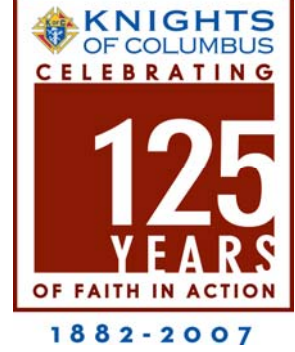




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Grand Knight's Notes

Spring will soon be upon us and we find that it is almost time for the annual Breese Council Major Degree on Palm Sunday, March 16th. I would ask all my brother Knights to take some time to review the Knights of Columbus Member Benefits information I have included on Page 4 of this newsletter (from KC Publication #2773). I suspect some of you may not be aware of the many tangible benefits available to us as Knights, which are in addition to the personal satisfaction that comes from belonging to an organization which helps so many in such a wide variety of ways. Brothers, each of us can and should offer these rewards to other Catholic gentlemen in our various parishes. **Now** is a perfect time to ask a man to join our order and fill out a Form 100 (available at the Hall lounge or from an officer). The Major Degree on Palm Sunday is a great opportunity for a new member to experience the lessons of Charity, Fraternity and Unity while completing the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplifications of

our order. I would also urge you, if you are a 1st Degree member, to witness again the 1st Degree and then join the group to advance into the 2nd then 3rd Degree levels. Please turn in any Form 100 Membership Applications to the Grand Knight's mailbox before the regular council meeting on March 13th.

In our preparation during this Lenten season for His Resurrection on Easter Sunday we realize that Christ died for our sins and taught us the importance of serving others in our life. I see service in the Knights of Columbus as just such a way to serve Christ and others while living out our lives of faith. I wish you a faith filled Easter Season as we serve together as brother Knights and I thank you once again for your service to our council in this past month.

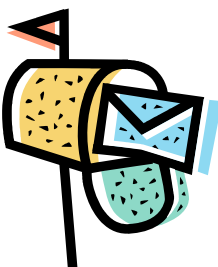
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Mailing & E-mail Address Changes

Please notify Financial Secretary Joe Langhauser of any mailing address change as soon as possible. Please notify GK Rich Koerkeuemeier 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.



Local Health Fair Screenings

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

- Wed, Mar. 12 Germantown American Legion
- Thurs, Mar. 20 Breese KC Hall
- Tues, Mar. 25 St. Mary's Parish Center Trenton



Lenten Fish Dinners

Our fish fry crew will continue serving the delicious fish and sides from 4 to 7 PM for the next few weeks including on Good Friday, March 21st. Please remember we still need the regular weekly fry crew members to come in to help and relieve some of the early workers, and to be available to help with cleanup after serving is completed! Special thanks to the following brother Knights for their devoted service as regular members of our fish fry morning preparation and afternoon frying/serving operations!

Marty Gorman, Dave Rolfingsmeier, Joe Langhauser, Ralph Maue, Rich Ratermann, Tom Harper, Jim Kaulig, Virgil Flenniken, Bernard Wempe, Dennis Rolfingsmeier, Paul Rolfingsmeier, Gary Jansen, Bill Koetting, Jim Westselmann, Ralph Langhauser, Mike Nettekemeier, Norb Ottenmeier, Ray Brosch, Joe Haar

State Basketball Tourney - March 29th & 30th



Our council plans to send at least one team to the State Basketball Tournament scheduled for March 29th and 30th at Teutopolis. We hope to assemble a team of new members after our upcoming Major Degree on Palm Sunday, March 16th.

Catholic Men's Mass, Breakfast & Speakers - April 5th

A Saturday morning Mass, breakfast and talk has been set for April 5th at St. Mary Catholic Church in Edwardsville. Mass will begin at 8 AM celebrated by Bishop George Lucas of the Springfield Diocese followed by breakfast at 9:00 and a talk by the distinguished and dynamic Catholic lay apologist Jesse Romero. For more info see the flyer at the Breese KC Hall lounge or contact Joe Gierer at 288-3091 joe.gierer@sbcglobal.net.

Council Website

Reminder - The monthly newsletter will be available on the council website (www.breeseknights.org) shortly after newsletter publication.

