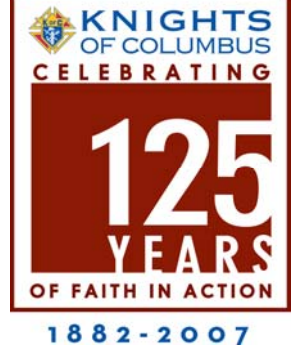




# THE KNIGHT LINE

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## Grand Knight's Notes

Having recently attended the KC Supreme Convention in Nashville, TN (along with the other Knights and Ladies from our area) was a great experience. The convention activities served to inspire and remind me of the tremendous value of membership in the Knights of Columbus. I believe all of us as Knights should work to inform other prospective new members of the many opportunities available in the K of C to live our faith by serving others, as Christ teaches in the Gospels.

This past month has once again been a busy one in our council. I wish to thank our Relay for Life Food Stand Chairmen Ron Kleiboeker and Jim Wesselmann and all those Knights and family members who helped us to provide food to the participants and make a donation to the Clinton County Relay for Life Group.

Thanks to Ralph Langhauser for his work in procuring the wheelchair presented to St. Anthony Church at our August council meeting.

On two Saturdays (August 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>), Ron Kleiboeker and crews cleaned tombstones at St. Dominic/St. Augustine Cemetery. Thank you to all participants.

Six members of the Breese Council participated in the State Horseshoe Tournament on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Breese Council Chancellor Jim Wesselmann finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in Class B and member Tom Wilke finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in Class A. Thanks to Jansen Chevrolet for providing transportation for our team members' trip to Springfield.

Also on August 18<sup>th</sup>, Breese Knights and members of nearby councils participated in the Germantown Spassfest Parade along with the Bishop Althoff 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Color Corps.

Rich Eilermann and GK Rich Koerkenmeier assisted Special Olympics Bowlers at their tournament on August 19<sup>th</sup> at St. Clair Bowl.

Our Breese KC Council Softball Team wrapped up their season on Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup> and had a great game the night before in the Breese City League Playoffs at the Breese North Park.

The K of C Day at Busch Stadium Cardinals win over the Braves on August 26<sup>th</sup> was enjoyed by the Mass Servers, Squires, KC members and families. Thanks to Chairman Mike & Cindy Niemeyer for their work.

Thanks to all who helped to make the August activities go smoothly!

Grand Knight

*Rich Koerkenmeier*

## World Day of Prayer for Peace September 11

With you, O Mother of the Redeemer, may the hymn of the humble and the poor rise to almighty God: may He, the merciful one, bring peace to earth, reconcile brothers at enmity, confound Cain, make Abel rise again; may He bring all of creation to the design He had at the beginning in the love of the Son, in the grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

-Pope John Paul II

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## September 13 - Meeting Night, Mass, and Ladies Program

**Attention Knights and Ladies!** Our September 13 meeting night will feature a Family Mass at 7 PM and a Ladies' Program beginning at approximately 7:45 PM. The regular council meeting will begin as usual at 8 PM. For the Ladies, Donita Morris of "Project Linus" will be on hand to make a presentation including a 20 minute video, provide an explanation of what Project Linus is about, and answer any questions. **Knights and Ladies,** Please plan now to join us for Mass and the Ladies' Program or Meeting with a light meal and fellowship to follow after these events.

Project Linus is a 100% volunteer non-profit organization with a two-fold mission:

**First,** it is our mission to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans, lovingly created by volunteer "blanketeers."

**Second,** it is our mission to provide a rewarding and fun service opportunity for interested individuals and groups in local communities, for the benefit of children.

