



# Knightly news

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

### *Greetings from the Grand Knight!*

As of this writing, I have had the opportunity to serve for approximately one month and I am now just beginning to realize the responsibility that comes with being Grand Knight. That being said, I want to assure you I will do my best to serve St. Jude's and our Council to the best of my ability.

Mike Toczylowski had the opportunity to attend the District meeting on July 18, 2011. Several items were discussed by our District Deputy, Nick Volk, including the importance of filing state reports on time (I am sure I am late with one already), youth activities, football frenzy, faith formation, Project Moses, along with several other items. I will address some of these at our next meeting. Our membership goal for the year is 16 new members so I encourage everyone to think about someone you know you would like to sponsor as a Knight. We were also encouraged to have a First Degree team in our local council and I plan to bring this up at our next meeting. We also heard about the importance of having a retention committee to help us retain our membership as well as find out why some men are choosing to end their affiliation with the Knights.

We have an opportunity to raise some needed money by working concessions at Iowa football games. After talking with Mike Toczylowski at the District meeting and a couple of other councils, we have decided to give it a try. There was an announcement in this past week's Church bulletin so if you are interested in helping, call Mike at 389-5454.

We have also been asked to host a bingo night during the next year as part of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Jude's. I received a call this past week about setting a date for this event so it can be put on the Church Calendar as part of the year-long celebration. I will be contacting some of you for input in the next week or so as they need this information prior to our next formal meeting.

We still have Football Frenzy tickets available for \$10 and I will bring these to our next meeting as well so be sure to bring your \$\$\$.

I look forward to working with you and serving you as your Grand Knight.

Vivat Jesus

Mark Gronemeyer

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## FROM THE EDITOR

### *Those crazy, lazy, hazy days of Summer!*

I hope this newsletter finds you and yours doing well, enjoying the outdoors, and staying out of the heat when needed! Although things are relatively quiet this time of year for us as a council, don't let that fool you! We have plenty of events coming up right around the corner. Some of the upcoming events you'll read about in this month's edition of the "Knightly News" whereas others are inching closer on the calendar. Enjoy the rest of your summer and the continuation of your 'Back to School' countdown.

All the best!

Justin Roberts - K of C #5544

Don't Forget...

## KC Night at CiCi's!

The 4th Tuesday of each month has been designated as KC Night at CiCi's (SW Cedar Rapids)

CiCis will donate 15% of each sale to our council so spread the word and dig in!!

## FOOTBALL FUNDRAISING FRENZY!

*Your help is needed!!*

As you know we as a council have lost our two biggest fundraisers over the course of the last 12 months and we were not able to help the Church or our schools this last year. We have a new opportunity that could bring in a great deal of money and we would be working in a very fun atmosphere as well.

We have signed up to work concessions at the Iowa Hawkeye football games and we need help from the entire council. We will be working all 7 home games in conjunction with 2 other councils. The more people we have the more we will make. We have the first choice so if we come up with 14 people then the other councils will make up the remaining 6-8.

Report time is 2 hours before game time and we would get done about 1 hour after the game is done. Parking will not be a problem as we will have a limited amount of parking passes given to us. Your wives can help, neighbors, any one over the age of 16 can help. Please check the Hawkeyes home game schedule and your personal schedule to see if you can work one or more games this year to help us get back on our feet.

If you can help please call Mike Toczylowski at 389-5454.

## SWEET CORN FESTIVAL 2011

*Mark your calendars NOW!!*

Some call it the "Three best days of Summer" where others call it a great weekend. The annual St. Jude Sweet Corn Festival is fast approaching and is truly not an event to be missed! From the Bingo tent to the homemade pies, the great food, great live music in the beverage tent, and who could forget about all of that good old Iowa sweet corn!!

We will once again be raffling off this beautiful 2012 Ford Mustang from Lynch Ford in Mount Vernon or \$15,000 (raffle tickets just \$1); midway events, live entertainment, and a HUGE Silent Auction. This of course just scratches the surface of all the events planned for the weekend, the best way to be a part of it is to come check it out yourself!

This, of course, is a huge event and a big fundraiser for the catholic school system. If you'd like to help by volunteering in anyway, please call Mike at 389-5454 or sending an email to koc5544@aol.com



SUMMERTIME FUN FACT:

**10.94"**

Dubuque, IA recorded a record amount of rainfall on Thursday, July 28. This beat the old record of 6.2" that went all the way back to 1961!

## FROM THE DISTRICT DEPUTY

### *The power of "One"*

Brother Knights,

Last month during a meeting with other State Family members, we established our goals for the new fraternal year. The common theme for the weekend was "One". The concept was that many times in our life we look at a task that seems too big for us. We immediately assume that the endeavor, while worthy, is simply beyond our capacity to achieve. We give up before we ever attempt and we always take for granted that we have to do it ourselves.

This is not how things work in the Knights of Columbus. We work together to accomplish great things. If each one of us breaks down our part to a single action, the sum of the parts will be many. In this spirit of "One", let us each try to recruit just one new member. If we have been not attending meetings or working at a program event, let us each attempt to do just one. If we notice that a brother Knight has not been active lately in the Council, let us each give him a call to see if he would like to join us.

There is power in the number "One"; it frees us all to demonstrate the principle of Unity. With this idea as our model, our Councils and especially our Order will have a very successful year.

Vivat Jesus,

Nick Volk, District Deputy



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**Aug 10**      **Council Rosary**  
6:30

St. Jude Chapel

**Aug 10**      **Council Meeting**  
7:00 PM

Parish Center

**Aug 12-14**    **Sweet Corn Fest**  
Parish/School Grounds

**Sep 3**        **Iowa Football**  
11:00 AM

Kinnick Stadium, Iowa City

**Sep 10**      **Iowa/Iowa State**  
11:00 AM

Jack Trice Stadium, Ames

**Mid Sep**     **Tootsie Roll Drive**  
TBA

Multiple Locations, Cedar Rapids

**Sep 17**      **Iowa/Pitt Football**  
11:00 AM

Kinnick Stadium, Iowa City



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