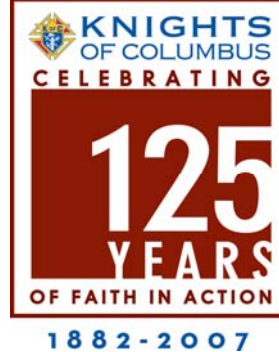




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BREESE COUNCIL #2869

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Grand Knight's Notes

The month of September has been one of much activity in our council but especially one of great satisfaction for me as Grand Knight. The principles of our order; Charity, Unity and Fraternity are truly being lived by our Brother Knights as we progress through this fraternal year. I wish to thank MRLD Chairman Ray Brosch, all his team captains, all those brothers who dutifully worked their scheduled shifts in our collection effort and our Columbian Squires. Together, we worked in unity toward a common purpose, a charitable goal which was met and exceeded! Of course we need to thank the public and the business donors whose generosity allowed us to succeed!

Brother Knights, we need to continue to invite other Catholic men to join our order to also experience the rewards of working in unity toward the many important charitable goals we work to realize.

We are pleased to have brothers Rich Bagby and Linus Klostermann continue in their service to our Church by advancing to the Ministry of Acolyte in the Deacon Formation Program on Sept. 22nd. Our council has recently donated a Mass Kit for use in this Program.

Thanks to Chairman Brian Czerniewski, Rich Eilermann and Gary Jansen, along with our group of volunteer dealers etc. we held another successful Texas Hold-Em and Blackjack Tournament on Sat. Sept 22nd. Special thanks to Financial Secretary Joe Langhauser for working to make a smooth transition to new event leadership. The next Texas Hold-Em event with Blackjack will be held on Satur-

day, Oct. 6th. Doors open at 6, Play at 7 PM.

The Breese Council Family Picnic on Sun. Sept. 16 featured great food and drink, and an opportunity for relaxation and fellowship among council family members. A big hit with the kids was the barrel train ride, kept busy for much of the day including one ride by the Grand Knight with Rich Eilermann as driver! Let's all thank Deputy Grand Knight Rich Robben for his work in planning and preparing for the picnic. Good Job Rich!

Our Friday, Sept. 28th Chicken/Fish Dinner profits will be donated to the Breese Youth Ministry Group for their trip to the National Catholic Youth Conference in Columbus, Ohio in November. Thanks to the Friday morning chicken cleaners, Ralph Maue and the Mark Niemeyer Fry Crew for their extra work on this day!

Our council level Soccer Challenge was held on Sun. Sept. 30th with wins by Patrick Niemeyer, Alex Garcia, Adam Niedzwiecki and Tara Fisher who will advance to the District level competition on Nov. 3rd. Thanks to Dave and Brenda Niedzwiecki and their volunteers and to Dennis Litteken and Mater Dei High School for use of the gym. The District level and Regional level competitions will both be held at Mater Dei on Nov. 3rd.

Grand Knight

Rich Koerckenmeier

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October is Respect Life Month

Brothers, during this month we have several opportunities to demonstrate our K of C support of the Pro-Life Cause.

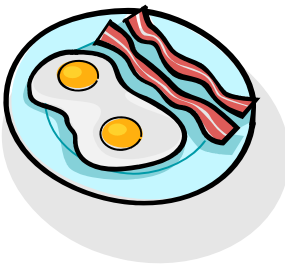
At Masses on Sat. Oct 6th and Sun. Oct 7th, Respect Life Sunday, our council will be offering the K of C Pro-Life Magnetic Ribbons for a \$5 donation with proceeds to be directed toward pro-life programs. Tony & Deb Antonacci have agreed to chair the Pro-Life efforts for this fraternal year.

On Sunday, Oct 7th, the National Life Chain will assemble from 2 PM to 3 PM on new highway 50 at Breese (Gather near the CC Food Mart/McDonalds). Participants will gather with signs and pray for an end to the “culture of death” in our nation.



North Central Deanery Pro-Life Breakfast: October 14th

The annual KC North Central Deanery Pro-Life Breakfast will be held on Sunday, October 14th from 8 AM to 12 PM at St. Lawrence Church in Sandoval. This breakfast is hosted each year by a different KC council in the North Central Deanery with the profits directed



toward pro-life activities by the hosting council. Each of the member councils of the NCD Group are asked to supply men to make this effort a success with at least five volunteers requested from our Breese Council for a 7 AM to 9:30 AM shift. Please consider volunteering for this important pro-life fundraising event or possibly loading up the car with family and friends for a trip to St. Lawrence Parish and breakfast at Sandoval.

PSR Benefit Dinner - October 28th

The annual Breese Council PSR Benefit Pork Sausage Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, October 28th. This event is an important fundraiser to benefit the religious education programs offered at some of our area parishes. These programs are vitally important in the continuing develop-

ment of the Catholic faith among our children. Brother Knights, once again, your valuable help is so important in making this another successful event! Thank you again, in advance for your continued cooperation.

Local Health Fair Screenings

St. Joseph’s Hospital will host health fair screenings from 6 to 10 AM on the following dates:

- Tues, Oct. 9 Carlyle KC Hall
- Thurs, Oct. 18 Germantown American Legion
- Thurs, Oct. 25 Breese KC Hall
- Wed, Oct. 31 St. Mary’s Parish Center Trenton



Wounded Heroes Wristbands

The Bishop Althoff 4th Degree Assembly will be offering “Wounded Heroes Wristbands” to benefit the Wounded Heroes Foundation. The Foundation was established to provide physical, emotional, and financial support to injured military men and women. Ask any 4th Degree member how you can help.