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## Texas Hold'em & Blackjack - Saturday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>

Our Council will again host a Texas Hold'em Tournament along with open-entry Blackjack on Saturday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. Doors will open at 6 PM, with Blackjack available at that time, while the Texas Hold'em play will commence at 7 PM, with an entry fee of \$35. Chairmen Brian Czerniewski, Rich Eiler-

mann and Gary Jansen would greatly appreciate the cooperation of those brother Knights on the Hold'em workers list to help make this another successful fundraiser for Knights of Columbus charities. For further information call Brian at 795-0223. Another event is planned for Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.

(Tournament operated under license # CG 1676).



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## Family Picnic—Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>

Plan now to attend our Breese Council Family Picnic on Sunday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> at the Breese North Park Center Pavilion beginning at 2 PM. Meat, potato and drinks will be provided for the meal scheduled

to be served around 5 PM. 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. Deputy Grand Knight Rich Robben is organizing the event with help from Chancellor Jim Wesselmann. Kids' activities including a "barrel train" ride, a kids' scavenger hunt and other organized games with prizes are planned. Please invite any prospective new member and his family to come as well. Please RSVP to DGK Rich Robben at 526-2970 by September 12<sup>th</sup> with the number of adults and children planning to attend.





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

### Coming to a Street Near You!

It is almost time for our annual MRLD (Mental Retardation/Learning Disabled) Tootsie Roll Drive, scheduled for the weekend of September 21, 22 & 23. Last year, the profits from this fund drive benefited many local groups and individuals.

Below is a list of organizations that received donations from last year's drive:

- Clinton County Community Link
- Area 12 Special Olympics
- Germantown Group Home
- Aviston Group Home
- Disability Awareness Day
- Clinton County Advocate for Recreational Activities (at Murray Center)

- SAVE Program
- Ministry for the Sick and Aged
- Illinois Center for Autism
- Murray Center Assoc. of Parents and Friends

As you can see, your donations from last year provided indispensable assistance to some exceptional local organizations.

Chairman Ray Brosch and his collection team captains have been at work preparing for this year's collection. Brother Knights, please make every effort to be on time to work your shift as so many organizations depend on our contributions. Your Team Captain, Chairman, Grand Knight and Council are depending on you! Thank you, brothers, for your valued assistance.



## Deacon Formation Mass September 22

Breese Council Knights are invited to the Cathedral at Belleville to attend a Mass of Installation to the Ministry of Acolyte, during which two of our Brother Knights, Rich Bagby (St. Boniface Parish) and Linus Klostermann (St. Dominic Parish) will take the next step toward ordination as Deacons. Please contact GK Rich Koerkenmeier ([grandknight@breeseknights.org](mailto:grandknight@breeseknights.org)) or 974-1910 if you are interested in attending.

## Catholic Radio

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.

## Website and E-mail Changes

The Breese Council Website address and e-mail addresses have changed as we began the new fraternal year. Thanks to the work of our Webmaster Ahren Langhauser, our website has been transferred to [www.breeseknights.org](http://www.breeseknights.org).

GK Rich Koerkenmeier can be reached at

[grandknight@breeseknights.org](mailto: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](mailto:fs@breeseknights.org)





## National Catholic Youth Conference Donation – September 28th

Please join us on Friday night, September 28, 2007, as we donate our chicken fry profits to the youth from St. Augustine and St. Dominic in Breese who plan to attend the National Catholic Youth Convention in Columbus, Ohio on November 8-10, 2007.

The National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) is an exciting, biennial three-day experience of prayer, community, and empowerment for Catholic teenagers. The conference theme this year is "Discover the Way." More than 20,000 youth and adult chaperones are expected to participate.

Youth will enjoy speakers, workshops, live music, rousing large sessions, and a huge closing liturgy. In addition, they will be exploring their faith in a supportive environment. And, perhaps best of all, they will be part of an enormous community of peers who love Jesus and aren't afraid to show it!

Teens and youth leaders will come together to harness the experience and bring it back to their parishes!

Steve Angrisano, a nationally known Christian artist, will be the MC, rocking the Nationwide Center with his great songs and inspiring stories. Also featured will be Renee Bondi, nationally known Christian writer and entertainer.

