



Knighly News

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July 2008

Installation of Officers

July 9th

7:00 pm

Grand Knight Report

I have chosen my topic this month to be a farewell to you all. This last year has been one heck of a ride with some of the best people I could imagine working with. We have had great success this past year in all aspects from recruiting to our work in the community.

Many of you are wondering what happened as to why I am not going to be The Grand Knight for a second year. This was a very difficult decision to make because I really wanted to be there for you for another year. I have had a greater calling with the Knights that does not allow me to be Grand Knight. I have accepted the position of Field Agent for the Knights covering our council and three others. I feel that I can now extend my work for the Knights and help not only the community but the now the Knights as well. Please be open if you receive a call from me as I do need to get to know all of you. My articles will still be in the newsletter but in a new capacity. As my training progresses I will be able to answer your questions with more ease but for the time being I have unlimited resources at my finger tips so please call. If you have insurance needs or want to know more about the Knights insurance or even know of someone who wants to know more about possibly becoming a Knight those are my main focus points. Please call. I am still and always will be there for you.

I know I leave our great council in capable hands and Jay will do a wonderful job as he has many great resources available for him as well.

Thank you for the last year,

Vivat Jesus,

Mike Toczykowski ~Grand Knight

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Special points of interest:

-Family of the month:
is Wes & Joe Huisinga for volunteering to help in Parkersburg. Thank you for taking your trailer Wes, it was definitely a help. Thank you both for your time, we appreciate you!

-Co-Knights of the Month:
are: Mike Campbell, Bob Heims, Blaine Miller, Randy Millsap, Scott Minehart, Dave Olson, Tom Olson, Matt Pithan, Mark Seber, Mike Toczykowski, and Chris Zaugg. Thank you **ALL** for stepping up to help those in Parkersburg who have lost so much. We appreciate your time and your efforts very much!

Grand Knight Thought of the Month

Success is not the result of spontaneous combustion. You must set yourself on fire.
-Fred Shero

Discovery Living Campaign Informational Meetings

Please attend any one of the following meetings on the Discovery Living Capital Campaign:
5677 (Mt. Vernon Rd)-July 27 at 7:00 pm, 5390 (Marion)-August 10 at 7:00 pm, 909 (Downtown)-August 19 at 7:00 pm or 5544 (St. Jude Parish Center)-August 28 at 7:00 pm.
Please see the insert in this month's newsletter and plan on attending one of these meetings to get your questions answered.

What the Recorder Heard

The big item for this month was the election of officers for next year. The slate as presented (last month) was elected. However, the GK had to resign since he has accepted the position as our new insurance agent. A special election was held to fill vacated positions and Jay Fields was elected as GK with Jeff Frelinger as our Deputy GK. Mark Kramer was elected to advocate. The officers for next year stand as follows:

Grand Knight-Jay Fields; **Deputy Grand Knight**-Jeff Frelinger; **Chancellor**-Pat Ford; **Recorder**-Dick Street; **Treasurer**-Dennis Dye; **Advocate**-Mark Kramer; **Warden**-Mike Kadlec; **Inside Guard**-Chris Zaugg; **Outside Guard**-Tom Herder; **1st Year Trustee**-Kurt Kinion; **2nd Year Trustee**-Blaine Miller; **3rd Year Trustee**-Pat Gardner. **Financial Secretary**: Mike McElmeel will continue his appointment. **Chaplain**-Michael Podhajsky. New **Insurance Agent** is Mike Toczykowski-congratulations Mike!

Thought of the month: Make a difference in someone's daily life-practice random acts of kindness!

Dick Street
Recorder

Installation of Officers-Open Meeting

All men and their families are invited to join us for the installation of the new officers for next year on Wednesday, July 9th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. This will be an open meeting to allow for our guests to join in watching the ceremony.

Please bring a dessert item to share for fellowship after the ceremony.

Altar Servers Night at the Ballpark

Mark your calendars now for Wednesday, July 16th, 2008 as we host Altar Servers Night at the Ballpark. This is an event we host to say thank you to the servers and their families for all the hard work and dedication in serving our Parish this past year.

Invitations were sent to each server and their family in the hopes of getting more participation. If for any reason you know of someone who did not receive an invitation please let them know about this unique opportunity for fun!

Pre-game picnic held in Frank Meter's backyard (a.k.a. Cleveland Park) begins at 5:30 pm. We will walk to the game for 7:00 first pitch. Contact Blaine or Marlana Miller at 654-0050 with any questions and RSVP's. RSVP by July 9th, 2008 please.

BBQ Roundup-Thank You!

I would like to thank all the Knights, the wives and the children for working the BBQ Round Up the weekend of June 26 - 29. We had a lot of shifts to fill and a lot of people stepped up to help fill the spots. God helps us in many ways, one way he helped me was to have the good support of the Knights and their families by coming and helping at this big event. You are the ones who made this all workout and become a success.

God Bless You All,
Chris Zaugg

Incoming Grand Knight Message

Brother Knights,

It is an honor to be elected your Grand Knight. This was short notice as Mike had just taken the tests for the Insurance position within the Knights. For those Knights that I have not had the honor of meeting or getting to know, I would like to tell you a little about myself. My name is Jay Fields. I am a Software Development Analyst on Network Management Systems for PAETEC (formerly McLeod USA). I have a wife of 10+ years (Donna) and 2 children (Rebecca 9 and Adam 6). I was born and raised in Dickinson, ND. I moved to Iowa in February '97. I have been in the Knights of Columbus for 6 years and have been an officer for 5 of those years. I have also served in the US Navy and Naval Reserve.

During my time as a Knight, I have had the privilege of working with and getting to know many of my wonderful Brother Knights and their Families, during Pancake Breakfasts, Steak Fries, Fish Fries, Spring Dinners, Tootsie Roll Drives, Rose Drives, and many Sodexo Events. You are all awesome and definitely an inspiration to me. I hope and pray that God grants me the wisdom and ability to serve and guide our Council over the next year.

I would like to thank our Past Grand Knight Mike Toczykowski for all his hard work and dedication to the Knights. He has truly been an inspiration to us with his hard work with the US Cellular Center, Paramount and Rough Riders. I would like to extend a big thank you to Chris Zaugg for stepping up to take over that monumental task which is a major fund raiser both for the Knights and the charity benefiting from the tips. I believe for the time being this is going to continue to be JDRF for Non-Embryonic Stem Cell Research.

Vivat Jesus~ Jay Fields / GK

Kernel's Klassic Golf Tournament

We're ready to kick off this year's Sweet Corn Festival with our 2nd Annual Kernel's Klassic Golf Tournament on Saturday, July 26th, 2008 at Airport National Golf Course! Grab 3 of your friends to join you for our 4-person best shot tournament. We'll tee-off at 8:00 am. Lunch and awards will follow immediately afterwards.

Entry fee is \$50.00/person. Registration deadline is July 13th, 2008. For registration information, or any questions, please contact Blaine Miller at 654-0050.





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July 9	Council Meeting-Installation of Officers	7:00 pm-8:30 pm	Parish Center
July 16	Altar Server's Night at Ballpark	5:30 pm-?	Cleveland Park/Kernels Ballpark
July 26	Kernel's Klassic Golf Tournament	8:00 am tee	Airport National Golf Course

August 2008

Aug. 8-10	Sweet Corn Festival	All Day/Each Day	Parish Grounds
Aug. 13th	Council Meeting	7:00 PM-8:30 PM	Parish Center
Aug. 28	Discover Living Informational Mtg	7:00 pm	Parish Center
Aug. 30	Iowa Football	TBD	Kinnick Stadium