



Knightly News

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**Awards Banquet
May 10th
Details inside!**

Grand Knight Report

Happy spring,

I hope this finds all of you both dry and clean (lots of mud out there). With Spring and Easter comes the message of new life. I hope you have had the opportunity to reflect on your lives during the Easter season and if changes needed to be made you have done so. I know I have done so. I have recently experienced my first Family Rosary (thanks Blaine and Marlana for hosting this month). What an experience to have a group of people come together to say the rosary and enjoy each other's company for an evening. If you want more information just ask and I will happy to get it for you.

It is almost time to relax for the summer. There is not much going on in the near future. Fish fries are done. The only breakfast left is sponsored by Foundation 2. We are still helping out in the kitchen but let's all come and support this very worthy cause. Altar Servers night is scheduled in July. The other big thing we have coming up is in June which is the BBQ Round Up, one (not the biggest) of our big fund raisers each year. I have been once again promised the best stand and a couple of smaller very profitable stands during the concerts. The dates this year are June 26-30. Please plan ahead so you can help out with a shift or more.

The other big thing in the near future is our awards banquet on May 10. What a great way to have a fun evening out and for only \$5 a plate a great bargain as well (reservations before May 2 qualify for this rate). You should have all received the invitation to the banquet and have noticed the message on the front cover. I thought I would fill you in on why I chose this message. When I started planning Kurt's awards banquet a couple of years ago I mentioned to my wife that if I ever become Grand Knight I would like to use this theme for my banquet. What a great wife I have. Two years later she remembered that conversation and implemented it for me (thanks Kathy). This message has great meaning to me in my life and should for all of us. All of us go through difficult times in our lives (death of a loved one, change of job, or just financial issues are just some examples). I know I have. We must remember that we are never alone in our difficulties. God is always with us and He is really the one getting us through it. Whether he is guiding our family, or doctors, or even Father Mark, and Father Mike, we take for granted all that God does for us. I have personally found the time and effort to give back whether it is through the Knights or by doing more at Church. I hope each of you finds a way to give to the level that each of you feel is in your heart. Thanks to all of you who are deeply involved. Remember the phrase there is always room for Jell-o.

There is always room and time for God~ Vivat Jesus, Mike Toczykowski Grand Knight

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Special points of interest:

-Family of the month: is Glen and Mary Purdy for their tireless dedication to our Catholic Education system. Thanks to both of you for all that you do for our children!

-Knight of the Month: is Mark Seber for his year round support of anything to do with the kitchen as well as his hard work and dedication to the blood drives. Thanks Mark for always pitching in to help, we appreciate it!

Grand Knight Quote of the Month

"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success."

- Henry Ford

What the Recorder Heard

This month we passed 4 motions. We approved a contribution of up to \$250 for the Annual Graduating Senior breakfast. We also pledged kitchen and serving help.

We approved a contribution of up to \$250.00 for the Pennies for Heaven to bring the fund up to a total of \$500.00 for the State Convention this year.

We approved a contribution of supplies and kitchen help for next month's Foundation 2 breakfast.

We approved a motion to pay the meal expenses of our delegates wives at the Saturday Dinner & Sunday Luncheon at this year's State Convention.

On other matters...Kurt Kinion & Mark Kramer were appointed as alternates to the convention.

There was further discussion on disposing of 1 of our kegalators. There was discussion of re-arranging the lock-up to accommodate the pop machine from the kitchen storage area.

Notes of importance:

With Parish Council elections coming up, Knights need to consider running.

Chris Zaugg has assumed chair of the 5 seasons efforts. When he calls you for help-step up.

The slate of officers for the year 2008/9 were presented (see elsewhere in this newsletter) and nominations were opened to the floor. To nominate someone you may do it either by e-mailing me (RJHStreet@netzero.com) with a second or do it at the May's meeting.

Thought of the month:

Life's destination is known. It is the journey that is uncertain.

Dick Street

Slate of Officers

Grand Knight: Mike Toczykowski

Deputy Grand Knight: Jay Fields

Chancellor: Pat Ford

Recorder: Dick Street

Treasurer: Dennis Dye

Advocate: Jeff Freilinger

Warden: Mike Kadlec

Inside Guard: Chris Zaugg

Outside Guard: Tom Herder

Appointments:

1st Year Trustee: Kurt Kinion

2nd Year Trustee: Blaine Miller

3rd Year Trustee: Pat Gardner

Awards Banquet

We've had a productive year and now it is time to celebrate all of our accomplishments! Invitations have been sent. If for any reason you didn't receive one (our apologies), please don't let that stop you from attending! Here are the details:

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 10th, beginning at 5:30 pm with a social hour. Dinner will be served at 6:30 with awards ceremony to follow. Entertainment will be provided by Relaxed Fit. Dinner options will be Carved Roast Beef or Boneless Chicken, 7-Layer Salad, Party Potatoes, Corn, Dinner Roll, and an assortment of Pies for dessert. Cost is \$5.00/person (\$6.00 after May 2). **RSVP**, so we have enough food on hand for everyone, to Jay and Donna Fields, 369-0855 **by May 2nd**.

This banquet is held to honor all those who have served for 5 years or more as well as show our appreciation for the efforts of our Knights and their families throughout this past year, and distribute our contributions to many deserving candidates.

This is a great way to see what all our Council does over the course of a year! Take time to enjoy all that we have accomplished together!

Directory Update

Welcome to our newest member, Randy Gibbs!

Please add the following information to your directory:

Randy (Shawn) Gibbs, 7015 Brookhaven Dr NW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405 ph-396-1702

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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May 4	Pancake Breakfast	6:30 am-2:00 pm	Parish Center
May 10	Awards Banquet	5:30 pm-9:00 pm	Parish Center
May 14	Council Meeting	7:00 pm-8:30 pm	Parish Center

June 2008

June 11	Council Meeting	7:00 pm-8:30 pm	Parish Center
June 26-30	BBQ Round Up	All Day	Downtown

July 2008

July 9	Council Meeting	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