The youth attending from Breese are Kristin Kuhl, Amanda Kampwerth, Matthew Dougherty, Amanda Rakers, Jamie Litteken and Sarah Kuhl. Along with the youth, their four youth ministers will chaperone the event. These adults are Helen Essenpreis, Diane Klostermann, Mary Miesner and Cheryl Loepker.

Your support will be greatly appreciated. Let's show these youth and leaders that they matter to us!

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## Soccer Challenge - September 30

The Third Annual Breese Council Soccer Challenge is scheduled to begin at 1 PM on Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at the Mater Dei High School practice gym. The competition is open to boys and girls ages 10 to 14 years old and further information will be available from Chairman Dave Niedzwiecki at 654-6557.



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## October is Respect Life Month

October is designated as Respect Life Month by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, with Sunday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> known as Respect Life Sunday. After masses on Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, the Breese Knights plan to make available the attractive Pro-Life Magnetic Ribbons for a \$5 donation, with proceeds to benefit pro-life activities. The National Life Chain will also be held on Sunday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>, when people across our country gather to form a human chain to pray silently for an end to abortion and the

"culture of death" which has developed in our nation. Local participants will gather, hold signs and pray from 2 to 3 PM at various locations along new highway 50. (Gather near the CC Food Mart/McDonalds south of new highway 50 at Breese). I urge all Brother Knights to give this hour to become a part of the "Culture of Life".

-Grand Knight Rich Koerkenmeier



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## Knight of the Month - Ron Kleiboeker

Please thank our September Knight of the Month Ron Kleiboeker for his dedicated service. Ron is a past Grand Knight and currently serves as one of three Trustees for the Breese Council. Over the last few months, Ron has led a group of Knights in three cemetery tombstone cleaning operations at the St. Dominic/St. Augustine Parishes Cemetery at Breese which has dramatically improved the view of the main entrance/ circle drive area.

## Blue Sky Recycling Container at KC Hall

Thank you, Brother Knights, for learning about the new Blue Sky paper products recycling container and for your care in placing only paper and light cardboard items inside. Just to remind those members who may not have heard, each "dump" of the container generates \$25 income if we deposit paper products only. ALLOWABLE items include newspapers, office paper, magazines, soft books, phone books and light cardboard. NOT ALLOWABLE are large corrugated cardboard, plastic of any kind, cans, bottles, food items etc! Members are encouraged to bring in and deposit ALLOWABLE items listed above, but please be sure to keep non-paper items out. When working on fry crews and bingo crews, please help remind each other of these requirements and thank you for your attention and cooperation.

## Family of the Month - Barry & Ann Hampel

Please congratulate Barry & Ann Hampel of St. Felicitas Parish at Beaver Prairie as the Breese Council September Family of the Month. Barry and Ann recently celebrated 31 years of marriage and are the parents of three children: Jessie, Jaclyn and John. The Hampels are very active in parish life, in support of Catholic education, in service to the community, and in support of pro life and pro family values.

Barry has served on the Mater Dei High School Board of Education for 6 years, in addition to 13 years service on the Breese District 12 Board. Barry and Ann are involved in support of the Mater Dei Band and both have been active in planning and fundraising work for the recent Music Room addition at All Saints Academy in Breese.

Ann, a graduate of Mater Dei, who serves as a lector and Eucharistic Minister, recently completed many

years of service on the St. Felicitas Parish Pastoral Council and is currently a member of the Parish Cluster Council. She has worked as an Intensive Care Unit Nurse at Memorial Hospital in Belleville for 31 years and recently was presented with a Nursing Excellence Award by the hospital. It is a common practice for Ann to go beyond the normal duties of her job to explain and clarify medical complexities to patients and family members, often on her own time and at times for patients to whom she has not even been assigned as part of her normal work load.

Please remember to thank the Hampel family for the many ways in which they serve others!

