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Grand Knight's Notes

Our Breese Council was honored with several awards at the recent Illinois Knights of Columbus State Convention at Lombard, Illinois. As a result of the many hours of our combined and dedicated effort over this fraternal year, I was privileged to be able to represent our council in accepting the following:

- The "Spirit of Illinois" Gold Medal Trophy, for completion of more than 45 programs in the areas of Church, Community, Council, Family and Youth.
- The State Deputy Membership Award, 2nd Place in Highest Gross Membership.
- The Illinois State Council Pro-Life Award for best Pro Life Program.
- The Illinois State Council Charities Certificate of High Achievement, for achieving 100% of Goal in all 4 Charities, MRLD, Vocations, Newman Fund and Charitable Assistance. The total donated by our council in these areas was nearly \$14,000 while the total donated by our council to all charitable causes in this fraternal year is over \$33,000.

- Best Newsletter Award
- Best Scrapbook Award

The Breese Council was also successful in sponsoring a resolution which passed at Convention requesting the Supreme Council to establish a "Keep Christ In Christmas" Program at the Supreme Level.

The trip to State Convention was enjoyed by twenty seven Knights and Ladies from Breese and neighboring councils with added visits to Benedictine University and St. Procopius Abbey in Lisle, Illinois as well as to the Special Olympics Tribute Park in Normal, Illinois.

As we near the close of the fraternal year I wish to express my thanks to all the Breese Council officers, trustees, program directors, event chairmen and members who worked so well together to make possible a very successful year!

Grand Knight

Rich Koerkeemeier

Council Meeting & Officer Elections

Election of officers will be held for the 2008-2009 Breese Council Fraternal Year during our regular monthly meeting at 8 PM on Thursday, June 12th. Prospective officers are as follows:

- Chaplain - Father Chuck Tuttle
- Grand Knight - Richard Robben
- Deputy Grand Knight - Available
- Chancellor - Aaron Haag
- Recorder - Shane Bowen
- Financial Secretary - Joe Langhauser
- Treasurer - Available
- Lecturer - Ralph Langhauser

- Warden - Ray Brosch
- Advocate - Available
- Guards - Ken Jansen, Steve Timmermann, One Position Available
- 3 Year Trustee - Rich Koerkeemeier
- 2 Year Trustee - Gary Jansen
- 1 Year Trustee - Curt Zurliene

I would once again ask you brother Knights if you are invited to fill an officer position in our council that you seriously consider the request! Breese Council needs the talents of many to continue our tradition of excellence!

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Next Tombstone Cleaning, Sat. June 7

Our Breese Council tombstone cleaning crew is planning another work day on Sat. June 7th at the St. Augustine/St. Dominic Cemetery. Ron Kleiboeker and his crew made further progress on Sat. morning, May 17th and continue to greatly improve the cemetery appearance with their efforts. Watch for further cleaning dates and sign up at the Breese KC Hall Lounge or call Ron at 526-7191 for further details.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

KC Hall Work Night - June 19th



Brother Knights, another opportunity for service awaits us as a work night is planned at our Breese KC Hall scheduled for 6 PM on Thursday, June 19th. Planned projects include the following; removal of carpet and flooring replacement of the stage, removal and replacement of several fluorescent lamps in the lounge area and installation of wallboard in the kitchen. Please check your schedule and try to join in to help with these projects if possible.

Annual Council Golf Scramble - July 13

The annual Breese Council Golf Scramble is coming soon! Make your team plans and get your reservation in ASAP for the tournament which is scheduled for Sunday, July 13 at Bent Oak golf course with shotgun starts at 7:30 AM and 1:00 PM. Cost will be \$60 per player which includes lunch, a great dinner and drinks. Call Chairmen Curt Zurliene at 526-2018 or Phillip Moss at 526-7053 to reserve a team. Brother Knights, if you will not be playing please consider offering to help make this event successful by volunteering to help on the course, possibly at a betting hole, or by helping fry chicken etc. at the hall. Thank you for your cooperation.



Welcome New Knights

We welcome five new brother Knights who have recently joined our council. David Cluck, Greg Kadell, Nick Niemeyer and Gary Winkeler completed the First Degree Exemplification on May 14th. Greg Streetman completed the 1st through 3rd Degrees at Maryville on June 1st. We thank these men for joining with us as great assets to our council.

Ordination of Permanent Deacons - July 26

Our own Breese Council Brother Knights Rich Bagby of St. Boniface Parish and Linus Klostermann of St. Dominic Parish will be two of the eight men ordained to the Order of Deacon by Bishop Edward K. Braxton at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 26, 2008 at St. Peter's Cathedral in Belleville. A brief Diocesan reception will follow ordination at the McCormick Center just to the east of the Cathedral. Linus will celebrate with a family dinner at St. Dominic's Parish on Saturday evening. Linus's Mass of Thanksgiving will be held on Sunday morning with a parish reception to follow. Rich will celebrate with a family and parish reception on Saturday evening at the K of C Hall in Breese. Doors open at 4:00 p.m. with supper at 6:00 p.m. K of C members are invited to attend. Please e-mail Rich at rpbagby5@charter.net or call 523-4354 to reserve a spot. Rich's Mass of Thanksgiving will be held on Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. at St. Boniface. Coffee and doughnuts will follow Mass in the school hall.

Let us congratulate and thank our brother Knights Linus and Rich and their families for the sacrifices they have made in preparation for their ordination and their willingness to further serve our Church.

Relay for Life Food Stand - August 1st

One or more chairmen are needed to lead our efforts if we are again to provide a food stand at the annual Relay For Life event to be held at Central High School on August 1st and 2nd. At the last two years events our council has provided reasonably priced meals for Relay participants on Friday evening as well as breakfast on Saturday morning. Please contact DGK Rich Robben if you are able to chair or help with this event.



