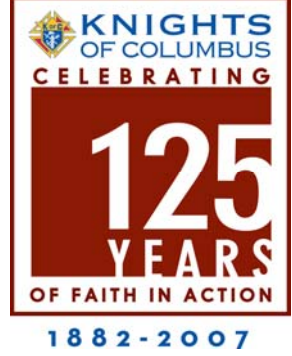




THE KNIGHT LINE

BREESE COUNCIL #2869

FEBRUARY 2008



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Grand Knight's Notes

Thanks brother Knights for another month of great service to our council! Another successful blood drive was completed this month with help from Jim Kaulig, Millie Wesselmann and the Daughters of Isabella, and from the brother Knights and others who came to donate.

Our council Membership Dinner & Party was enjoyed by all, 50/50 winners were; cash to Maurice Huelsmann, council shirt to Ann Kohnen, council cap to Dan Liening. Thank you to our brother Knights from the Michael J. Haukap Council at Aviston for cooking and serving the great meal!

We thank those who donated in our Pro-Life Lapel Rose collection which allowed us to help support the students

who ventured to Washington DC for the Pro-Life Rally and March.

I also wish to thank Father Jim Buerster, Joe Langhauser and our brother Knights of St. Boniface Parish for their help in a successful membership recruitment drive at Masses on Feb. 2nd and 3rd. We plan to continue these recruitment activities in all our parishes to gather potential new members to the Breese Council for our Palm Sunday Major Degree on March 16th. I ask for your continued assistance as we work together to bring our fellow Catholic gentlemen into the Knights of Columbus.

Grand Knight
Rich Koerkeemeier

Family Mass, Ladies Program & Council Meeting -

Knights and Ladies: Please join us on Valentine's Day, February 14th at the Breese KC Hall upstairs for Mass at 7 PM, followed by a Ladies Program which

will include a film about the life of Saint Valentine, and our regular monthly council meeting at 8 PM.

Membership Dues

Brother Knights, if you have not yet paid your 2008 membership dues, please do so as soon as possible. Dues notices have been mailed and your prompt response would be greatly appreciated.

Chicken Dinner to Benefit All Saints Academy - February 24th

Please join us in supporting the All Saints Academy and enjoy a great chicken dinner on Sunday, Feb. 24th from 11 AM to 6 PM.



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Council Free Throw Championship - February 17th

The Breese Council Free Throw Championship Competition will be held on Sunday, Feb. 17th in the practice gym at Mater Dei High School in Breese with registration beginning at 2:30 PM and free throw competition at 3 PM. Entry forms will be available at area schools and at the gym on the day of competition. The contest is open to all boys and girls ages 10 to 14 years as of January 1st, 2008 and each participant must show proof of age which must accompany all entry forms. Each child may participate in only one council level competition. Winners at the council level will move on to district and possibly regional competition which will both be held at Mater Dei on March 1st.

Council Spelling Bee - Feb 17th

The annual Breese Council Spelling Bee for area students has been scheduled for Sunday, February 17th, with registration at 12:30 PM and spelling at 1 PM.

Williamson County Bowl for Charity - February 23rd & 24th

Any Breese Council members interested in bowling in the Williamson County Bowl for Charity should contact Gary Jansen at 772-8638 or 526-4031 as soon as possible. Registration information was received late with a published entry deadline of Feb. 8th so please contact him ASAP if interested.



Past Grand Knights Party - March 8th

Attention all Breese Council Past Grand Knights, check your calendars to be sure you have reserved the evening of Saturday, March 8th for the Past Grand Knights Party. Invitations will be sent soon! Hope to see all PGKs and wives there for a great time!

Lenten Fish Dinners

Please help spread the word to family, friends and neighbors about the many delicious Breese KC Council Lenten Fish offerings from the following menu, available on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent from 4 to 7 PM. Also, please remember that our regular Friday night fry crews are still needed to assist our fish fry crew with these Lenten season kitchen and serving operations. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication to the success of this great program!

Breese Knights of Columbus
 Council #2869
 Lenten Menu
 Serving:
 Ash Wednesday
 and every Friday during Lent
 From 4 PM till 7 PM

DINE IN or CARRY OUT
 (Please order by item #)

Dinners

#1 - White Fish Fillet Dinner	\$7.00
#2 - White Fish Strip Dinner	\$7.00
#3 - Shrimp (6) Dinner	\$7.00
#4 - Whole Catfish Dinner	\$7.00

(All dinners include choice of any 2 of the following:
 French Fries, Potato Salad, Slaw or Hush Puppies)

Boxes

#5 - Box of 8 Fillets	\$9.00
#6 - Box of 16 Strips	\$9.00
#7 - Box of 8 Shrimp	\$6.50

Individual items

Whole Catfish	\$5.00
Fillet Sandwich	\$3.50
Strip Sandwich	\$3.50
French Fries	\$1.00
Potato Salad	\$1.00
Hush Puppies	\$1.00
Slaw	\$0.50

State Basketball Tourney - March 29th & 30th

Any members interested in competing in the State K of C basketball tournament at Teutopolis, contact Gary Jansen at 772-8638 or 526-4031 for further info.





