



Knightly News

Council 5544 (e-mail:Koc5544@aol.com)
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**Fish Fry Begins
February 8th**

Grand Knight Report

Another month has passed bestowing the crazy Iowa weather. I write this as another storm approaches us. This coming month will be mostly a community based month more than a fund raising month. We are still very active and need just as much help if not more than before.

With Feb starting we load up with all kinds of activities. Fish fries, pancake breakfast, parish lenten retreat, and don't forget first and foremost Ash Wednesday. All very important to the parish and our faith.

During this years fish fry we are going back to having a raffle. The item has yet to be set but trust me it will be pretty cool and you will have to come out to see it. The proceeds will be donated to pennies for heaven.

On the 23rd will be the JDRF walk at Westdale Mall. The Miller family and ours form one of the biggest family teams out there. We would love for you to join us and make our presence known.

On March 9th we will be hosting a Father Michael wants you program. There will be about 100 invitations sent out but all non Knights who want to learn more about our fraternity are invited along with their spouse. Of course the more knights we have in attendance the better.

Finally we have three important positions that need to be filled.

1. James Elliff has had to step away from the insurance program of the knights due to poor health. We are looking for a new general agent to serve the Cedar Rapids area. If you are interested please let me know and I will forward your name on.
2. Dick Street has expressed interest in training someone to take over the duties of fish fry chair in a couple of years. He has a very detailed training planned.
3. Lonnie has decided to step away from the chair position of the Sunday morning breakfasts effective immediately. He has a very detailed system set up that the right person will have no problem learning.

Please take the time to thank Jamie, Dick, and Lonnie for their dedicated service in the above mentioned positions.

Have a faith filled month,

Mike Toczykowski ~ Grand Knight

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Special points of interest:

-Family of the month: is Steve and Shelly Bell for jumping in at the last minute to help out at a hockey game. Thank you for helping out on short notice!

-Knight of the Month: is Jim Nieman for his dedicated and organized work on the free Throw contest. Thanks for all you do.

What the Recorder Heard

The January meeting was well attended and a lot of information came out of the meeting. We have 2 new members; Charles Tirella & Brad Tucker. Clark Schulte gave a presentation on work possibilities at The Kernels, and will follow up with more information in the future. Discovery Living gave a short “thank you” presentation. We will be doing another “Father wants you” campaign. Father Michael locked in our participation at the next Deanery dinner (June 12), we will be sponsoring it again. There will be a 2nd & 3rd degree in April at 909. The January breakfast netted a little over \$660.00. March 12th is the next blood drive. The Christmas card campaign was a rousing success with over \$850.00 in sales. There were 3 motions this month where we agreed to front the Schroder’s \$500.00 for their upcoming February hospital trip. We agreed to sponsor the “Dance for Life” (March 1st) with the purchase of 24 tickets and \$100.00 towards food.

Fish Fry’s are early this year: Feb. 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, March 7th and 14th. With Easter on March 23rd this year. Please patronize your Council’s fish fry-if you don’t who will?

Thought of the month: Luke 12:3-*For whatsoever things you have spoken in darkness, shall be published in the light: and that which you have spoken in the ear in the chambers, shall be preached on the housetops*”.

Dick Street
Recorder

New Member Information

Welcome to Brad Tucker and Charles Tirella, the newest members of Council #5544!

Please add the following two gentlemen and their information to your directory:

Brad Tucker (Connie), 6624 Underwood Ave SW,
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404 390-4003

Charles Tirella (Amanda), 1041 Sioux Dr., Cedar
Rapids, IA 52405 560-6672

Council Spelling Bee

The Council Spelling Bee will be held on February 17th, at LaSalle with registration beginning at 12:30 pm, bee will start at 1:00 pm. This is open to all boys and girls in 4th-7th grades, so tell your friends, children and grandchildren all about it!

For a complete list of rules, registration forms and spelling lists please use this link:
<http://www.iowakofc.org/youth.shtml> and look down the list to the “For Spellers” section.

