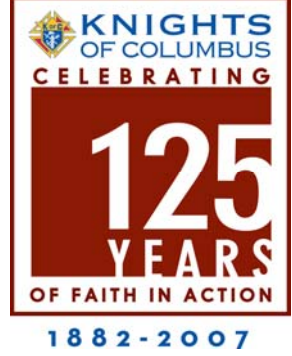




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Grand Knight's Notes

This has been another busy month with Breese Knights once again accomplishing many good things. We began October by offering KC Pro-Life magnetic ribbons on Respect Life Sunday to raise cash for Pro-life activities and with participation by Breese Council members in the Life Chain along Highway 50. Thanks to Tony Antonacci and his team for offering the ribbons in our parishes. Thanks to our group of Knights who assisted at the North Central Deanery Pro-Life Breakfast at Sandoval and to those who attended to enjoy the meal and support the cause.

Ray Brosch represented the Breese Knights once again by assisting bowlers at the Special Olympics Bowling Tournament at St. Clair Bowl on Oct. 14th.

Another successful Texas Hold-em tournament was held thanks to Chairmen Brian Czerniewski, Rich Eilermann and Gary Jansen and their crew of dedicated workers.

A Breese Knights trivia team competed at the St. Anthony Church Trivia Contest on Oct. 6th.

Bishop Edward Braxton visited with us, offering some interesting comments and enlightening answers to a wide variety of questions regarding topics such as changes in the Mass, religious education for our children and adults, controversies surrounding some Catholic politicians etc.

I was able to present a generous donation to the Breese Youth Ministry Group who will soon be traveling to the National

Catholic Youth Conference in Columbus, Ohio. Thanks to all those Brother Knights who helped to raise these funds. We are glad to be able to help them in building their faith.

On Priesthood Sunday, Oct. 28th, one Brother Knight of the Breese Council led a "Prayer for Priests" at each Mass at the Parishes of St. Anthony, St. Augustine, St. Boniface, St. Felicitas and St. Rose. (The Spiritual Formation Committee did so at St. Dominic Parish).

Special Thanks to Chairmen Rich Eilermann, Doug Kuhl and Rich Robben and to all the dedicated workers who helped to make our PSR benefit dinner another success! Great work was done by all and a very long day put in by some!

Thanks also to those who attended the visitation and Rosary for our deceased Brother Knight Marcellus "Teedle" Niemeyer.

Brother Knights, now is a great time to ask a fellow Catholic to join us in the Knights of Columbus. As you know there are so many great opportunities to serve in our order, let us offer these to other Catholic men as well. I am hoping to take several candidates to the Major Degree at Okawville on Nov 18 and I need your help to bring in new members!

Thanks to all for you support!

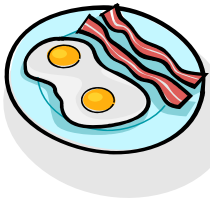
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Memorial Mass and Breakfast - November 4th



Let us keep in our prayers our departed Brother Knights to be remembered at the annual Memorial Mass to be held at 10 AM on Sunday, Nov 4th at

St. Augustine Church. This Mass has special significance to many of the family members who attend. Please try to join us for this Mass and the breakfast immediately following at the Breese KC Hall.

Marian Prayer Service - November 8th

Our Breese Council together with the Carlyle Council will hold a Marian Prayer Service from 6:30 to 7:30 PM at St. Anthony Church in Beckemeyer on Thursday, November 8th. All Brother Knights and other Catholic faithful are strongly encouraged to attend this rosary centered prayer program which is being offered throughout the Knights of Columbus Order

through September 2008, for the intentions of Pope Benedict XVI. This is a graced opportunity to reflect on the virtue of Charity, the first of our founding principles, and to make more widely known the beautiful teaching of "Deus Caritas Est" in which Pope Benedict explores the true nature of charity, based on love of God and love of neighbor.

