



Knightly News

Council 5544 May 2009

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**Awards Banquet
May 16th
Invitations to follow**

Grand Knight Report

Brother Knights,

I would like to start off by once again THANKING EVERYONE who helped with the KC Fish Fry's. This was an extremely successful year! I have been informed that we served a whopping 3,130 Meals. That is approximately 1,200 meals more than last year. We only had one week that we were under 500 meals served and that was the first week due to running out of fish after serving around 450 meals. With the 25% of proceeds we will be able to present a very nice check to St. Patrick's Parish for helping rebuilding efforts.

We started our new tradition of praying the Rosary before our monthly meeting in April. We had around 10 -12 Knights attend. I would like to encourage everyone to come and pray the Rosary at 6:30 PM, before the Meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. If I am not there any Knight present may start the Rosary promptly at 6:30 so that we will be finished before the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Consider this short meditation each night before you go to sleep:

"T.R.A.P" -- Nightly Examine

Thank God and give him glory for his many blessings, for our gifts and talents and for those who love us.

Reflect on the day's events, what we did right or could have done better, the opportunities seized and opportunities lost, and how God may have touched us or how he might have touched others through us.

Ask God to help us serve him better, to heal us and protect us from evil, and to bless those we love and those who are in need.

Promise that tomorrow, we will do our best to live as Jesus taught us and to glorify God in everything we say and do.

May God bless each and every one of you and your Families!

Vivat Jesus!

Jay Fields

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Special points of interest:

-Family of the month: is the **Paul, Mary & Jared Swanson** for all their help during the Fish Fries. They were there each week and served many different roles. Thank you for all your help, we appreciate it!

-Knight of the month: is **Chris Zaugg** for all his help during the Fish Fries and with the US Cellular and Rough Riders concessions this year. We appreciate your dedication Chris, you have truly made a difference!

KC Family Picnic

Mark your calendar now for our newest event!!!! Saturday, June 13, 2009 we are planning on having a Family Picnic in an area park to kick-off summer! More details will be in next month's newsletter, but we wanted to let you know way ahead so you can block it off on the calendar! It will be fun for all!

State Convention

The Knights of Columbus will be having the State Convention in Cedar Rapids at the Crown Plaza on May 1-3, 2009. Council 5544 is one of the host councils for this event. We are in need of volunteers to assist with meeting setup and tear down and also with being ushers. If you are available to assist with any of these tasks please contact Jay at 369-0855.

Council 5544 needs to supply:

6 people – Meeting Setup on Saturday May 2
(I will have the times for this when you call.)

6 people – Ushers on Sunday May 3 from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

6 people – Tear Down on Sunday May 3
(I will have the times for this when you call.)

Ladies, we need some help from you as well if possible!

We are looking for help in the hospitality room at the Crown Plaza Hotel downtown. Duties would include: putting food out, making coffee, handing out the ladies' registrations and helping with the raffle. If anyone is able to help with the following shifts please let Kathy Toczylowski know at 390-4359.

Friday, May 1st

9:00 –11:00 am, 11:00am-1:00pm, 1:00-3:00 pm, 3:00-5:00 pm.

Saturday, May 2nd

8:00 am-10:00 am, 10:00am-12:00pm, 12:00p-3:00 pm

Sunday, May 3rd 8:00 am-10:00 am

We also need to provide fruit for the hospitality room. If you could donate \$5.00-\$10.00 to help pay for the fruit that would be very helpful. Please contact Kathy Toczylowski at 390-4359 to coordinate.

This is our time to shine, let's show the state what an awesome Council we truly are!

What the Recorder Heard

This month we welcomed 1 transfer and 3 new members. The fish fry's were a resounding success as we served 3,000 people this year (almost double from last year). And we received many compliments about the quality of food, pleasant atmosphere and feeling of community everyone had. Fr. Michael will be re-assigned this year and we agreed to purchase him an annuity as a thank you for all of his work with us. We passed a motion to add \$250. from the general fund to the raffle profits for pennies from heaven.

Up coming events of particular interest.

