



# Knightly news

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

### *Greetings from the Grand Knight!*

I would first like to thank all of my Brother Knights for all of their efforts in making The Sweet Corn Festival a success. I was able to help out for a bit after our council meeting on Wednesday night and then worked in the Brat Tent on Friday night while Karen, my wife, helped out in the beer tent. We were unable to assist the rest of the weekend as we traveled to St. Paul, MN to move our daughter to law school but I was thinking of everyone as we traveled. While it takes the work of many in our Parish, I was proud to once again see how much the Knights assist with the festival. Great job!

THEY'RE BACK! Yes, it is that time of year when parents are excited for the start of school and students are, well, maybe not so excited. August is a very busy month for me in my duties as principal of Prairie High School as we start a new school year. By the time you read this, we will be well under way and hopefully I can devote more time and attention to my duties as Grand Knight. I know I have a lot to learn and will be relying on many of you to assist and guide me as we move through the year.

In reviewing some of the materials in the recently received "Surge With Service" kit from Supreme, I came across the reference section in the Grand Knight's Handbook. The first sentence states that I am responsible for the overall welfare of the council, and must provide thoughtful and inspired leadership to the council officers, the Service Program directors, chairmen and members of the council. As I reflect on these statements, it occurs to me the responsibility I have not only to members of the council but to St. Jude's parish, and the Church as a whole. I want you to know that I will do my best to meet these expectations in the coming months.

Thank you to Blaine and all who assisted with Altar Server night at the ball park. Thank you also to those who assisted with the collection for this after Mass last month. Blaine reported at our August meeting that we were able to cover our expenses for this worthwhile activity.

I look forward to seeing you at our next council meeting on Wednesday, September 14, 2011. Please make every attempt to attend as I look forward to the opportunity to meet some of my Brother Knights that I have not yet met.

Vivat Jesus

Mark Gronemeyer, Grand Knight

Don't Forget...

## KC Night at CiCi's!

Tuesday, September 27th  
is KC Night at CiCi's  
(SW Cedar Rapids)

CiCis will donate 15% of  
each sale to our council  
so spread the word and  
dig in!!

## FOOTBALL FUNDRAISING FRENZY!

*Your help is needed!!*

As you know we as a council have lost our two biggest fundraisers over the course of the last 12 months and we were not able to help the Church or our schools this last year. We have a new opportunity that could bring in a great deal of money and we would be working in a very fun atmosphere as well.

We have signed up to work concessions at the Iowa Hawkeye football games and we need help from the entire council. We will be working all 7 home games in conjunction with 2 other councils. The more people we have the more we will make. We have the first choice so if we come up with 14 people then the other councils will make up the remaining 6-8.

Report time is 2 hours before game time and we would get done about 1 hour after the game is done. Parking will not be a problem as we will have a limited amount of parking passes given to us. Your wives can help, neighbors, any one over the age of 16 can help. Please check the Hawkeyes home game schedule and your personal schedule to see if you can work one or more games this year to help us get back on our feet.

If you can help please call Mike Toczylowski at 389-5454.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE

*Mark your calendars NOW!!*

On Wednesday, September 28, 2011, the Knights Of Columbus Council #5544 will be sponsoring a blood drive at St. Jude Church.

The Mississippi Valley Blood Center will be drawing blood in the Parish Center from 2:30 PM to 7 PM.

There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex on the following weekends: September 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, September 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> and September 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions, contact Mark Seber at 390.3842



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

### MIKE TOCZYLOWSKI

Thank you for all of your hard work in setting up the new Iowa "home game" fundraiser for our council!!

# MOVING TO A DIGITAL WORLD!

*Get ready for a BIG change!*

Brother Knights,

Starting next month, our 'Knighly Newsletter' will be going to an "all digital" format. What does that mean for you? Well, a few things. First off, the newsletter will no longer be mailed out in bulk as it has before. There are many factors that have gone into this, but we, as a council, voted this as our new approach. There are options available for you to continue to receive the newsletter and they are as follows:



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Cedar Rapids, IA 52405



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**Sep 4 MDA Telethon**

6:00 PM

CBS Channel 2 KGAN

**Sep 8 Tootsie Roll Drive**

Multiple Locations, CR

**Sep 9 Tootsie Roll Drive**

Multiple Locations, CR

**Sep 10 Tootsie Roll Drive**

Multiple Locations, CR

**Sep 17 Iowa/Pitt Football**

11:00 AM

Kinnick Stadium, Iowa City

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**Sep 24 Iowa/ULM Football**

11:00 AM

Kinnick Stadium, Iowa City



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