SIUC Newman Center Annual Fall Gala - November 10th

Brother Knights, we have several opportunities in the near future to help support the operations of the SIUC Newman Catholic Student Center. The Annual Newman Auxiliary Fall Gala will be held on Saturday, Nov. 10 at the Newman Student Center in Carbondale. The Gala begins at 6 PM and features a Buffet Dinner at 7, a silent auction



running from 6 to 9 PM, with music and dancing until 11PM. Fall Gala Quilt Raffle tickets are also available. Please contact GK Rich Koerkenmeier as soon as possible at 974-1910 if interested in attending or to buy quilt raffle tickets.

Wounded Heroes Wristbands

The Bishop Althoff 4th Degree Assembly is planning to offer the Wounded Heroes Wristbands at Veterans Day weekend Masses in our parishes, Nov 10th & 11th. You can help to support the Wounded Heroes Foundation which provides physical, emotional and financial support to injured military men and women.

Veterans Day Parade

Brother Knights are invited to participate in the Veterans Day Parade held this year at Bartelso on November 11th, start time is 2:30 PM.



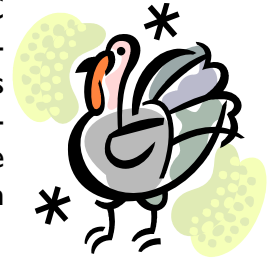


Holiday Turkeys to Newman Center - November 20th

You can help to make the upcoming holidays a bit more enjoyable for others by purchasing a turkey which will be delivered to the SIUC Newman Catholic Student Center at Carbondale on Tuesday, November 20th. Simply sign up on the sheet at the Breese KC Hall lounge or inform Mike Nettekmeier at 526-4997 of your intention to provide a turkey. The birds will be used to prepare Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Dinners at the Newman Center for students who cannot return home for the holidays or for shut-ins and

those otherwise unable to enjoy the traditional holiday meal.

If you would like to participate along with members of other Clinton County KC councils in addition to Okawville and Pinckneyville councils in the turkey delivery to Carbondale, plan to leave the Breese KC Hall at 5PM on Tuesday, November 20th.



Statewide Vocations Raffle

Brother Knights, as we work through the month of November, please remember to sell and return the book of Vocation Raffle tickets you received with your October newsletter mailing. From our State Deputy Philip Barone, "The statewide Vocations Raffle program is a direct support to the continued evangelization of the faith. If we are to be "the strong right arm of the Church" then we must put "our money where our mouth is" by supporting this very important program. In this our 125th Anniversary Year, there can be no greater example of our continued support to the Catholic Church than having our Best Raffle Ever!"

Please sell, then return the ticket book with the outside cover and the stubs intact, in the pre-addressed envelope to the Breese Council by November 26th 2007. Our council will retain \$9.00 per book then send the ticket stubs along with \$6.00 per book to the

Illinois State Council State Vocations Fund for the drawing on Dec 1st.

- Please do not remove staples that are holding the books together!
- Please do not put staples through the stubs themselves!
- Please do not scotch tape stubs in book form!

Brothers, since the need for vocations in our Church is so great, let us do all we can to sell these tickets and help support our seminarians in Illinois! Additional raffle ticket books are available from Chairman Mike Nettekmeier (526-4997), GK Rich Koerckenmeier (974-1910) or at the Breese Council Hall lounge.



Catholic Radio

Don't Forget: Catholic radio is now available in the Clinton County area at 92.7 FM. The broadcast is from Covenant Network Radio via a tower near Carlyle. Please check out the programming, which includes some interesting and educational call-in shows, such as "Catholic Answers Live" and "The Doctor is In", among others.



“Blue Whale” Recycling Container

Brother Knights, you have been doing a great job in allowing paper products only into the “Blue Whale” paper recycling container. Please con-

tinue watching out for non-paper deposits and thank you very much for your great cooperation!

