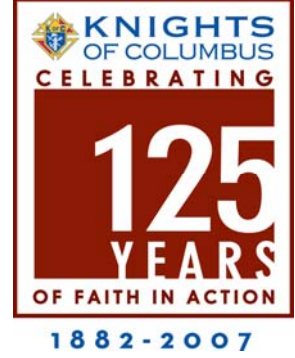




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Grand Knight's Notes

After our observance of Holy Week and Easter it appears that spring has sprung, God's creation in nature is springing to life once again. In the month of March, our council has also been growing as we have added 23 new brother Knights to our ranks. Special thanks goes out to our many members who have recruited and proposed new members, participated in

degree team work and helped with cooking etc. for our Palm Sunday Major Degree. By our continued efforts at recruiting, we help to assure the success of the Breese Council into future years.

Grand Knight
Rich Koerkenmeier

Welcome to our New Brother Knights!

Please join me in welcoming the 23 Knights who joined our Breese Council during the month of March. Thanks to the great help of many Breese Council members, we were fortunate to have held a wonderfully successful Major Degree bringing in 18 new Knights on Palm Sunday, March 16th only to follow up ten days later with the addition of five more new members! It was a great honor to welcome the Reverend Father Benjamin Stern of St. Dominic Parish into our coun-

cil along with the following new members:

Jason Book, Chris Cluck, Andy Duncan, Nathan Graham, Zachary Graham, Chad Heimann, Kyle Heimann, Douglas Huegen, Chris Loepker, Cory Loepker, Max Luksetich, Kyle Manske, Randy Pollmann, Nick Pruitt, Phil Pruitt, Brett Richter, Kevin Schlarmann, Scott Thole, Eric Tschannen, Tyler Tschannen, Randy Venhaus, and Brandon Weathers.

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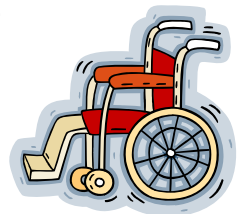
Mailing & E-mail Address Changes

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. See the Council Contact information on page 5 for e-mail addresses and phone numbers.



Wheelchair Presentations to Parishes

The Breese Council recently donated wheelchairs for use at several of our local parish churches. Last month, new folding wheelchairs were presented to St. Augustine & St. Dominic Parishes in Breese and to St. Felicitas Parish at Beaver Prairie, based on the need in each parish. Last year we donated one unit to St. Anthony Parish at Beckemeyer. Also in March, our council cooperated in a joint effort with the O'Fallon Council in a donation of wheelchairs to St. Clare of Assisi Parish, where Father Jim Deiters, originally of St. Anthony Parish in Beckemeyer currently serves as Pastor. Some of the profits from our Texas Hold-em events have been dedicated to the wheelchair program.





Election of Convention Delegate and Alternates

At our April 10th monthly council meeting we will hold a special election to select one primary delegate and two alternate delegates for the upcoming State Convention. This announcement was made at the March council meeting. Normally the voting delegates to the State Convention would be the immediate Past Grand Knight and the

current Grand Knight, however our immediate Past Grand Knight Shane Bowen has moved and transferred membership to another KC council so he will not be able to represent Breese Council at convention.



Texas Hold-em & Blackjack - April 26th

Our next Texas Hold-em & Blackjack event will be held on Saturday, April 26th. Doors will open and Blackjack begins at 6 PM, with Texas Hold-em play starting at 7 PM. You can help insure the success of this event by helping to spread the word and inviting friends who may be interested in playing.



Prayer Service at the Monument to the Unborn - April 30 (tentative)

All will be invited to join together for a prayer service tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 30th, 6:30 PM at the Breese Knights of Columbus monument to the unborn. Further information will be available soon in our Church bulletins and at www.breeseknights.org

State Convention - May 23rd-25th

Give some thought to attending the Illinois Knights of Columbus State Convention to be held at Lombard, Illinois on May 23rd through the 25th. An information packet with details about the convention and many related activities will be available for viewing at the Breese KC Hall Lounge for anyone interested in attending. A block of 15 rooms has been reserved at the Westin Hotel in Lombard for Breese Knights and Ladies with a room cost of \$109. A bus has also been chartered with tentative plans to leave from the Breese KC Hall on Friday at 7:00 AM and returning to Breese the afternoon of Sunday, May 25th. The bus costs for Breese Council Members will be paid by the council but Breese Knights and their wives planning to ride are ex-

pected to work at the Mater Dei High School Band Banquet to be served at the Breese KC Hall on Monday, May 19th.