May 15th the CR Knights and CR Masons will jointly sponsor a spaghetti dinner to benefit Officer Davis and his family.

May 16th will be our awards banquet.

Dick Street

Recorder

Blood Drive Recap

On Wednesday, March 25, we had our Blood Drive. There were 24 donors signed up, 3 were deferred, 2 did not show up and with the walk-ins, we were able to get 29 units of blood donated. Norm from St. Luke's said that is 29 more than they had before, and was pleased for our efforts. Thanks to all who participated.

Mark Seber,
Blood Drive Coordinator

Awards Banquet

It has been a busy, busy year and we have done many things in our community. Now is the time to celebrate all that hard work! Please mark your calendars for May 16th and attend our Awards Banquet. Invitations will follow with more details so watch your mail. This is a fun evening for all, hope to see you there!!!!

Chaplin's Report

The month of May is especially dedicated to Mary. Our love for the Mother of God is such a wonderful gift because the more we honor her the more we realize Mary is also our Blessed Mother who leads us to the joys and helps of her Divine Son. As Knights who are dedicated to Jesus under the patronage of Mary, we should use this month as a moment of grace to grow in our devotion to Our Lady. If we have not been praying the rosary, let us pray it this month! If we pray the rosary occasionally, let us pray it daily! Many of us fondly remember 'May Crowning' ceremonies as a child. Perhaps we could have such a ceremony with our families to crown a statue of Mary in our homes. We should not let this moment pass us by in vain, but, rather, grow in our love for Mary this month as we sing, "Mother dear, remember me, and never cease your care, till in heaven eternally, your love and bliss I share."

Your Chaplain,
Fr. Michael Podhajsky

Concession Help Needed!

We are looking for 7 people to work concessions on May 14. The concert is "Slipknot" and the report time is 5pm.

To work in the concessions: we are looking for any Husband and Wife team, any individuals, or any one who has a child 16 or older to work with at least one parent.

A reminder that BBQ Roundup is June 25 - 28. Please be willing to help out with filling in the time slots when you are called upon.

Thank You,
Chris Zaugg

Upcoming Fund Raisers for Officer Tim Davis!

Spaghetti Dinner



Friday May 15th
5 - 8 PM

Location: Scottish Rite Temple
616 A Ave. NE
Cedar Rapids, IA
Cost: Free Will Offering

Co-Sponsored by Cedar Rapids Area
Freemasons & Knights of Columbus

Benefit Jam Session

Saturday, May 23, 2009

6:30 pm-12:00 am

The Knights will have food available for purchase. All donations will go to Officer Tim Davis & Family.

Come and enjoy your dinner with music!

Bring your own beverages-soda available for purchase.

Bring your instruments to join in anytime, come to sing a few songs, visit with friends or just enjoy the music.

Either way you will have fun!

KIDS ARE WELCOME!

Sponsored by St. Jude's Knights of Columbus #5544

Questions please contact Walt Beary @ 319-396-2266 or at wdaddybear@mchsi.com

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May 2009

May 1-3	State Convention	All Day	Cedar Rapids
May 13	Council Rosary	6:30 PM	Chapel
May 13	Council Meeting	7:-00 PM 8:30 PM	Parish Center
May 14	Slipknot Concert	5:00 PM	US Cellular Center
May 15	Benefit Spaghetti Dinner	5:00 PM-8:00 PM	616 A Ave NE
May 16	Awards Banquet	5:30 PM-9:00 PM	Parish Center
May 23	Benefit Jam Session	6:30 PM-12:00 AM	Parish Center

June 2009

Jun. 10	Council Rosary	6:30 PM	Chapel
Jun. 10	Council Meeting	7:00 PM-8:30 PM	Parish Center
Jun. 13	****NEW****Family Picnic	TBD	Area Park
June 25-June 28	BBQ Round-Up	TBD	Downtown

July 2009

Jul. 8	Council Rosary	6:30 PM	Chapel
Jul. 8	Council Meeting	7:00 PM-8:30 PM	Parish Center