638, or sign up at the Breese KC Hall lounge.



Support for Seminarian Dale Maxfield

Seminarian Dale Maxfield, a Brother Knight and member of St. George Parish, and St. George Council in New Baden has recently completed the Rite of Candidacy in which he stated his formal intention to present himself as a candidate for Holy Orders. Our council began this past September a series of monthly contributions to run through June of 2008 to Mr. Maxfield to assist him on his journey toward the priesthood. He has praise for the Knights, thanks us for our assistance, and asks that we also continue our prayers for him as he continues his training at Kenrick Seminary in St. Louis.

Catholic Radio

If you haven’t already done so, check out 92.7 Catholic Radio broadcast from the Carlyle area for a variety of inspirational and educational programs.



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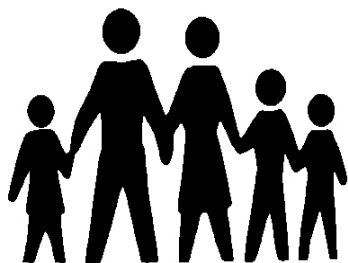
Mike Nettekmeier has been selected as our Breese Council Knight of the Month for December for his numerous contributions in serving our council, community and church. Again this year Mike has handled the Cooperative Barbecue Raffle and the recently completed Vocations Raffle efforts. Last month Mike again led in the preparation and transportation of Thanksgiving turkeys to the SIUC Newman Center. He currently serves as president of our Columbian Association Board and as a member of our council membership retention committee. Mike is the current Commander of the Color Corps of the Bishop Althoff 4th Degree Assembly and serves the State Council as Golf and Horseshoe competition chairman.

He currently serves a vice-president of the Central High School Board of Education with 20 plus years of board experience in addition to his work as Treasurer of District 12 and as Treasurer of CCRC. His service in church activities includes that of lector and Eucharistic Minister at St. Dominic Parish. Please congratulate Mike and thank him for his willingness to selflessly serve in so many ways.

Family of the Month - R-Joe and Barb Richter

Please thank Joe and Barb Richter for their contribution in once again successfully managing the "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest for the Breese Council. Their work over many years with the program has enabled so many youngsters to be able to showcase their talents while providing an annual reminder to children and adults alike of the need to keep Jesus at the heart of the Christmas season. Joe and Barb remain active in other civic and community activities as well and have recently given much of their time and talent to the development and

construction of the Breese Historical Society Display area near St. Dominic Church. Congratulations and thank you to the Richters.



Spotlight on Squires

With Christmas approaching, the Breese Columbian Squires Circle members have again completed setup of the Christmas Nativity Display in front of the Breese KC Hall. The Squires added 3 new members in November and are planning a possible investiture for December. Any young men 12 to 18 years old interested in joining should contact Chief Counselor Doug Kuhl at 526-7788 or 830-1896. Doug is still in need of a Brother Knight to serve as Assistant Counselor for the Squires Circle. Please contact him if you are able to help.



Part-Time Bartender Needed

A part time bartender position is available at the Breese KC Hall Lounge. Please contact KC Hall Manager Carl Ratermann at 526-7898 or 526-4576 for details.