Trivia Night for Newman Fund - Saturday, March 1st



You can have a great time while helping to raise funds for Newman Catholic Student Centers in Illinois by participating in the Trivia Night at the Breese KC Hall on Saturday night, March 1st. The Newman Centers offer a Catholic presence at many Illinois colleges and universities during what can be a very trying time in the faith lives of many

young adults. Table registration begins at 6:45 PM with trivia questions beginning at 7:30 PM. Entry fee will be \$100 per table with a maximum of 10 persons. Snacks and food may be brought in but all drinks must be purchased at the bar.

Texas Hold-em & Blackjack - Sunday, March 2nd

Special thanks to the Chairmen Brian Czerniewski, Rich Eilermann, Gary Jansen and all the Breese Knights who helped to make our last Texas Hold-em/Blackjack event a successful one.

Our next Texas Hold-em and Blackjack Tournament has been scheduled for the afternoon of Sunday, March 2nd. Doors open and Blackjack play begins at 12:30 PM, and the Texas Hold-em tournament will commence at 1:30 PM. Please help to spread the word to those you know who may be interested in playing.



Illinois K of C Euchre Tournament Sites

Sunday, March 2, 1:30 PM at Neoga, IL
Friday, March 7, 7 PM at Mascoutah, IL
Sunday, March 30, 1:30 PM at Highland

Please call Pete Schumacher at 618-224-9347 or Dan Schaefer at 847-639-7779 for further info.

Training Opportunities for "Food Service Sanitation Managers Certification"

Brother Knight Ralph Maue has made arrangements with Mr. Tim O'Connell of O'Connell's Food Service to provide training courses at our Breese KC Hall for those wishing to obtain the Illinois "Food Service Sanitation Manager Certification." The course provides training on food safety and handling, as well as a better understanding of why these things are important and the consequences that can occur. The training is open to anyone in the food service business wishing to obtain the FSSMC Certificate. The arrangement would allow Breese Council members to attend the 15 hour training course approved by the IL Dept. of Public Health, and take the certification exam with no tuition cost to member or council, (as long as other non-council tuition paying students at-

tend the class as well). (The IL Dept. of Public Health requires a \$35 certificate fee after passing the certification exam). Classes will run 2 days from 9 AM to 5:30 PM with a 30 minute break for lunch. Refresher course training required for renewal of the FSSMC Certificate runs from 9 AM to approx. 3:30 PM on the first of the 2 days of training. The first training opportunity is scheduled for Mon, February 25th and Wed. Feb 27th from 9 AM to 5:30 PM both days, with a 30 minute break for lunch. Additional dates scheduled are April 14 & 16, July 14 & 16 and Oct. 13&15. Any brother Knights interested in attending the training to receive or renew the FSSMC certification should contact Ralph Maue at 526-7176 or 210-4267 as soon as possible.

Columbian Association Board Election & Meeting Start Time Reminder

At the annual Columbian Assn. Meeting on Jan. 17th, Joe Eilers and Mike Kuhl were re-elected and Kyle Ritzheimer was elected to fill the seat of retiring board member Gerard Rolfingsmeyer. We thank

Gerard for his years of service on the board. Remember, the start time for monthly Columbian Association Board Meetings has changed to 8:00 PM. The meeting night remains on the 1st Wednesday of each month.



Papal Visit - April 15th-20th

The following is an excerpt of a letter from our Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson:

It is with joy and hope-filled anticipation that the Knights of Columbus awaits the first pastoral journey of His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI to the United States, April 15-20, 2008.

For several years we have proudly proclaimed ourselves to be "In Solidarity With Our Priests and Bishops." That solidarity is manifested in a preeminent way through our fidelity to the Supreme Pontiff. Therefore, in preparation for Pope Benedict XVI's visit, the Supreme Council has developed several ways for Knights to express our being "**In Solidarity With Our Holy Father.**" The first of these avenues is to join in prayer for the success of the Holy Father's visit. To this end, **papal visit prayer cards** are available and are being distributed in every country in which our Order is present, in the hope that brother Knights around the world can join in prayer as the Holy Father comes to the United States. Knights are also encouraged to visit www.kofc.org and add their names to the **Spiritual E-Bouquet** of prayers for the papal visit.