Pro-Life Living Rosary Prayer Service & Baby Shower - March 31st

Make plans to join us at 7:30 PM on Monday, March 31st, the KC "Day of the Unborn Child" and the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord, as the Breese Columbian Squires Circle along with Breese Council and members of the Bishop Althoff 4th Degree Assembly will again present a Pro-Life Living Rosary Service at the Breese KC Hall. All are invited to come and pray for an end to abortion of the innocent unborn and to donate newborn childcare supplies, baby clothing etc. to benefit expectant mothers in crisis pregnancy situations who might otherwise choose abortion. The Squires are in need of volunteers to participate as "living beads of the rosary" in this moving candlelight service. Transportation to and from the service will be available for those in need, call 974-1910 to request a ride or for additional information.

Spotlight on Squires

The Breese Squires took top honors in the Illinois Squires State Basketball Tournament at Mater Dei High School on March 2nd. The group, which is led by Chief Counselor and PGK Doug Kuhl of the Breese Council won the round robin tournament in both the Junior Division of 7th, 8th and 9th grades as well as the Senior Division of 10th, 11th and 12th grades. The Squires State Convention will be held in Springfield on April 11th, 12th and 13th. Our Squires also ask for your participation in the March 31st Pro Life Rosary in the [related story above](#).



God's Special Children Golf Classic - April 25th

Our council has approved and paid the entry of 3 teams in the "God's Special Children" Golf Classic, which is sponsored by our brother Knights of the O'Fallon Council and is scheduled for April 25th at the Tamarack Country Club. The profits from this 4-person scramble go to benefit Area 12 Special Olympics, the Illinois Center for Autism and St. Clair Associated Vocational Enterprises. The Knights of the O'Fallon Council have helped to assure the success of our July Golf Tournament over the years by annually sending many teams to participate. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in the Breese KC Hall lounge for those interested in participating.



State Essay Contest

Special thanks to chairman Rich Bagby for his handling of the State Essay Contest at our council and to Msgr. James Buerster and Linus Klostermann for their assistance with judging. This year's topic was "Why Should School Uniforms Be Allowed in or Prohibited from Public Schools." Essays were received from 108 students from District 12 Elementary, All Saints Academy, Central and Mater Dei High Schools. The papers were judged in two divi-

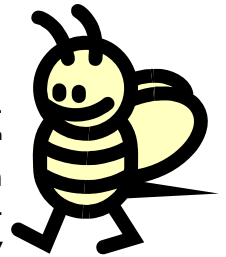
sions; the Junior Division with entries from 7th, 8th and 9th grades, and the Senior Division with entries from 10th, 11th and 12th grades. The following winners received cash awards; Junior Division 1st place Maddy Wilson, 2nd place Brandon Alarcon-Deien, 3rd place Dominic Antonacci. Senior Division 1st place Katie Merlock, 2nd place Miranda Sapp, 3rd place Kendra Deerhake. We thank all the students for participating and congratulate these winners.

Council Free Throw Competition

The annual Breese Council Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship competition was held at Mater Dei Catholic High School on Sunday, February 17th. Twenty two boys and girls ages 10 to 14 tested their skills with 8 moving on to District competition. Thanks to chairman Dennis Trame for his work over many years in handling this event! Council competition winners were as follows:

10 yr old girls-Sydney Hitpas, 10 yr old boys-Brandon Richter
 11 yr old boys-Zach Haake, 12 yr old boys-Luke Jackson
 13 yr old girls-Sarah Pollmann, 13 yr old boys-Zach Kruep
 14 yr old girls-Kayla Hitpas, 14 yr old boys-Kevin Garber

Council Spelling Bee



The Breese Council Spelling Bee competition was held on Sunday, Feb. 17th for students from area schools with the following results; 1st place to Nathan Powers, 2nd place to Mallory Mensing and 3rd place to Ian Bruening. These three students along with those from other council competitions will next move on to the Regional Spelling Bee to be held at the Breese KC Hall on Sat., March 15th at 1PM. We thank Breese Council Past Grand Knight Curt Zurliene for handling this event. Curt is the KC State Chairman for both the Spelling Bee and the Essay Contest Programs.