Washer Tournament - November 3rd

An open washer tournament has been scheduled at the Breese Knights of Columbus Hall for Saturday, November 3rd with food and a cash bar available. Participants can register in advance by phone to Jim Wesselmann at 526-7301, or at the door beginning at 11:30 AM on tournament day

with a \$10.00 entry fee. Tournament play begins at 12:30 PM and attendance prizes will be given as well. Come join the fun!

Memorial Mass and Breakfast - November 4th

On Sunday, November 4th, the annual Memorial Mass for the departed Brother Knights of the Breese Council will be offered by our chaplain Father Chuck Tuttle. The 10 AM Mass at St. Augustine Church will be followed by breakfast

at our council hall. Please join us along with family members of our departed brothers as well as the Bishop Althoff 4th Degree Assembly, as we remember these Knights at Mass.

Vocation Raffle Tickets

Dear Worthy Brother Knights: Today our Church needs you and your family more than ever before. The Catholic population is growing and the priests and religious are working harder and longer hours to provide for our spiritual needs. It is our privilege and duty to encourage vocations to priesthood, nuns and brothers by providing the financial resources to assist in their education and personal expenses. The cost to support the seminarians from our state of Illinois studying for the six dioceses is approximately \$700,000 per year.

To acquire these funds for the vocations and also earn very generous benefits for your council, a resolution was voted on and adopted at the Knights of Columbus, Illinois State Council Convention in Peoria, Illinois to support a state wide "Vocations Support Raffle."

The drawing for this raffle, with prizes of over \$20,000 in cash will be held at the Illinois State Council's Dist. Deputies meeting in Bloomington, IL on Sat. Dec. 1, 2007.

Enclosed, please find one raffle book with a sales value of \$15.00, to be sold, then returned 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 and send your raffle tickets stubs along with \$6.00 per book to the Illinois State Council KofC Charities Inc. 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!

Brother Knights, This is a great fundraiser for a great cause, please do all you can to sell these tickets. Additional raffle ticket books will be available from Chairman Mike Nettekmeier (526-4997) or GK Rich Koerkenmeier (974-1910).



MRLD Chairman's Note

To the Grand Knight:

Team work and dedication was shown when over 140 Brother Knights and Squires volunteered their services collecting money at street corners, stores, banks and churches during the MR/LD Drive. Their hard worked played a huge success in reaching our goal of \$7,170.02.

I want to thank the captains who helped me with the work schedules and printed the reminder post cards. Special thanks to Grand Knight Rich Korkermeier and Financial Secretary Joe Langhauser, who gave me all the necessary information

in preparing for the drive. They provided me with money deposit envelopes and when we were running low on tootsie rolls, they located more. Also, thank you to my wife Linda for assisting me on the computer and typing up the work schedules.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this drive successful. You made my job much easier.

Fraternally,



Ray Brosch

2007 Tootsie Roll Chairman

Breakfast & Conversation with Bishop Braxton - October 13th



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Please join me for continental breakfast and conversation

Saturday October 13, 2007

9 AM-10:30 AM

at

Knights of Columbus Hall

480 North Walnut

Breese

The Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton

Bishop of Belleville

I am inviting you to this informal gathering, which I would like to have in different areas of the Diocese from time to time.

The purpose of it is very simple: to provide an opportunity for Catholic people to come together for refreshments and have an opportunity to meet informally with me.

All are welcomed, including children.

While we are enjoying coffee and rolls I will share some brief reflections about the life of the Catholic Church around the world, the United States, and in our Diocese.

However, the majority of the time will be used for an occasion for you, the People of God, to share your ideas and experiences with me and to ask questions about any aspect about our faith and the life of the Church in our Diocese.



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Knight of the Month - Ray Brosch

Ray Brosch is our Knight of the Month for October. Ray and his wife Linda have lived in Breese since 1992, have been married for 21 years, and are members of St. Dominic Parish, where he serves as an usher. Having joined the Knights in 1994, Ray presently serves our council as Warden, is a Lightning crew captain as well as being a member of bingo and chicken fry crews. Just last month, as a first year chairman of our MRLD/Tootsie Roll fundraising effort, and with help from Linda, his team captains and many brother Knights, Ray led our council to successfully top our MRLD goal. Ray took this challenge seriously and worked very hard to plan and prepare for the project. He has affectionately become known to some of our brother Knights as "Mr. Tootsie", because of his appearance in some MRLD publicity photos over the past few years wearing the "tootsie roll" costume. Ray is also an avid crappie fisherman, deer hunter and gardener. Please congratulate and thank Ray for his valuable work for our council.

Catholic Radio

Don't Forget: Catholic radio has recently become 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.

Family of the Month - Dave & Brenda Niedzwiecki Family

Dave, Brenda, Amanda and Adam Niedzwiecki of St. Rose are our October Family of the Month, and serve our Church, community and council in various ways. Dave has been a KC member since 1997 and recently served as our council Soccer Challenge chairman. He has served on the St. Rose School Board for 11 years, is a long time children's sports coach in addition to beginning and leading the St. Rose youth soccer program for many years. Dave wishes to thank those who volunteered to help at the recent soccer challenge.

Brenda serves as a lector at Masses, is a Pre-K teacher and leads the "Parents as Teachers" Program at St. Rose School. She is also currently working in a program to become a National Board Certified Teacher.

Amanda serves as a Mass lector and a teacher in the St. Rose PSR Program, as well as working with the Liturgical Music Group at Mater Dei and the Breese Youth Ministry group. Adam is also a Mass lector and Mass server.



Spotlight on Squires

Our Breese Columbian Squires Circle members will be participating in the State Squires Bowling Tournament at Springfield, IL on Sunday, Oct. 7th. The Circle is planning an Investiture to bring in new members in November. Young men age 12 to 18 are encouraged to contact Squires Counselor Doug Kuhl at 830-1896 for further information.