To register for a hotel room, bus trip etc. please obtain and complete one of the forms in the information packet at the Breese Hall Lounge and return to Grand Knight Rich Koerkenmeier in the downstairs GK mailbox behind the bar. The form must be returned to the Grand Knight no later than Sunday, April 27th. You may also call with any questions to 974-1910 or e-mail grandknight@breeseknights.org

PGK Dinner Party Honoring Shane & Sheena Bowen

Immediate Past Grand Knight Shane Bowen and his wife Sheena were honored on March 8th at this years Past Grand Knights Dinner and party. After a special Mass at St. Dominic Church, a wonderful dinner and great fellowship was shared by all in attendance and we thank PGK Curt Zurliene and his wife Maria for their work in preparing the event. Shane and Sheena, now residing in Vandalia, were blessed by the birth of their first child, daughter Eleanor "Ellie" Bowen on Feb. 11th 2008. Congratulations and best wishes.



Departed Brother Knights

Sadly, in the past month, our council has suffered the loss of two of our brother Knights. Art Kueneke of Breese died on March 20th and Ferd Deiters, also of Breese died on March 30th. Thanks to those Breese Council Knights who attended the visitations and prayed together for our departed brothers.



Breese Council Basketball Team State Champions

Congratulations to our Breese Council Knights basketball team for playing hard to bring home top honors, winning the Illinois State Knights of Columbus basketball tournament hosted by the Teutopolis Council on March 30th.

After a challenging Saturday afternoon game against the T-town older team, our Knights enjoyed the Saturday night camaraderie of their host brother Knights. Sunday however brought very stiff competition from the T-town younger team and an even tougher challenge from the

Bartelso Knights team, but in the end our Breese Knights achieved a narrow victory.

Our six member team consisted of brother Knights Zach Lammers, Chris Loepker, Cory Loepker, Luke Niemeyer, Eric Tschannen and Tyler Tschannen.



Special Interactive K of C Web Site on Papal Visit to U.S.

The Knights of Columbus has launched a new Web site aimed at keeping people up to date on Pope Benedict XVI's visit to the United States next month. The Catholic Cable Network EWTN is cosponsoring the site.

The site, www.papaltrip.org, provides a variety of interactive items related to the popes itinerary, the history of the papacy and the United States, and also features regular news updates on the pope to allow people to familiarize themselves with this man and to follow the pope's journey to the United States more closely.

"We realize that there are far more people who would like to see the pope during this trip than will be able to do so," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson.

"We hope that this site will allow people to better understand the pope before his visit, and to follow closely his activities in the United States."

The site includes biographical information on the pope, links to his books and writings, a history of the popes and the United States, and news about the pope and his planned trip. The site will also feature prayers for the pope's trip, a blog, and live streaming coverage of papal events via EWTN.

Pope Benedict will be in the United States from April 15 to 20, 2008, visiting New York and Washington, D.C.

EWTN is the global Catholic television network based in Irondale, Alabama.

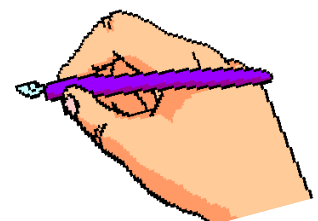
Special Olympics Service Opportunity May 3rd

The Illinois Special Olympics Spring Games scheduled for May 3rd have been moved from the SIU Campus at Edwardsville to the Highland High School. Brother Knights are needed as volunteers to help in various ways ranging from helping with track and field events to possibly distributing lunches or presenting awards. An information packet and a volunteer sign-up sheet will be available at the KC Hall Lounge bulletin board.

The Knights of Columbus has an exceptional relationship with Special Olympics. The Illinois Knights of Columbus are the Gold Medal Sponsors of all the Spring Games being conducted. Through our volunteer efforts, we are certain to enhance and expand this cooperative strategy for the benefit of these wonderful athletes.

State Essay Contest Chapter Winners from Breese Council

The essays of two winners from the Breese Council competition of the State Essay Contest have advanced on to win top honors in judging at the Belleville Diocesan Chapter level competition. The winner in the Junior Division (7th, 8th and 9th grades) is Maddy Wilson of Breese, while the essay of Kendra Deerhake was judged best in the Senior Division (10th, 11th and 12th grades). Congratulations to Maddy and Kendra as their essays now progress to judging at the state level.





