



Knighly News

Council 5544 (e-mail:Koc5544@aol.com)
November 2008

Happy Thanksgiving!

Grand Knight Report

Brother Knights,

Once again, I want to THANK EVERYONE for their Prayers and Support. As most of you know I just under went a heart catheterization procedure and had a stint placed in an artery in my heart. The procedure went very smooth. I had 90 - 95% blockage in a branch artery. I really felt God's comfort as I was at peace and very relaxed for the procedure.

The Holidays are fast approaching and we have several events coming up: Family Christmas Party, Adult Christmas Party and the New Years Eve Dance. I would like to take this opportunity to invite and encourage everyone to come. This is a great opportunity to have Food, Fun, and Fellowship in our Faith Community. Please be sure to RSVP for these to Donna Fields, 369-0855, if you plan on attending.

We have one more event that we have put on in the past that is in need of a new Chair Person or Persons. The Elderly Christmas Party for our senior citizens. If anyone is interested in heading this up please contact me at 369-0855.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Birthright Rose Drive. We raised \$2,073.57 for Birthright. Way to go!!!

Well, I am going to wrap this one up as I must pack for a CEW weekend. If you have not been to a CEW (Christian Experience Weekend), I would really encourage you to go. It is very enlightening. If you are interested, they have a Men's and Women's CEW in the Spring and in the Fall each year. The Spring CEW's will coincide with Lent, a great opportunity to share some time with God! More information will come at a later date.

Vivat Jesus!

Sincerely,

Jay Fields

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Special points of interest:

-Family of the month:
Is Chris & Barb Zaugg for their exhaustive efforts in chairing the US Cellular/Rough Riders Concessions. Thank you both for all you have done, we appreciate it!

-Co_Knights of the Month: are Robert Perkins and Gene Tang for helping many times at US Cellular/Rough Rider games. Thank you Robert & Gene for the generosity of your time, we appreciate it!

The Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity, to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time; Enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it;
Trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His Will;
That I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with Him forever in the next.
Amen.

--Reinhold Niebuhr



What the Recorder Heard

Last month we welcomed a new member-Tom Weiss-into the Knights. Christmas cards sales are going already, we collected 41 units of blood at the blood drive, the Fall Dinner will be November 22, along with a "jam session". Also, the upcoming 2009 State Convention will be in Cedar Rapids on May 1-3. The Tootsie Roll Drive raised over \$13K. We elected Mark Seber as a 2nd year trustee. And this year we will be supporting 3 seminarians (one of which- Aaron Junge-a new knight of our council).

We approved 3 motions; one to pay the difference in flyer cost; one to support 3 seminarians; one to support (\$250) the State's "Life Banners" project.

Item of Note: We (Council 5544) need to supply Discovery Living with a new board member. They meet on the 4th Friday of the month at Noon. Qualifications: Be a Knight in good standing, willing to accept a committee assignment, willing and able to take an active role in the oversight of "Discovery Living" operations. If you are interested contact the Grand Knight (Jay Fields).

Thought of the month: Matt 16:23-Go behind me Satan; thou art a scandal unto me, because thou savoriest not the thing that are of God, but the thing that are of men.

Dick Street
Recorder

Concession Help Needed!

We are doing the concessions at the following events in November:

November 14	Rough Riders	5pm report time
November 28	Rough Riders	5pm report time
November 29	Rough Riders	5pm report time

If you are able to help fill a spot, please let Chris Zaugg know as soon as possible at 365-2830.

Rose Drive Re-Cap

In case you haven't heard...Our

Rose drive was very successful. Thank you to all who helped that weekend and if you have a chance, thank those who spoke for BirthRight after Mass. We appreciate their time and their help in our fundraising. Our efforts raised \$2,073.57 to help BirthRight and expecting Mothers!



Iowa Football

Only two games in the season left!!!! Now's your chance to watch the Hawkeye's finish a strong season by helping us at the Iowa Home Football games.

We meet at St. Jude's parking lot about 2 1/2 hours before the game, car pool to Iowa City, take the train to the game. We scan tickets for 1 1/2 hours before the game, then you will be assigned to work one quarter and half time. The rest of the time you can watch the game and enjoy the crowd's activities. When the game is over we ride the train back to our cars and are usually back in CR 1 hour after the game.

