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Breese Council #2869 April 2009

GRAND KNIGHT'S NOTES

The new fraternal year is coming up July 1st. We are currently looking for quality brothers to fill positions as officers. If you are interested in being an officer or know someone who is, contact Deputy Grand Knight Bob Lager at 210-1977.

Rich Robben
Grand Knight

MAJOR DEGREE

The Breese Council will again host its annual Major Degree on Palm Sunday, April 5th. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m., the 1st degree at 12:30 p. m, 2nd at 1:30 and 3rd to follow the 2nd degree. Dinner will be served after the 3rd degree. For information call District Deputy Leo Lammers at 792-7676 (bzlammers@charter.net) or Rich Robben at 806-5401 (richsuerobben@sbcglobal.net). If you sponsor a candidate, please bring him to the degree.

ASA CHICKEN DINNER

A successful chicken dinner was held February 22 to benefit All Saints Academy. The mashed potatoes were especially delicious during the early afternoon shift. Thanks to all who worked and to Chairmen Doug Kuhl and Rich Eilermann.

TRIVIA NIGHT

The Council hosted a successful Trivia Competition March 7th at the Hall to benefit the Newman Fund. Thanks to chairman Ahren Langhauser and all of the workers.

REGIONAL SPELLING BEE

The Regional Spelling Bee was held at the Breese KC Hall on Sunday March 22nd. Thanks to Past Grand Knight Curt Zurliene and all of the participants and congratulations to the winners.

CHICKEN BEER DANCE

Thanks to Shane Bowen and all of the workers for the benefit for Community Link.

DEPARTED BROTHER KNIGHT

The council suffered the loss of brother Tom Lane in late February. The knights prayed a Rosary at the visitation and the family was given a Resolution of Condolence from our council.

Thanks to Cyril Athmer and all of the brothers who participated in the rosary.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Joe Haar is the Knight of the Month. Joe is an usher at St. Dominic. He works on the school patrol. Joe is on bingo and lightning crews. He also cleans chicken and fish before the fries. Joe also works the chicken wing event on Thursday nights and is always willing to help on various projects.

Congratulations Joe and thanks for all of your hard work.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

The family of Ahren Langhauser is the family of the month for April. Ahren and wife Lauren are members of St. Augustine where both are Eucharistic Ministers. They have a daughter, Camryn who is 11 months old.

Ahren is a past Chief Squire for the Breese Squires Circle, and also Past Illinois State Chief Squire. He is a past recording Secretary for the Breese KC Council, and current webmaster. He has been the Chairman of Trivia for Newman 5 of the last 6 years. He is also on a chicken frying crew and lightning raffle crew.

Ahren is an Operations Assistant at Clinton County Electric Cooperative where one of his duties is Youth Programs Coordinator. Thanks and congratulations to the Langhausers.

COUNCIL CALENDAR

April

- 1 - Columbian Board Meeting
- 3 - Fish/ Bingo
- 5 - Major Degree, Breese KofC**
- 7 - North Central Deanery Meeting
- 9 - Monthly Council Meeting 8:00 p.m.**
- 10 - Good Friday
- 10 - Fish/ **NO BINGO**
- 12 - Easter
- 17 - **Chicken**/Bingo
- 24 - Chicken/Bingo
- 25 - Texas Hold'em

MAY

- 1 - Chicken/Bingo
- 6 - Columbian Board Meeting
- 8 - Chicken/Bingo
- 14 - Monthly Council Meeting 8:00 p.m.**
- 15 - Chicken/Bingo
- 21 - Ascension
- 22 - Chicken/Bingo
- 22-24 State KofC Convention
- 29 - Chicken/Bingo

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DONALD R. KEHOE
SUPREME SECRETARY



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR LIFE

MEMORANDUM

TO: Grand Knights

FROM: Donald R. Kehoe, Supreme Secretary *DJK*

DATE: February 27, 2009

SUBJECT: Culture of Life Fund

In order to provide our members information regarding the Culture of Life Fund assessment, please read the following message at your council meeting and publish it in your council newsletter.

Last August, the delegates to the Annual Supreme Council Meeting reaffirmed the Order's longstanding commitment to the Church's teaching on life and marriage by unanimously approving Resolution 302, which established the Culture of Life Fund and a special assessment of \$3.00 per member. It was anticipated that this Fund would support a broad range of initiatives that advance the Culture of Life. I am happy to report that the Fund has done just that. Two programs, one to assist men and women to cope with the traumatic aftereffects of abortion and divorce and one to help men be better fathers have been introduced. To date, the response to these initiatives has far surpassed our expectations.

In addition, our financial support last fall was vital to the passage of constitutional amendments protecting the sanctity of marriage in California, Florida and Arizona. Today, 30 states have such amendments. In January, we implemented our new initiative helping state councils provide pregnancy centers with ultrasound machines. The Supreme Council partnered with local Knights to put this life-saving technology in the hands of pregnancy centers in both Iowa and Florida. On a national level, the Board of Directors recently voted to provide financial support to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for a newly formed Task Force whose purpose is to promote the Church's teaching on marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

The Knights of Columbus has always been deeply committed to promoting racial equality and defending religious liberty as a basic civil right. In the United States today, the abortion lobby has indicated a desire to move the so-called "Freedom of Choice Act" (FOCA) through Congress. This radical piece of legislation would not only expand abortion "rights," but also force medical personnel, morally opposed to abortion, to violate their consciences and participate in abortions. In Canada, the Parliament has witnessed the introduction of a private member's bill that would legalize euthanasia across the country. On these and a host of other issues affecting the Culture of Life, the Knights of Columbus must be ready to educate the public about the need to support policies and legislations that protect human life from conception to natural death.

Please remember that contributions to the Fund from councils or individual members remain in the country of origin and will only be used for projects in that country.