KC Day at Busch Stadium - August 24

Cards vs. Braves

Mark your schedules for the 2008 Illinois State Knights of Columbus Family Baseball Outing at Busch Stadium scheduled for Sunday, August 24th, Cardinals vs. Atlanta Braves. Ticket price will be \$32 with \$4 per ticket being donated to the Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital K of C Wing.





View the Supreme Convention Website at <http://www.kofcquebec2008.com/>

Fourth Degree Exemplification - October 12th

Third Degree Knights have an excellent opportunity to enhance their participation in our order by advancing to the level of 4th Degree at the Exemplification coming to Breese on October 12th. Give some serious thought to becoming a Fourth Degree member, a great way to combine your Catholic faith and patriotic spirit. Speak to Joe Langhauser, Faithful Navigator of the Bishop Althoff Assembly or other 4th Degree members and watch for upcoming newsletter inserts for further details.

Departed Brother Greg Buss

Our brother Knight Greg Buss passed from this life on May 25th. Thank you to the Knights who were able to join together for the visitation and prayers for Greg.

Breese Knights Recycling / Aluminum Cans

In addition to receiving cash for recycled paper and light cardboard gathered and placed into the "Blue Whale" Recycling container, we have benefited greatly from the aluminum can recycling efforts underway at our hall. PGK Don Deiters has recycled a total of 1912 pounds of aluminum cans since December 2005 for a total cash value of \$1547.90!!

These dollars have been used to purchase needed items for the KC hall kitchen such as; steam table pans, 4 roasters, 2 crock pots, a beverage dispenser, a water cooler, plastic bowls and various utensils, gloves, aprons etc.

So please continue to save and collect those aluminum cans such as at bingo and various other council events!



MD Dinner Help Thank You

Thanks to all the brother Knights and Ladies who helped to clean chicken, setup, prepare and serve meals and clean up at the Mater Dei Band, Parent-Senior and Athletics Dinners held at the Breese KC Hall in late May. Your help is greatly appreciated and many comments of satisfaction were offered by the dinner participants! Great Work to all who gave of their time to help!

Monthly Council Newsletter Online

The monthly newsletter is posted online shortly after publication and for those who live outside the Breese area it can be viewed online long before receiving by mail. Information on the Bishop Althoff Fourth Degree Assembly is available there along with several links to other related websites. Thanks to Webmaster Ahren Langhauser for his work in posting the newsletters and maintaining the site.

KC Insurance - Members Needed!

Brother Knights, Breese Council is very close to meeting the requirements to achieve the *Star Council Award* for the 2007-08 fraternal year. However, we are still in need of some gains in the number of insurance members. The Knights of Columbus offer very competitive annuity and IRA programs to assist with retirement planning. A few gains here ASAP could help put us over the top!



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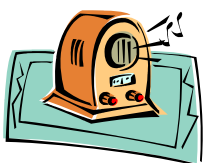
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Catholic Radio 92.7

Remember to check out 92.7 FM Catholic Radio broadcasting from the Carlyle area. Catholic radio can be a great way for you to deepen your understanding and appreciation of the beauty of the Catholic faith!



Mailing & E-mail Address Changes

Please notify FS Joe Langhauser of any mailing address changes as soon as possible. Please notify GK Rich K. 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 for e-mail addresses and phone numbers.



Knight of the Month - Rev. Father Nick Junker

Our Breese Council brother Knight Rev. Nick Junker was ordained a Catholic priest by Bishop Edward Braxton on Saturday, May 10th at St. Peter's Cathedral in Belleville. The Ordination Mass was a wonderful celebration featuring beautiful music by the newly formed Diocesan Choir including some members of St. Dominic Parish. At Bishop Braxton's invitation, many Fourth Degree Knights attended to form an impressive honor guard. Father Junker chose two of our local priests Father Pat Peter and Father James Buerster to serve as his vesting priests. Newly ordained Father Junker was able to celebrate his first Mass on Mothers Day at Cathedral Parish of which he is a lifelong member.

For approximately four months during the spring of 2006, Father Nick served a Pastoral Internship, through Mundelein Seminary, at St. Dominic Parish in Breese working with Father Pat Peter as his mentor. On July 8th, Father Junker will begin his first assignment as Associate Pastor with Father David Darin at St. Theresa Parish in Belleville and will also serve as Sacramental Minister at St. Luke Parish in Belleville. The Breese Knights congratulate Rev. Father Junker and thank him for his commitment to serving the Lord and our Church!

Family of the Month - DGK Rich & Sue Robben

Please join me in congratulating our June Family of the Month; Deputy Grand Knight Rich Robben, his wife Sue and family. Rich and Sue are blessed with three children; Bethany, age 11, Mark age 8 and Luke age 3. Their family has had to work together to meet the special needs of son Mark to surmount the challenges he faces with autism and as a mid-thigh amputee. Rich is a licensed professional engineer with the Illinois Dept. of Transportation and is a 23 year member in the Knights of Columbus. He has served as council Treasurer, as a co-chairman for our dinners to benefit Parish School Religion programs and as a Bingo crew member. Sue helps with various St. Dominic Parish activities in addition to her family responsibilities. As Deputy Grand Knight, Rich has served well during this fraternal year, stepping up as necessary whenever I asked for his assistance. I trust we brother Knights will work together to help Rich lead our council to another successful year!



Spotlight on Squires

Breese Council Squires Luke Essenpries and Dave Toennies were installed as Illinois State Squires Officers at the Illinois State Knights of Columbus Convention on May 24th. Luke returns to the office of State Bursar Squire and Dave will fulfill the duties of Pole Captain.

