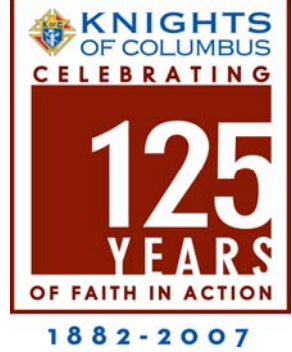




THE KNIGHT LINE

BREESE COUNCIL #2869

JULY 2007



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Grand Knight's Notes

As the calendar rolls over to July, we find ourselves at the beginning of another fraternal year. I believe it important at this time to extend a heartfelt thank you on behalf of all our Council members to immediate Past Grand Knight Shane Bowen for his dedicated service in leading us this past year! Under his guidance, the Breese Council was presented with the prestigious Illinois Spirit "Holy Grail" Award for completion of more than thirty-eight programs. This award was issued to only twenty-seven Councils in the state at the Illinois State Knights of Columbus Convention over Memorial Day weekend. I have enjoyed working with Shane and learning so much more about the behind-the-scenes work that allows a KC Council to operate effectively. I also wish to thank all of last year's officers for their service and for their continuing commitment to offer their time and talents for another year.

Let me say that I am truly honored that you have placed your trust in me to lead you through this fraternal year. I will do my best to maintain that confidence. Since joining the Knights of Columbus at the Breese Council Major Degree on Palm Sunday 2004, I must say that I have come to love this organization. The principles and values espoused by the Knights have always been those I have tried to develop in my life. I view service in this fraternity as one way to live out Gospel values alongside brothers with a common faith.

I would like to share with you an experience from New Year's Day 2007. I

was visiting my good friend and lifelong neighbor at the hospital. He was recovering from a recent surgery and after a short visit his attention was required for an extended time by the nurses. My friend's sister had arrived to visit and as we spoke I mentioned my involvement in the Breese Knights of Columbus Council. Her husband had passed away within the last few years and had been a member of our Council. She spoke very appreciatively of the Knights and all the great work we do for the good of others. She recalled with some emotion the Memorial Mass she had attended for her husband and other departed members of our Council. She praised the virtues of the Knights, and as I now recall, cited honesty as one of these virtues no less than three times in our conversation of under thirty minutes. As I left the hospital, I felt no small satisfaction in being a part of a group that is held in such high regard. I later realized that this high reputation also carries with it a challenge to maintain the high standards which brought about that high regard in the first place. As current members of the Breese Knights of Columbus Council, I believe we must all strive to maintain that high regard earned by our predecessors over the years. To loosely quote from Luke 12:48, "from those to whom much has been given, much will also be expected"

Finally, I ask for your assistance and your prayers for success in our endeavors during this new fraternal year.

Grand Knight

Rich Koerbenmeier

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Breese Council Officers Election and Installation

New officers were elected at the June 14 Council meeting and completed an installation ceremony after the 10AM Mass at St. Rose Church on Sunday, July 1st. Our chaplain, Father Chuck Tuttle, beginning with a brief history of the formation of the K of C by Father Michael McGivney in 1882, spoke about the value of the work of our order in support of the Church and against the erosion of traditional moral principles evident in our world today. The Mass and installation was enhanced by participation of the Bishop Althoff 4th Degree Assembly. Officers and family members enjoyed dinner at the Breese KC Hall following the ceremony. As Grand Knight, I wish to thank those new officers who have answered the call to serve, as well as the veterans returning to serve for another fraternal year. I am confident that this group of brother Knights will serve us well as we endeavor to continue the tradition of excellence of the Breese Council while striving to improve in our program of charitable activities.

Chaplain - Father Chuck Tuttle

Grand Knight - Rich Koerkenmeier

Deputy Grand Knight - Rich Robben

Chancellor - Jim Wesselmann

Recorder - Aaron Haag

Financial Secretary - Joe Langhauser

Treasurer - Mike Niemeyer

Lecturer - Ralph Langhauser

Warden - Ray Brosch

Inside and Outside Guards - Steve Hagen,

Ken Jansen, Steve Timmermann

3 Year Trustee - Gary Jansen

2 Year Trustee - Curt Zurliene

1 Year Trustee - Ron Kleiboeker

- Leo Lammers will begin a four year term of service as District Deputy with Don Deiters now completing his four year term
- Curt Zurliene will now serve as Illinois State Spelling Bee Chairman
- Mike Nettekmeier continues to serve as State Golf and Horseshoe Chairman
- Doug Kuhl will serve as Squires Chief Counselor

These Council members will serve as officers in the Bishop Althoff 4th Degree Assembly #0193:

Father Chuck Tuttle - Faithful Friar

Joe Langhauser - Faithful Navigator

Steve Kleiboeker - Faithful Captain

Don Deiters - Faithful Purser

Ralph Langhauser - Faithful Admiral

Mike Nettekmeier - 1-Year Trustee

Photos from the Installation Ceremony should be available soon on the Council website!

