



Knightly News

Council 5544 April 2009

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Join us for a Rosary
Each month prior to our
Meetings at 6:30 pm!

Grand Knight Report

Brother Knights,

Since my last report, Lent has started and so have the Lenten Fish Fry on Fridays. I would like to extend a BIG THANK YOU, to all of the Knights, Families, all of the Scouts, and even the Parishioners and Non-Parishioners that help out at these Events. We would not be able to do this without the numerous volunteers that help out with this Major Fund Raiser. This year is turning out to be a very successful year.

Please come and support the Council. Part of the money raised will be given to St. Patrick's to assist with repairs to their community center. The other part of the money raised will be divided among the schools, Parish and other charities that we support. We will again be raffling a Nintendo Wii Game System with a couple additional games besides the ones that come with it. The Boy Scouts will once again be assisting with each of the Fish Fry's. This is a big fund raiser for them as we donate a portion of the funds to the Boy Scout Troops that assist with bussing tables and serving.

We are expecting a larger turnout due to St. Pats and St. Wenceslaus will not be hosting Fish Fry's this Lent. We will definitely need every one's help. Please check inside the front of your KC Directory to see who the Captain's are for each of the Fish Fry's. If possible call them to see if they need a hand. Some of the captains are new at this and could definitely use your help and support. Thank You!

***** Fish Fry CLEANUP will be held on Saturday April 4th starting at 8:00 AM until done. PLEASE plan on helping out with this, as many hands will make quick work. *****

The Knights of Columbus will be having the State Convention in Cedar Rapids at the Crown Plaza on May 1-3, 2009. Council 5544 is one of the host councils for this event. We are in need of volunteers to assist with meeting setup and tear down and also with being ushers. If you are available to assist with any of these tasks please contact me at 369-0855.
Council 5544 needs to supply:

6 people – Meeting Setup on Saturday May 2 (Times provided for this when you call.)

6 people – Ushers on Sunday May 3 from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

6 people – Tear Down on Sunday May 3 (Times provided for this when you call.)

I would like to start a new tradition for our council. Beginning April 15th, and each month after that, I would like to start praying a Rosary before each of our Council meetings starting at 6:30. In the event that I am unable to be there, any Knight present may start the Rosary promptly at 6:30 so as to be completed before the Council Meeting. If any one has any special intentions or needs that you would like us to say the Rosary for, please contact the GK or any of the officers with those requests.

~Vivat Jesus! Jay Fields ~ GK 5544

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Special points of interest:

-Family of the month: is the **Naber** family. Al & Sharon and family have been at every Fish Fry pitching in wherever is needed. Thank you all for your time and talents, we appreciate them!

-Knight of the month: is **Steve Anderson** who is a new Knight and has stepped up to help at each of the Fish Fries with whatever task needs doing and then goes to work 3rd shift afterwards. Thank you Steve for helping us with this big fund raiser, we appreciate all that you do.

Fish Fries-Thank You!!!!

As you read this, our annual Lenten Fish Fry's will be over, or nearly over, and there are a lot of people that made it work. This year we had a fabulous year and a lot of people worked very hard to make it that way. There isn't enough space in this newsletter to thank all the people that made it work and to mention what their contributions were. For those of you that labored to make the Fish Fry's the success that it was, you should know that this year I have received more compliments about our Fish Fry's than any other year - and it is all due to your hard work. The St. Jude Fish Fry's has the reputation of being a top fish fry for the quality of the meal, and a good place to enjoy a meal with friends. And it's all due to your efforts. A thank you seems like such an inadequate way for me to express my gratitude to you - so know that you have made a positive difference in many, many lives.

Thank you again!
Dick Street

What the Recorder Heard

This month we welcomed 3 new members. We approved 2 motions and passed a resolution to the state. Motion to give 'state convention ladies' \$50.00 to purchase angel statues as raffle items was passed. Motion to pay the dues of those members in financial distress due to job loss and of active duty military members was passed. A resolution for the attention of the state K of C officials was passed.

We also heard a short talk from a parish space utilization survey committee member. We learned that the 4th degree will start 2 new assemblies in the CR area. We learned that many volunteers are needed for the state convention in May - if you can help out please call Jay.

Thought of the Month.

Charity to be charity must be anonymous - otherwise it is self aggrandizement.

Dick Street
Recorder

State Convention

Remember that the Knights of Columbus State Convention will be this May. Mark your calendars for May 1, 2 & 3, 2009 and plan on attending some of the events in our own backyard. Check out <http://www.iowakofc.org/convention.shtml> for more information and program/meeting times. It would be nice to have a large representation from Council #5544 there!~

Kitchen Clean-up

We need **YOUR** help! It's Spring Cleaning time for the Parish Center and Kitchen. Join us on Saturday, April 4th at 8:00 am as we work to clean up all of the kitchen and parish center in preparation for Holy Week and Easter.

Great project for those students needing service hours! Many hands will make light work as we begin at 8 and clean until all is done. The more helpers we have to help the faster it will go!

Chaplin's Report

Holy Week is the most important time of the year for us as Catholics. It is in this week that we celebrate the central mystery of our faith as we walk with Christ during his passion, death and resurrection. It is this paschal mystery that forms us as Catholics and as Knights. It is the death and resurrection of Christ which confirms our faith in Him. It is the love he shows us by His death that motivates us to love. It is His dying and rising which gives us hope in God, even in the face of our own mortality, and empowers us to be hope for others. These days should not be ignored or forgotten. We should make a special effort to gather with the community of faith to celebrate these days: Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. The more we enter into these great celebrations of Christ the greater effect His life and love can have upon us. May God bless you all.

Your Chaplain,
Fr. Michael Podhajsky

Have you paid your Dues?

Brother Knights we are still waiting on a few of you to pay your dues for 2009. If you are out of work, have been laid off, or some other circumstance creates a hardship for you please contact Jay Fields (369-0855), or Blaine Miller (654-0050), and let us know. We do not want to drop you from the Council unnecessarily, but that is the next step to be taken to complete our membership for the year.

Concession Help Needed!

Help for the following event(s) is needed. If you are able to help please contact Chris Zaugg at 365-2830 so he can get your name on the list prior to the event.

April 18, 2009 ROCK-N-WORSHIP TOUR at the US Cellar Center - Report time will be at 4 pm, show starts at 6 pm.

Upcoming events that will need members help are: possible play-off games for the **Rough Riders** and **BBQ Round-up June 25-28**.



May you and your family enjoy a very Blessed Easter!

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April 2009

Apr 3	Fish Fry	5:00 PM-9:00 PM	Parish Center
Apr. 4	Kitchen Cleanup	8:00 AM-done	Parish Center
Apr. 15	Council Rosary	6:30 PM	Chapel
Apr. 15	Council Meeting	7:00 PM-8:30 PM	Parish Center
Apr. 25	Spring Dinner	5:30 PM-8:00 PM	Parish Center

May 2009

May 1-3	State Convention	TBD	Cedar Rapids
May 13	Council Rosary	6:30 PM	Chapel
May 13	Council Meeting	7:-00 PM 8:30 PM	Parish Center
May 16	Awards Banquet	5:30 PM-9:00 PM	Parish Center