Knights of Columbus Member/Spouse - Fraternal Benefit

Whereas, the primary purpose of our Order as set forth in the Charter, Section 2 (a) is “rendering pecuniary aid to its members, their families, and beneficiaries of members and their families,” and (b) “rendering mutual aid and assistance to its sick, disabled, and needy families;” and

Whereas, the Board of Directors, at the request of the Supreme Council in this International Year of the Family, 1994, desires to recognize the numerous contributions made by members of the Knights of Columbus, their spouses and families, to the welfare, growth, and financial stability of the Order through their varied activities and charitable works for the benefit of mankind; and in appreciation for their efforts expended in membership recruitment and council development; it was

Voted, at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors on October 20–23, 1994, that a Member/Spouse Fraternal Benefit be given at no cost to all members (and their wives) in good standing, belonging to councils of and residing in countries that have been designated as insurance territories by the Supreme Council, provided that the member’s council is in good standing.

Accidental Death Benefit

The Knights of Columbus will pay a benefit upon the death of a member or his spouse, occurring within 90 days, as the result of injury sustained in a covered accident. Protection is on a 24-hour basis for accidents that may occur anywhere in the world during activities on or off the job, on business, pleasure, vacation, or at home, except for the exclusions listed.

Benefits

<i>Years of Continuous Membership</i>	<i>Member Benefit</i>	<i>Spouse Benefit</i>
Less than two years	\$1,000	\$1,000
Two years, but less than three	1,500	1,500
Three years, but less than four	2,000	2,000
Four years or more	2,500	2,500

- The benefit amount will be reduced by \$500 on the member’s 65th birthday and each subsequent birthday, until the benefit amount is stabilized at \$1,000. The \$1,000 coverage will continue thereafter, provided the member and the member’s council are in good standing and both so reflected on the records of the Supreme Council.
- The spouse benefit at all times corresponds to the member’s benefit. At no time will the spouse benefit exceed the member’s benefit. Should the member predecease his wife, she shall continue to be covered thereafter at a fixed benefit of \$1,000. Should the spouse and the member die within 90 days from the same accident, however, the scheduled benefit will be paid.

Beneficiaries

The accidental death benefit will be paid to the next of kin in accordance with Section 71.2 of the Order’s laws. The claim for this accidental death benefit must be received at the Supreme Office of the Knights of Columbus within three years of the date of death.

Exclusions

This accidental death benefit will not be paid if death results from: suicide, self-inflicted injury while sane or insane; sickness or disease (except bacterial infection resulting from accidental cut or wound); flying, except as a fare-paying passenger on a regularly scheduled airline; or injury from driving or riding in a speed or organized contest.

Amendment or Discontinuation

The Member/Spouse Fraternal Benefit shall be effective September 1, 1994, and may be amended or discontinued at any time by action of the Order’s Board of Directors.

Contact our KC Insurance Field Agent Jeff Niemeyer (618-210-0365 or jeff.niemeyer@kofc.org) or review KC Publication # 2773 for further details.



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Knight of the Month - Jeff Niemeyer

Our Knights of Columbus Insurance Field Agent Jeff Niemeyer has been selected as our April Knight of the Month. Jeff handles the KC Insurance needs at the councils in Aviston, Bartelso, Breese, Carlyle, Nashville and Sandoval. He also serves our council as Membership Director and has been working diligently this fraternal year to recruit many candidates who have become our brother Knights. In addition, Jeff strives to help our council achieve the necessary insurance sales gains which are required to obtain the Star Council Award offered by the Supreme Council each fraternal year. He is also a Friday fry crew member and Lightning crew member. Jeff is a member of St. Augustine Parish in Breese, joined the Knights in August of 2006 and has become active in many ways in this short time. Please congratulate and thank Jeff for the contribution he has made to our Breese Council.

Career Opportunity

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a Field Agent for a career opportunity representing their insurance program. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please contact Stan Mudd, General Agent, at 618-282-2246.



Spotlight on Squires

The Breese Columbian Squires Circle members are preparing for their annual trip to the Illinois Squires State Convention at Springfield scheduled for April 11th, 12th and 13th. The convention activities include various awards, state officer election, mass and banquet. The Squires wish to thank all who braved the stormy weather of March 30th to join in prayer at the Living Rosary service.



Family of the Month - Carl & Vonnie Ratermann

On your next visit to the Breese KC Hall please remember to congratulate our April Family of the Month, Carl and Vonnie Ratermann. Carl is our KC Hall Manager, but he and Vonnie work many hours in close cooperation to ensure the smooth operation of events and activities at the hall. Carl and Vonnie, members of St. Augustine Parish, have been married for almost 37 years and are the parents of son Travis, and older sister Stacy, who has 3 children of her own. Carl has been a Knight for 26 years and is a Friday fry crew and bingo crew member. He began serving as Hall Manager two years ago and he and Vonnie also work together on the catering crew in cooking for many dinner events held at the Breese KC Hall. Carl is a member of the Breese City Council serving Ward 2, is current president of the Breese Optimists Club as well as president of the Saenger Chor. Please remember to stop by and thank them for their efforts.