Spotlight on Squires

The Breese Squires Circle is planning an Investiture for Wednesday, Nov. 14th. If you know of any young men 12 to 18 years old who may be interested in exploring the activities of the Squires please direct them to Chief Counselor Doug Kuhl at 526-7788 or 830-1896. Membership in the Squires offers many opportunities for interesting activities throughout the year. Doug is also searching for a volunteer to serve as Assistant Counselor for the Circle. Please contact him if you can help.

Eleven members of our Breese Squires Circle participated in the Illinois State Squires Bowling Tournament on Sunday, Oct. 7 at Springfield. Several Squires were on hand to help serve continental breakfast during Bishop Edward Braxton’s Oct. 13 visit with the faithful at the Breese KC Hall. The Squires also assisted with setup, teardown and cleanup at the recent rummage sale held at St. Dominic Parish.



Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

The Breese Knights will again sponsor the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest to help remind children (and adults) that Christ is the true “gift” of the Christmas season and the real reason for our Christmas joy. We ask parents to encourage children’s participation in this contest which is again statewide. Some changes have been made from the previous format. There are now 5 competition levels from Pre-K through 8th grade. This year, only 1st place posters in each council competition are eligible to participate in the Diocesan division competition and only those 1st place winners go on to compete in the State Competition Finals. Necessary Poster Contest information will be available with our local Parish School Religion programs by Nov. 5th, completed posters will be picked up at schools on Nov. 28th, council level judging on Nov. 29th and presentation of council level awards on Dec. 9th.

State Bowling Tournament

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 K of C members in good standing, their wives, daughters, girlfriends, widows and daughters of deceased members. Singles, doubles and team events will be held with a cost of \$17 per event. Entry deadline is Jan. 4, 2008 but only those accepted by Dec. 1, 2007 will appear in the Bowling Tournament Booklet. K of C members must have a current membership card with them to bowl in the tournament. For further info, contact Gary Jansen at 526-4031 or 772-8638, or sign up at the Breese KC Hall lounge.





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Knight of the Month - Rich Eilermann

Please congratulate Rich Eilermann and thank him for the many ways in which he serves our Breese Council in addition to his assistance with church and school projects.

Rich has been a Brother Knight for 11 years and keeps very busy cooking for a wide variety of events including our monthly council meetings. Along with co-chairmen Rich Robben and Doug Kuhl, Rich recently helped organize and lead our successful fundraising dinner for local Parish School Religion programs. He has recently teamed with Brian Czerniewski and Gary Jansen to help lead our Texas Hold-em Tournaments as well as helping Special Olympics bowlers in their tournaments. Rich is a past Breese KC Columbian Board member and continues to serve on a Friday fry crew and bingo crew.

As a member of St. Dominic Parish and Men's Sodality he has also been active as a Parish Picnic chairman and a Church Chicken Dinner chairman in addition to working as a bingo caller for the Mater Dei Fathers & Friends Club.

Family of the Month - Linus & Sue Klostermann

The Linus and Sue Klostermann Family has been selected as our November Family of the Month. The Klostermanns have been married for 31 years and Linus has been a KC member for nearly 29 years. They are blessed with 4 grown children and 2 granddaughters and have been active for years in church, pro-life and mission work. As members of St. Dominic Parish, both have served on the Parish Pastoral Council and have been active in various pro-life activities over the years. Linus and Sue now serve on the Guatemala Mission Society Board and have visited Guatemala together as part of the Sister Parish Project in the Belleville Diocese.

Linus is in the 4th year of training in the Diaconate Program, recently advanced to the Order of Acolyte and plans to be ordained next summer as a

Permanent Deacon. He is now beginning a Pastoral Care Ministry at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Belleville. Linus serves our council as a member of a chicken fry crew and a Lightning crew.

Sue is involved with the Parish Spiritual Formation Committee recently working to organize a scripture study program which encourages participation by parishioners.

Please congratulate and thank Linus and Sue for their tireless dedication to service in the Church.

