



# Knightly News

Council 5544 June 2010

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**Important Votes at  
Next Knights Meeting!**

## Grand Knight Report

Brother Knights,

It has been a very busy month in May. We had the Knights of Columbus State Convention in Des Moines, an exceptionally long May meeting, Awards Ceremony, Deanery Dinner, Pancake Breakfast at the Sweet Corn Festival Signup where the proceeds went to our Altar Server Night at the Ballpark Fund.

Speaking of Altar Server Appreciation Night at the Ballpark, Father Mark has agreed to let us stand in the narthex to take donations to help off-set the costs of the Altar Server Appreciation night. He will announce it during weekend masses. We will be picking a weekend in June and will need Knights to assist. We will be sending out emails and asking for Knights to help after each of the Masses. The cost of putting on this event for the Altars Servers has increased over the last few years as our attendance by the servers has also increased!

Our Council received many awards at the State Convention that our District Deputy, John McGinness, presented at our Council Awards Ceremony. We received the following: **Division III** - First Place for Most Money Raised per Member for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities. **Division III** - Most Money Raised per Member for Birthright. **Division III** - Most Money Raised for Vocations. And we have received the Most Unique Vocations Collections Container from the 2009 State Convention- (collection container is an Oak Cross made by Bernie Nachazel ). We also received **Certificates of Appreciation** for Church and Community Service Projects, Free Throw Contest, and the Spelling Bee. Our Council also gave out Checks to Discovery Living, St. Jude's Parish, Holy Family Schools, Xavier High School, Youth Group, and we paid our rent for the Parish Center. Through the year we raised funds for Discovery Living, Special Olympics, Birthright, Vocations, Support of 3 Seminarians (Noah Diem, Aaron Junge, Kyle Diggman), and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (Non-Embryonic Stem Cell Research ). **The total funds raised and distributed was over \$25,000 dollars. WAY TO GO KNIGHTS!!!**

\*\*\*NEW\*\*\*KC Family Picnic / Campout will be July 16 - 18<sup>th</sup> at the Wapsipinicon Park near Anamosa. **A minimum of a 2 night stay is required at state parks for Campsites. Anyone wishing to camp must make reservations for Friday and Saturday night.** Cost will be \$16.00 Per Campsite per night. Please RSVP to [koc5544@aol.com](mailto:koc5544@aol.com) or 654-0050 ASAP if you are interested in going so that we can get reservations made. Here is a website to get more information. [http://www.iowadnr.gov/parks/state\\_park\\_list/wapsipinicon.html](http://www.iowadnr.gov/parks/state_park_list/wapsipinicon.html) , and here is a map of the park: [http://www.iowadnr.gov/parks/images/maps\\_pictures/wapsimap.pdf](http://www.iowadnr.gov/parks/images/maps_pictures/wapsimap.pdf)

\*\*\* If there is not enough interest in this we can try to do something local at a city park such as a Picnic only. \*\*\*

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### Special points of interest:

**-Family of the month for May** is Dick & Paula Street for all they do with the Fish Fry's, Breakfasts, and most recently the Deanery Dinner. They truly practice the principal of Charity in everything they do. Thank You!!!

**-Knight of the month for May** is Kent Kinion for his countless hours chairing the breakfasts, helping with the fish fries and the various tasks around the school and church. Thanks Kent you are an inspiration to many Knights and we appreciate your efforts!

## Grand Knight Report (Continued from page 1)

\*\*\* **HELP NEEDED:** We have a Brother Knight in need of our help. Jerry Haeg had some damage done to his roof during an April windstorm. His insurance covered only the cost of the materials and nothing for the labor. Jerry is asking for everyone's help to repair his roof on Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. Anyone able to assist with this project, please contact Jerry Haeg at 396-3686. \*\*\*

May God Bless you and your Families!

Vivat Jesus!

Jay Fields

GK 5544

### What the Recorder Heard

The May meeting had a lot of important information given out. We held a 1st degree and welcomed KC Wiedenman to the council. We learned that there will be a BBQ round-up & we will be part of it, we learned there will be a change in mass schedules at St. Jude (due to only 1 priest), we learned a lot of parking lot & concrete work is to be done before the Sweet Corn Festival, we learned there is a parish council election coming up.