The second way to celebrate the Holy Father's visit is to strengthen our Order by adding many more members to our ranks. Each time I have had the honor of meeting with Pope Benedict, the Holy Father has clearly expressed his great appreciation for the Knights of Columbus and our unparalleled service to the Church, not only to the Vatican but particularly at the local parish level. We do so much now with 1.7 million members, but we must ask ourselves how much more we could do with 2 million or 3 million members – just imagine if your council had twice as many members as it

does today! This potential to increase our charitable and volunteer works should drive and inspire our recruitment efforts. Therefore, we are conducting a special **papal visit membership campaign** in honor of the Holy Father, to build up our Order so that we might be an even stronger "right arm of the Church" and our parish priests.

As part of this membership campaign, every First Degree until June 30 should be held in honor of Pope Benedict XVI. Special **new member certificates** will follow under separate cover for distribution to Knights initiated at these degrees. Additionally, through June 30, proposers of new members will receive a special **recruiter commemorative coin**, the design of which is shown at the top of this memorandum. Finally, the names of all new members added through June 30 will be inscribed in a **tribute book** that will be presented to the Holy Father as a sign of our growth in his honor and of our increased ability to be of service to the Church.

Thank you in advance for engaging your council in these programs. Let us also join together in fervent prayer for the intercession of our beloved founder, the Servant of God Father Michael J. McGivney, for the success of these initiatives and of the Holy Father's visit to the United States.

Papal visit prayer cards will be available for those attending our February 14th Family Mass and regular council meeting and we hope to have a supply to include in the March newsletter mailing.

Papal Visit Prayer

Almighty Father, who pours forth blessings in abundance upon us, we humbly pray that you will inspire, guide and protect Pope Benedict XVI on his pastoral visit to the United States. Lord God, bless our Holy Father who comes as a messenger of peace and charity to all people of faith and good will. May his presence in the United States serve to build up the bonds that unite us who are each made in your image and likeness, and may his teaching and witness strengthen the faith

of the People of God. Father, we lovingly entrust Pope Benedict's visit to the care of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Queen of the Americas. Through her prayers may he be preserved from all harm, and may he shine forth with the truth of the Gospel that he proclaims, and may his presence among us foster a renewal of the Church in our country. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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Spotlight on Squires



The Breese Columbian Squires wish to thank all who supported their recent breakfast. The 50/50 drawing winner was Julius "Rookie" Kampwerth. The Breese Squires will again host the State Squires Basketball Tournament to be held on March 2nd at Mater Dei High School. The Breese Circle is planning an investiture to bring in new members on Wed. Feb. 13th and will again hold the Pro-Life Living Rosary on Monday, March 24th at the Breese KC Hall.

Council Website

Reminder - The monthly newsletter will be available on the council website shortly after newsletter publication.

Knight of the Month - Brian Czerniewski

Our Knight of the Month for February is Brian Czerniewski. Brian has been a member of our council for less than 2 years but has stepped up as a chairman of our Texas Hold-em events as well as participating on a Friday fry crew and assisting in cooking for various events held at our hall. Please thank Brian for his willingness to take on these responsibilities.

Family of the Month - Doug & Cindy Kuhl

Please offer your congratulations and thanks to the Doug and Cindy Kuhl family as the Breese Council Family of the Month for February. Doug and Cindy along with children Kristen, Austin and Logan who are members of St. Dominic parish, find many ways to serve our council as well as church, school and community. Doug is a PGK of the Breese Council and now serves as Chief of the Breese Columbian Squires Circle. He is active as a bingo crew leader and fry crew member, has perennially served as a chairman of ASA and PSR benefit dinners, and as fry chairman at parish dinners. Doug is a past ASA school board president, and both he and Cindy are Eucharistic ministers. Daughter Kristen is a member of the Mater Dei Youth Ministry group, yearbook and newspaper staff, lector, cantor and Eucharistic minister, and St. Vincent DePaul Society member. Austin is a Mass server, usher and Marshall in the Squires Circle. Logan is also a Mass server and student council member at ASA.



Council Shirts & Caps

A new order of Breese Council Shirts and Caps has been received and are now available from Financial Secretary Joe Langhauser. The shirts are white "Outer Banks" brand polo shirts embroidered with the KC logo and Breese Council name. Cost for small to X-large will be \$27 (larger sizes a few dollars more). Caps are red, white and blue with embroidery and will cost \$10.

Mailing Address Changes & E-mail Addresses

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 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.