Newman Fund & Trivia Night



Thanks to the dedication and skills of chairman Ahren Langhauser and his assistant Mike Niemeyer another successful Trivia Night Fundraiser was held on Sat. evening March 1st. The funds raised will be applied toward our council's annual Newman Fund contribution to benefit

Newman Centers and Programs in the state of Illinois. Please thank the following generous trivia night sponsors for their valuable donations toward this event:

ABACUS Professional Services, Arrow Group Industries, Breese Ultimate Family Fitness, Crafts and Occasion, Interiors on Main, Knotty Pine Inn, Marsha D. Holzhauser-Attorney at Law, Norman Conrad-Attorney at Law, Steve Klostermann-State Farm Insurance; Short Circuit Entertainment.

Opportunities are still available for Council members to make donations of any amount or to become a Newman Century Donor with a \$100 donation. Our

council Newman Goal monies must be submitted by April 30th to count toward our 07-08 Newman Goal. Contact the GK for additional information.

Newman Student Centers offer students a friendly, calming "home parish" environment providing a refuge from the stress of campus life and opportunities to continue development of their faith lives. In the 2006-07 fraternal year the Illinois KCs helped support Newman programs at 55 Illinois colleges and universities, including Newman Centers at SIU-Carbondale and Edwardsville and Newman programs at Southwestern Illinois College and McKendree College.

Members of Breese Council and various other local KC councils also recently participated in the "Bowl for Charity" bowling tournament held at Carterville, Illinois to raise funds to pay for two minivans used by the Newman Catholic Student Center on the campus of SIU-Carbondale.



Knights of Columbus Member Benefits

- Columbia Twelve free issues annually of the world's largest Catholic family magazine—Catholic family evangelization at its best!
- Rosary Program A free Knights of Columbus rosary is given to new and readmitted members.
- Daily Mass Remembrance Mass offered daily for deceased members, deceased spouses of members, and deceased Columbian Squires at St. Mary's Church, New Haven, Conn.
- Insurance Program Offers member, spouse, and children the opportunity to provide for their security and well-being. Rated AAA (Superior) by Standard & Poor's and A++ (Superior) by A. M. Best.
- Annuity Program Enables member and spouse to provide for retirement and build an estate through tax-deferred savings.
- Long-Term Care Insurance Enables members and their spouses to safeguard their assets and afford the care and assistance needed later in life.
- Member/Spouse Fraternal Benefit Accidental death coverage for member and spouse at no cost. (Details on reverse side.)
- Orphan Benefit \$80 monthly allotment for orphans of eligible families; up to \$7,000 in college scholarships available.
- Family Fraternal Benefit For eligible families: a) Pays \$1,500 for the child who dies before the age of 61 days; b) Pays \$750 for the child who is stillborn at least 20 weeks after conception; c) Offers guaranteed-issue insurance up to \$5,000 to any child under age 18.
- New Member Plan A low-cost whole life policy to new members and their spouses upon joining the Order.
- Widow Benefits a) Continues to be covered under the Member/Spouse Fraternal Benefit; b) May purchase insurance, annuities, or Long-Term Care up to one year after insured member's death; c) Receives a free lifetime subscription to Columbia; d) Eligible with her children for scholarships, etc.
- Scholarships/Fellowships Six different college scholarship programs for members and their families; two different graduate fellowship programs; and scholarship programs for seminarians.
- Matthews and Swift Educational Trust Fund Provides tuition-only scholarships to Catholic colleges up to \$25,000 per year for children of a member killed or permanently and totally disabled as a result of military service in armed conflict in a combat zone, and for children of a member

who is a full-time, uniformed law enforcement officer or firefighter who is killed in the line of duty as a result of criminal violence directed at him. Applicants must be filed within two years of the member's death or (for servicemen) disability.

- Leadership Development Opportunity to build personal leadership skills through active involvement in the Order's unique structure, supported by Knightline/Program Supplement: fraternal newsletters mailed to state and local council officers and chairmen.
- Fourth Degree Eligibility of Third Degree members to join the Patriotic Degree, one year after initiation into the Order.
- Honorary Life Membership at Age 70 After 25 years of continuous service, member merits this distinction and no longer need pay dues.
- Catholic Information Service Opportunity for member and family to avail themselves of a variety of literature on Catholic faith and spirituality.
- Membership Card Entitles participation in all Catholic, fraternal, and social activities in member's council and also in over 13,000 councils throughout the world.
- Family Activities Eligibility for recognition in Orderwide "Family of the Month/Year" program and participation in a wide variety of local family events, such as family Communion breakfasts.
- Athletic Programs Participate in annual council, state, and international golf, bowling, and softball tournaments; many councils sponsor teams in a variety of sports.
- Youth Programs Opportunities for your children to participate in a variety of youth-oriented programs such as the Columbian Squires, a leadership training program for young men under council sponsorship.

