



Knightly News

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

October 2008

**Rosary For Life
Wednesdays in Oct.
6:30 pm St. Jude Chapel**

Grand Knight Report

Dear Brother Knights,

We have just completed our Annual Tootsie Roll Drive for Discovery Living and Special Olympics. THANK YOU!!! To all who participated in this very special and important event! We are waiting on the final totals but it looks like we should be in the neighborhood of \$14,000.00 Gross. There are still several cases of tootsie rolls available in the lockup. They are being sold for \$5.00 per white Box (50 count) or \$25.00 per Case (300 Count) These funds will be put in the account to go towards next year's numbers. Our cost on the cases of tootsie rolls is around \$18.00. If you would like to donate more, that would be welcomed. We still have to take the cost of 60 cases out of the money raised. *** Any cases of tootsie rolls not sold by mid October, will be sent to our Military Troops overseas. ***

In October we have the Rosary for Life that will be held in the St. Jude Chapel every Wednesday during the month of October @ 6:30 PM. The dates are October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. Please plan on attending if possible. Also, I am looking for volunteers that would like to lead a Rosary please contact me at 369-0855.

The Rose Drive for Birth Right will be held after all weekend masses October 11th and 12th.

The Men's CEW is also coming up on the weekend of October 24th - 26th. Christian Experience Weekend is a very rewarding experience. If you have not attended a CEW before, please plan on attending. It will be held at the LaSalle School Building. The Ladies CEW will be held Oct. 3rd - 5th. To get more information or to register please go to <http://www.crcew.org/>. Experience this special weekend and grow in your faith.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their prayers and support for my brother Jeff. He is at home recovering from the farm accident in Dickinson, ND. Initial x-rays showed broken bones and severe head trauma. Cat scans, just hours later, revealed no broken bones or brain damage. I am holding on to the belief that this was a miracle, since not many people survive a large farm tractor running over their head. He will be recovering for a while. Our Family and his Friends will be putting on a fundraiser October 14th to help with Medical Expenses, as he had no medical insurance.

*** Please remember our Monthly K of C Meeting is held the 2nd Wednesday of each month @ 7:00 PM in the Parish Center at St. Jude. I would like to extend an invitation to everyone to try to attend the meetings when possible. We will have beverages and sometimes snacks available for socializing afterwards. The average meeting is approx. 1 hour.

Thank You for all you do!!!

Vivat Jesus!

Sincerely,

Jay Fields ~ Grand Knight

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Special points of interest:

-Co-Families of the month: are Pat & Diana Gardner and Blaine & Marlana Miller & kids. They co-chaired the drive when another Brother Knight was unable to take over the duties. They also filled in on several shifts that had not been prescheduled. Your continued service and drive to make everything go smoothly is priceless.

-Co-Knights of the Month: are Kent Kinion, Bob Heims and Fred Wilcox- Bob & Kent stepped up to fill in on several open shifts for Tootsie Rolls that had not been scheduled. Fred jumped in to help at the US Cellular at the last minute. Thank you all for your efforts, we appreciate it!

What the Recorder Heard

The September meeting was very busy with several motions and lots of discussion. The Christmas card order is in for this year. The State Convention next year (in Cedar Rapids) is assembling some great raffle prizes. We had a successful breakfast in September, raising over \$300.00. Mark is doing sign-ups for the next blood drive. Football volunteering is in full swing. Blaine Miller agreed to replace Mike McElmeel as financial secretary. There were several passed motions. Motion to pay \$100/yr to have our bulletin ad in color. Motion to pay \$25.00 to the perpetual memorial foundation for Jay Fields' mother. Motion to start Rosaries 1 week earlier (pending Fr. Mark's approval). Motion to hand out flyer's after Mass in October (pending Fr. Mark's approval) on the church's teachings on social responsibilities, expenses not to exceed \$50.00. The Knights disaster fund has sent \$20K so far for Iowa Flood relief. Locally, we are getting \$4K. There is a drive to replenish the fund for future disasters (anywhere in America).

Thought for the month: Nothing will 'pick you up' faster than picking someone else up.

Dick Street ~ Recorder

Rosary for Sanctity of Life

October is Respect Life month and there is a national campaign titled, 40 Days for Life, starting September 24th. The Knights of Columbus will lead the rosary for the next six weeks on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM starting September 24th in the Chapel. All parishioners and their families are invited to participate.