To help with this event or if you have any questions contact Glen or Mary Purdy at 396-2604.

~Grand Knight Thought of the Month~

In the truest sense, freedom cannot be bestowed: it must be achieved.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

BASKETBALL FREE THROW CONTESTS

The Council Free Throw Contest was held on Jan. 8th. 16 KC members and spouses worked on this event. It was held in the La Salle Middle School Gym during the PE classes. Kevin Malloy and several teachers helped organize the athletes.

Here are the winning athletes:

Age	Boys	Girls
10	Skeeter Jasper	Kyle Oldridge
11	Nic Ekland	Courtney Colston
12	Bryce Grimm	Hayley Deutmeyer
13	Shane Herder *	Karle Tilson
14	Connor Dochterman	Emily Metz

* is a council members son.



If you know any of these athletes or their parents, you need to congratulate them and invite the Dads to join our KC council. So we have lots of people to ask. Lets make Mike look good at the KC 2008 Convention.

These athletes will advance to the Feb. 17th District Contest on and then on to the Feb. 24th Regional Contest. both events will be held in the La Salle Gym. Help is needed Both events start at 12:30 and end by about 3 PM. Call Jim Nieman 396-5892 and volunteer. The kids will appreciate your help and support!

Join us for the Fish Fry during Lent!!!

Council #5544 will again hold a weekly Fish Fry during Lent. Join us on Friday nights from February 8th through March 14th from 5:00 pm—7:30 pm in the St. Jude Parish Center for a wonderful dinner and some great fun!

Dinner includes your choice of baked, or fried, cod with potato, veggie, cole slaw, roll, applesauce and beverage. Children's option includes grilled cheese with potato, veggie, cole slaw, roll, applesauce and beverage. Cost for the meals are: Adults \$7.00, Seniors (65+) \$6.00, Children 5-12 \$4.00, Children under 5 free.

Many hands are needed to make this a successful year. Captains in the directory are **February 8**-Chris & Barb Zaugg, **Feb. 15**-Maurice & Gloria Kouri, **Feb. 22**-Jay & Donna Fields, **Feb. 29**-Jim & Colleen Nieman, **March 7**-Glen & Mary Purdy, **Mar. 14**-Mike & Kathy Toczyłowski.

Please say yes when they call to ask for help-if you don't get a call and would like to help-then please jump in! This is an excellent opportunity to meet others in the Council and to help in one of our biggest fund raisers!

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Feb. 3	Pancake Breakfast	6:30 am-2:00 pm	Parish Center/Scouts
Feb. 8	Fish Fry	5:00 pm-8:00 pm	Parish Center
Feb. 13	Council Meeting	7:00 pm—8:30 pm	Parish Center
Feb. 15	Fish Fry	5:00 pm-8:00 pm	Parish Center
Feb. 17	Council Spelling Bee	1:00 pm-3:00 pm	LaSalle Gym
Feb. 17	District Free Throw Contest	12:00pm-4:00 pm	LaSalle Gym
Feb. 22	Fish Fry	5:00 pm-8:00 pm	Parish Center
Feb. 23	JDRF Walk for a Cure	8:00 am (register) 10:00 walk	Westdale Mall
Feb. 24	Regional Free Throw Contest	12:00 pm-4:00 pm	LaSalle Gym
Feb. 29	Fish Fry	5:00 pm-8:00 pm	Parish Center

March 2008

March 2	Pancake Breakfast	6:30 am-2:00 pm	Parish Center
March 2*	KC Regional Spelling Bee	1:00 pm-3:30 pm	LaSalle
March 7	Fish Fry	5:00pm-9:00 pm	Parish Center
March 12	Council Meeting	7:00 pm-8:30 pm	Parish Center
March 12	Blood Drive	2:30 pm-8:00 pm	Parish Center
March 14	Fish Fry	5:00 pm-9:00 pm	Parish Center
March 15	Kitchen Clean-up	8:00 am-DONE	Parish Center