The dress code is Black pants, Black shoes and a White shirt. No ties. Several area councils work this project and it is a good way to meet other KC's. We earn about \$40 per person per game. It is a very fun way to spend a Saturday afternoon. Women, young people over 18 and non-KC's are welcome to join in on this fun project!

This year's remaining home football games are October 18, November 8 & November 15.

Thank you to the many people who have already stepped up to help with this project. Anyone still interested please contact Blaine Miller, at 654-0050, or Jim Nieman, at 396-5892 to sign-up.

Keep Christ in *Christmas*!

Remember to Keep Christ in *Christmas* this year by sending religious *Christmas* cards offered by your Knight of Columbus Council. On sale now! See the bulletin board for selection then contact

Blaine, or Marlana, Miller at 654-0050 to purchase. Watch for us after Mass following Thanksgiving!

Prepare today!

I recently attended a Long Term Care (LTC) seminar, sponsored by St. Ambrose University and got some very interesting facts I thought I would share with you.

-Studies show that as we age, 48% of us list going into a nursing home as one of our greatest fears.

-One of the things that can hamper retirement is the loss of the ability to live independently.

-By the year 2030, 70% of social security will go towards paying for Medicaid and Medicare, yet on the bottom of the Social Security estimates we get each year the government is now starting to print the words "medicare does not pay for LTC until your assets are depleted to almost nothing".

-The number of LTC workers are declining and by the year 2030 the number of Americans 65 years and older will double. This means that there will be a lack of facilities due to a lack of adequate staffing. Thus the cost of care will rise dramatically. This will make those with a LTC policy a priority as they create a guaranteed income to the care facility.

LTC could be an important benefit to have to protect your assets. Please call me soon to set up an appointment to discuss your LTC needs.

Mike Toczykowski~ Field Agent

389-5454

Mike.Toczykowski@kofc.org

Jam Session!

It's time for another **Jam Session!!!!**

And **EVERYONE** is invited!!!!

Grab your family, bring a friend, grab your instruments or warm up your vocal chords for a great time!



When: Sat., November 22,
5:30 PM-12:00 AM

Where: St. Jude Parish Center
50 Edgewood Rd NW
Cedar Rapids, IA

Come and enjoy your dinner with music-kids welcome! Bring your own beverage- soda available for purchase.

Bring your instrument to join in anytime, come to sing a few songs. The Knights of Columbus will have food for purchase from 5:30 pm on.

Plan now to attend a fun-filled evening, bring your friends and meet some new ones!

Directory Updates!

We'd like to extend a big welcome to Todd Weiss, a new Knight. Todd's information is as follows:

Todd and Brittany Weiss, 2130 20th St. NW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405. Phone 265-1810.

Welcome to our Council and we hope to meet you and your family soon!

The following information needs to be corrected in your directory please:

William Brennan, 1639 Park Towne Ct. NE Ap N10, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402-6461. Phone 294-0609.

If you know of a change needed in the directory with your information please let us know at koc5544@aol.com.



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Nov. 2	Pancake Breakfast	6:30 AM-2:00 PM	Parish Center
Nov. 8	Iowa Football	TBD	Kinnick Stadium
Nov. 12	Council Meeting	7:00 PM-8:30 PM	Parish Center
Nov. 15	Iowa Football	TBD	Kinnick Stadium
Nov. 22	Jam Session	5:30 PM –12:00 AM	Parish Center

December 2008

Dec. 4	Senior Christmas Party	5:30 PM-8:30 PM	Parish Center
Dec. 6	KC Family Christmas Party	5:30 PM-9:00 PM	Parish Center
Dec. 7	Pancake Breakfast	6:30 PM-2:00 PM	Parish Center
Dec. 10	Council Meeting	7:00 PM-8:30 PM	Parish Center
Dec. 13	KC Adult Christmas Party	6:00 PM-10:00 PM	Parish Center
Dec. 31	New Year's Eve Party	6:00 PM-1:00 AM	Parish Center