Annual Golf Tournament



It's not too late to get a team together to play in our Annual Golf Scramble on Sunday, July 8th at Breese Bent Oak Golf Course! The schedule calls for shotgun starts at 7:30 AM and 12:30 PM. Cost is \$55 per person or \$220 per 4 man team. This includes a chicken dinner at our hall after golfing. As of this writing, there are

still openings for 4 additional teams. Chairmen Curt Zurliene and Phillip Moss have once again been hard at work preparing for this event which is so well supported by many of our brother Knights from nearby councils.

Call Curt (526-2018) or

Phillip (526-7144) to reserve your spot ASAP!

Let us all make every effort to help and be on time if asked to work the tournament, whether it be at the golf course or frying chicken. Together, we can make it another great success!



Step Up to the Plate and Donate - K of C and D of I Blood Drive

Spread the Word!

On July 11, we will again be cooperating with the Daughters of Isabella to host an American Red Cross Blood Drive, where presenting donors will receive a St. Louis Cardinals/Busch Stadium World Champions t-shirt designed by artist John Pils.

Your help is needed this summer. **Every blood donation can help save the lives of up to three people.** That's an entire out-field!

Be a member of the team this summer and give the gift of life.

At last year's drive (July 2006), 86 productive units were collected. In January 2007 the number was up to 107 productive units.

With the help of the Cardinals, let's challenge ourselves to beat the January total!

Step Up to the Plate at:

**Breese K of C Hall
480 North Walnut
Breese, IL**

**Wednesday, July 11
2:00 PM—7:00 PM**



86th Annual BBQ Raffle Ticket Sales

With this newsletter you will find two books (15 tickets @ \$1 each) of Cooperative BBQ Raffle tickets. This is a fantastic fundraising opportunity for us as our council keeps \$10 from the sale of each book of 15 tickets!! If each of our 650+ members sells 2 books of tickets (or



buys them himself) \$20 is generated per member! Imagine the help our council can extend with such extra funding to the recipients of our various charitable donations! We need the help of all Council members in this endeavor! Simply use the enclosed pre-addressed envelope to return all sold tickets

with a check written to the Breese K of C by Monday, Aug. 20 (or hand deliver to Mike Nettemeier). Additional raffle tickets are available by contacting Mike or GK Rich Koerkenmeier at grandknight@breeseknights.org or at 974-1910. (Unsold tickets need not be returned.)

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).

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Knight of the Month

Our Knight of the Month for July is Ralph Maue. Ralph devotes much of his time, talent and skill to our council in food preparation. For more than twenty one years, he has served as chairman of our council's Friday night chicken fry operations, currently continues in this position, and has cooked for council meetings, major degree dinners and a variety of other events over the years. He is also able to draw an audience with his variety of interesting stories, jokes etc. In addition, Ralph continues to serve on the Columbian Board of which he is a past president. Please thank Ralph for his continued dedicated service to our council.

Father Steve Humphrey - 40th Anniversary and Retirement

A group of Breese Council Knights has volunteered to help in serving a meal as part of Father Steve Humphrey's 40th Anniversary and Retirement Event on Sunday, July 8th at St. Boniface Parish at Germantown.

The Breese Knights join with his parish faithful in thanking Father Humphrey for his 40 years of service to our Lord and our Church.

Family of the Month - Shane & Sheena Bowen

Immediate Past Grand Knight Shane Bowen and his wife Sheena are our July Family of the Month.

Shane's dedicated leadership and guidance allowed our Breese Council to once again earn the prestigious Illinois Spirit Award at our recent State Convention. Sheena is to be commended for the patience, understanding and support given to Shane during his tenure as Grand Knight.

Now, at the end of his successful term, Shane and Sheena are experiencing some significant changes in their lives. They are currently completing a move to Vandalia, IL after purchasing a home there. Even more exciting is the news that they are expecting their first child around

February 2008!

Sheena recently completed a Master's Degree in Social Work from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and is currently employed at St. Mary's Hospital in Centralia.

Shane plans to continue to work at Abacus Professional Services here in Breese.