Iowa Football

It's not too late to help us this year and get to see the Iowa Hawkeyes play a game!

One of our council's fundraisers is to help 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.

Concession Help Needed!

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

October 11-CR Rough Riders (Ice Arena), **October 25**-CR Rough Riders (Ice Arena) and Roller Girls (US Cellular Center) and **October 26**-CR Rough Riders (Ice Arena).

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

Prepare today!

You have spent your lives, or are just starting, on establishing your estate and wealth portfolio. What would happen to that amount if you, or your spouse, had to enter a care facility, or had to have care at home due to a lack of basic functions of life? Who would pay for the expenses? Where would the money come from? Who would actually take care of you? The Knights have a long term care program to either help offset, or pay for, those expenses. You are eligible for this program as early as 30 years old. This is an affordable program in comparison to the rising costs of nursing home care. Give me a call soon to set up a time for me to come to your home to discuss this important matter.

Looking forward to meeting with you,
Mike Toczykowski~ Field Agent
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Mike.Toczykowski@kofc.org

TOOTSIE ROLL Drive Recap

Thank you to all who stepped up to help us on September 18, 19, 20 & 21. Your efforts have raised a total of \$ for those with Intellectual Disabilities.

Remember that 90% of what we raised will stay with Discover Living here in the Cedar Rapids area and the other 10% will go to the Iowa Special Olympics.

Given all the hardships of many this summer we are very happy with the support of our council and their families in helping with this project! Without your help we wouldn't be as successful!

Welcome New Members!

We'd like to extend a big welcome to the following new Knights:

Rick Coates, Ron & Vanessa Junge, Aaron Junge, and Gene & Rhonda Tang.

Welcome to our Council and we look forward to meeting you soon!

New Directory!!!

It's here!!!! The new 2008-2009 Council Directory is with this newsletter. It contains a full calendar as well as a list of captains for the upcoming events. Please be sure to review it and attend our events for fun and fellowship!

We strive to have accurate information in our Directory, but occasionally we have an address wrong or phone number that has changed. If your information is incorrect in anyway, please let us know at koc5544@aol.com so that we can be sure to update our records!

Blood Drive Re-Cap

On Wednesday, September 24, 2008, the Knights of Columbus Council #5544, sponsored a Blood Drive. We only had 32 people signed up. But with all of the walk-ins, we were saved! We had 4 no shows for various reasons, 4 were deferred, and we had a total of 41 units drawn. I would like to thank three ladies for their donations- Marlana Miller who donated Monster Cookies, Alice Tritle who donated Brownies, and my mother, Elaine Seber, who donated Apple Cider, all of which was immensely enjoyed. Thanks to all who were able to donate!~ Mark Seber

Trunk or Treat!



We invite you to join us for 4:30 pm Mass on October 25th. After Mass we will host our Annual Trunk-or-Treat in the church parking lot. The children can slip into their costumes while the traffic from Mass clears then we'll trunk-or-treat! Decorate your vehicle, dress up yourself, bring your children and grandchildren, bring some goodies to share and be ready for some fun!

After we're done, move into the Parish Center for more fun and games provided by our Youth Ministry group.

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October 2008

Oct. 1	Rosary for Life	6:30 PM-7:00 PM	St. Jude Chapel
Oct. 5	Pancake Breakfast	6:30 AM-2:00 PM	Parish Center
Oct.. 8	Rosary for Life	6:30 PM-7:00 PM	St. Jude Chapel
Oct. 8	Council Meeting	7:00 PM-8:30 PM	Parish Center
Oct. 11-12	Rose Drive	After All Mass	Parish Center
Oct 11	Rough Riders		Ice Arena
Oct. 15	Rosary for Life	6:30 PM	St. Jude Chapel
Oct. 18	Iowa Football	TBD	Kinnick Stadium
Oct. 19*	Soccer Challenge	TBD	St. Jude Field
Oct. 22	Rosary for Life	6:30 PM-7:00 PM	St. Jude Chapel
Oct. 25	KC Trunk or Treat	After Mass	Parking Lot
Oct. 25	Rough Riders		Ice Arena
Oct. 25	Roller Girls		US Cellular Center
Oct. 29	Rosary for Life	6:30 PM-7:00 PM	St. Jude Chapel

November 2008

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