Did you know there is an accidental death benefit included as part of your membership in the Knights of Columbus? Contact our KC Insurance Field Agent Jeff Niemeyer (618-210-0365 or jeff.niemeyer@kofc.org) or review K of C Publication # 2773 for further details.

State KC Convention - May 23rd-25th

Watch our Council Website (www.breeseknights.org) and future newsletters for information on the upcoming Illinois KC Convention on Memorial Day weekend. Consider joining us for an always enjoyable weekend of fun and interesting activities at State Convention.



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Council Shirts & Caps

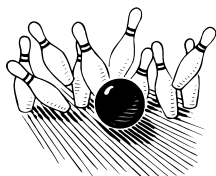
Breese Council Shirts and Caps are now available from FS Joe Langhauser. The shirts are white "Outer Banks" brand polo shirts embroidered with the KC logo and Breese Council name. Cost for small to X-large is \$27 (larger sizes a few dollars more). Caps are red, white and blue with embroidery and cost \$10.

Prayer Cards Enclosed

Please use the enclosed Papal Visit Prayer Cards" to pray for the success of the pastoral journey of Pope Benedict XVI to the U.S. scheduled for April 15th-20th, 2008.

Bowling at Cahokia & Williamson County

Recent bowling events at the State Bowling Tournament at Cahokia as well as at the Williamson County Bowl for Charity were enjoyed by many Breese Knights in attendance during several outings. To date, GK Rich Koerkenmeier has yet to make good on his promise to enjoy a warm Stag for his failure to break 100 in a game at Williamson County.



Knight of the Month - Ahren Langhauser

Please join me in thanking Ahren Langhauser, our Council Knight of the Month. He and his wife Lauren are joyfully expecting their first child in the middle of May! Ahren has a history of service with the Knights of Columbus, having served as Bursar and Chief Squire in the Breese Columbian Squires Circle then stepping up at the state level as the State Squires Bursar and State Chief Squire. He is a Fourth Degree Knight who currently serves as Webmaster, maintaining our council website. He is a Friday night Lightning captain and is on a Friday fry crew. He has worked at performing electrical system upgrades and maintenance at our council hall. He also continues to head the Scholarship/Youth to Washington program, which is sponsored by his employer.

Family of the Month - Mike & Cindy Niemeyer



The Mike and Cindy Niemeyer Family is the March Family of the Month. Mike currently serves as our council treasurer, having also held this office in three prior years in addition to serving for two years as warden of our council. He has three years experience as Chief Counselor of the Breese Columbian Squires Circle and

is a two time recipient of the State Squires Counselor of the Year Award. Mike and Cindy are members of St. Dominic Parish where Mike is an usher at Masses and has served in past years as a parish council member. Cindy is a Eucharistic Minister, a part time secretary at St. Dominic and has served as secretary at St. Anthony and St. Augustine Parishes for eight years. She is currently the president of the North Central Deanery Council of Catholic Women in the Belleville Diocese. Mike was responsible for preparing the questions for our recent Breese Council Newman Trivia Contest in addition to he and Cindy working at the event. Mike and Cindy have worked well together for five years in organizing trips to St. Louis for the annual KC Day at the Cardinal baseball game during which the Breese Council hosts Mass servers and Squires from our area. They are the parents of three grown children, Angi, Nick and Luke who is also a member of our council and is a past State Chief Squire. Please join me in congratulating Mike and Cindy and offering our thanks!

Food Service Sanitation Managers Certification

Additional opportunities will soon be available for anyone interested in obtaining the Food Service Sanitation Manager Certification. Breese Knights who are interested should contact Ralph Maue at 526-7176 or 210-4267 for additional information on upcoming training sessions.