Important items specifically for the council are:

June will be the election of officers for 2010-11;

A motion is tabled to provide Fr. Don a \$300 annuity as a thank you; a motion is tabled to provide sister with a \$250 contribution to her favorite charity "LanternLight"; a motion is tabled to contribute \$300 to the upcoming contraception forum coming in Oct.

A discussion was begun to look into becoming a vendor at the "Hog Wild Days" of Hiawatha.

\*\*\* when called to volunteer at the BBQ round-up - remember it's a MAJOR fundraiser for us. \*\*\*

Mike T. gave a short talk about an insurance product called "single premium Life Insurance policy" - check it out, it sounds like a no pain all gain winner to me.

Dick Street  
recorder

### BBQ Round-up News

The BBQ Roundup is just around the corner, June 24 - 27. We are in need of every Knight, wife and any teen 16 or older (accompanied with an adult) to give at least 1 to 6 hours of their time. The BBQ Round up will be held at the corner of 8th Ave. SE and 1st St. SE. The Knights have been asked to run the corn tent again this year. Come and join the group to work and have some good fellowship with the K of C families. Our work days start at 10am and we close down by 11pm, so please call early in advance to get the hours you would most likely want to work. Call Chris or Barb Zaugg at 365-2830.

Vivat Jesus,  
Chris Zaugg

Have a safe  
& happy summer!

# National Forum Contraception and Its Link to Abortion

October 9, 2010 in Cedar Rapids, IA

## Overview

The subject Forum is being organized and sponsored by the Coalition for Life of Iowa (CFLI), which is located in Cedar Rapids, IA. CFLI is a non-profit, 501 (C3) organization with a mission to educate the public on the Sanctity of Human Life from conception to natural death. The Forum will take place at either Xavier High School on Mercy Medical Center in Cedar Rapids.

The Catholic Church teaches that the use of contraceptives and sterilization procedures is morally wrong and that NFP for married couples is encouraged and morally right. However, a 1992 Gallup poll showed that 80% of U.S. Catholics disagreed with the statement, "using artificial means of birth control is wrong". Similarly, a 1996 study conducted by Father Thomas Sweetser in Milwaukee found that only 9% of Catholics consider birth control to be immoral.

The secular Culture in the U.S. promotes the use of contraceptives as the ideal solution for couples to have sexual intercourse without the risk of pregnancy. Contraceptives are also promoted as enhancing the health of women. These concepts are myths that need to be challenged by the truth. For example, many people are unaware that contraceptives are abortifacients and they create serious health risks for women. The use of contraceptives creates an attitude that chemical or surgical abortions are the solution to an unwanted pregnancy.

NFP methods are highly effective in both preventing fertilization and enhancing fertilization. NFP also enhances the intimacy of the marriage relationship. NFP couples have a shockingly low (.2%) divorce rate. Yet, the effectiveness of current NFP methods are not understood by many Catholics and certainly not by the general population.

Therefore, the CLFI believes that the subject forum is very important to educate Catholics and the general public. We have four excellent speakers lined up as follows: Dr. Janet Smith, Mrs. Janet Marino, Dr. Mary Martin and Reverend Jerry Kopacek.

## Co-Sponsor Request

CFLI requests that KofC Council 5544 become a Forum co-sponsor by promoting Forum attendance and contributing \$300 towards Forum expenses. CFLI needs to raise \$5,000 to cover travel expenses for the three out of state speakers and for speaker honorariums. Similar requests are being made to other local KofC Councils.

At the May 12 KofC Council 5544 meeting, a motion was made and seconded to contribute \$300 to support the Forum. This information is a notice to all members that a final vote on this motion will take place at the June 9 meeting.

**Vote on this issue to be held during the June Meeting! Please attend so you are heard!**



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**June 2010**

Jun. 9	Council Rosary	6:30 PM	St. Jude Chapel
Jun. 9	Council Meeting	7:00 PM-8:30 PM	Parish Center
June 24-27*	BBQ Round-Up	TBD	Downtown

**July 2010**

Jul. 14	Council Rosary	6:30 PM	St. Jude Chapel
Jul. 14	Council Meeting	7:00 PM-8:30 PM	Parish Center
Jul. 15	Altar Server's Night at the Ballpark	5:30 pm	Kernels Stadium
Jul. 16-18	KC Family Campout	All Weekend	Wapsipinicon Park