We wish them well and hope that Shane will be able to remain involved as a valuable asset to the Breese Council.



Council Events Planning Meeting

Our council needs your ideas and leadership in planning future events for this new fraternal year.

Please join us on Thursday, July 26, at the Breese Northside Park. Dinner will be served at 7:00 PM with the Planning Meeting to follow at 8:00 PM.



Family Baseball Outing - August 26th: Cards vs. Braves

Again this year our council will offer Cardinal Baseball tickets to 8th grade graduate Mass servers and to members of the Breese Columbian Squires Circle. Additional tickets will be made available to council members for \$32 with \$2 from each ticket sold to be donated to Cardinal

Glennon Children's Hospital K of C Wing. Also included is an after game meal at the Collinsville K of C Hall. To get on the ticket list or for additional info, contact Mike Niemeyer (526-4609) or Jim Wesselmann (526-7301).

Relay for Life Food Stand - August 3rd & 4th

Our council will again be providing a food stand at the Relay for Life Event set for August 3rd & 4th with profits directed to the American Cancer Society. Chairman Ron Kleiboeker is seeking volunteers to help set up the stand, cook and serve burgers, bratwurst and drinks on the



afternoon and evening of Friday, August 3rd. Contact Ron at 526-7191. Still under consideration is whether to offer an early Saturday morning breakfast for Relay participants as was done last year. Any brave brother Knights willing to staff the stand in the early morning hours (possibly 4 am) are asked to contact GK Rich Koerkenmeier at 974-1910 or grandknight@breeseknights.org.

Tombstone Cleaning - Volunteers Needed!

Ron Kleiboeker and his team resumed the cleaning of tombstones at the St. Dominic/St. Augustine Cemetery on Saturday, June 9. Breese Council Knights have also done cleaning at Germantown and Beckemeyer cemeteries in the last few years. Ron is looking for additional brother

Knights willing to assist on future cleaning days (possibly 3 more before winter) and plans to post a sign-up sheet at the K of C Hall. These cleaning efforts produce a remarkable improvement in appearance and often result in positive feedback from cemetery visitors.

Supreme Convention

Several Knights and Ladies from Breese, Aviston and Trenton Councils plan to attend the KC Supreme Convention at Nashville, TN on August 6-9. Those attending will include Father Chuck Tuttle, Rich Koerkenmeier, Ralph & Ruth Ann Langhauser, Mike & Donna Nettekmeier, Jerome & Edna Rakers, Pete & Irene Schumacher, and Ralph & Mary Jane Von Bokel.

Spotlight on Squires

As was the case last year, two members of this year's State Squires officer team have risen from the Breese Squires Circle, thanks no doubt to the leadership of Counselors Brad Halstead and Doug Kuhl and Illinois State Squires Committee member Joe Langhauser.




Last year's State Chief Squire Jacob Deiters and State Bursar Squire Trent Halstead recently joined our council as brother Knights. At the State Convention in May, State Deputy Paul Havrilka Jr. administered the oath of office to Michael Harper as State Deputy Chief Squire and to Luke Essenpries as State Bursar Squire.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Officer Installation 10:00 AM Mass St. Rose Church Chicken Dinner K of C Hall	2	3	4 Independence Day 	5	6 Fry Crew - Ralph Langhauser Bingo Crew - Joe Langhauser	7
8 Golf Tournament 7:30 AM / 12:30 PM Bent Oak Golf Course	9 Columbian Ass'n Board Meeting 7:30 PM K of C Hall	10	11 Blood Drive 2:00 PM—7:00 PM K of C Hall Squires Meeting 8:00 PM K of C Hall	12 Council Meeting 8:00 PM K of C Hall	13 Fry Crew - Ralph Maue Bingo Crew - Gary Jansen	14
15	16 Clinton County Fair Parade 6:30 PM Carlyle	17	18	19	20 Fry Crew - Maurice Wintermann Bingo Crew - Roger Szczepan	21
22	23	24	25	26 Council Planning Meeting 7:00 PM (Meal) 8:00 PM (Meeting) Breese North Park Main Pavilion	27 Fry Crew - Marty Johnson Bingo Crew - Doug Kuhl	28
29	30	31 St. Boniface Picnic Germantown	August 3-4 August 6-9 August 7 August 19 & 26 August 26 September 16 September 21-23	Food Stand at Relay for Life K of C 125th Supreme Convention (Nashville, TN) North Central Deanery Meeting Special Olympics Bowling Illinois K of C Family Baseball Outing (Busch Stadium) Breese Council Family Picnic MRLD Drive		