



The Golden Knight

July 2009

Blackhawk Council 3099

Grand Knights Notes

Hello, it is hard to believe we are half way through 2009. Wow how time flies! July is the month we include our newsletter in local church bulletins to welcome everyone in our parishes to learn about the Knights of Columbus. July also marks the beginning of a new fraternal year for the Knights. At our June meeting we unanimously approved the nomination of officers for the 2009-2010 council year. Congratulations to our officers and please give them a pat on the back the next time you see them. It is with great pride that I present our officer team:

Grand Knight - Eric Breunig	Deputy Knight – Mark Ruhland
Chancellor - Steve Rammer	Warden – Jim Deschepper
Recorder - Roy Gag	Financial Secretary - John Helt
Treasurer - Rich Mack	Advocate - Richard Falleck
Inside Guard - Jim Wipperfurth	Outside Guard - Paul Merline
Trustee - Russ Ballweg	Trustee - Richard Schwartz
Trustee - Les Ballweg	Chaplain - Rev. Jared Hood

It is really great to see new members stepping up to take officers positions. Please give our officers your full support. Thanks to our new officers Mark Ruhland, Jim Deschepper and Paul Merline. Special thanks to outgoing officers Dave Loether, Mike Schoepp and Lloyd Ballweg; your contributions and dedication to our council is much appreciated.

It is with great pride that I introduce two new members to our tremendous council, Bill Eslinger and Jeff Eicher. Bill and his family live in Roxbury. Jeff and his family live in Cross Plains. We will have more information on our new members next month. Welcome Jeff and Bill.

Congrats! We met our goal of 11 new members this council year and have met all other requirements to earn the STAR council award!! Welcome to Bill Eslinger, Jeff Eicher, Tim Renz, Troy Breunig, Rich Breunig, Larry Wipperfurth, Jordan Breunig, Kyle Breunig, Jacob Breunig, Tom Lange and welcome back to Paul Merline.

At our July meeting we will be picking chairmen and dates for our 2009-2010 council activities. Please come to the meeting to get your ideas on the table; we are always looking for new events and new ways to interact with our parishes, our youth and the community.

Please mark your calendar to attend a celebration to honor our 50 year members and honor the new members who have joined our council.

I also encourage all members to attend the 1st, 2nd and 3rd degrees happening on Monday nights in July, it is very refreshing to observe the degrees and a great way to support the members taking the degrees.

I encourage all members to attend the ordination Mass of the three young men to the priesthood on Friday July 31st at St. Al's at 5:30.

KC Bowling Awards Thanks again to all our members who bowled in this year's tournament and special thanks to our chairman Alan Breunig. Congrats to our Financial Secretary John Helt, who took 1st PLACE in Singles and 3rd place overall. Congrats also to the Blackhawk White team that received the good fellowship award.

Chaplain's Remarks



One of the most prominent activities of the knights is that of helping those in need. This is where most of the effort goes of so many goes. The fundraisers, the donations from the council, etc... And the most important way we help out is through our prayers. There is nothing that God can't do; nothing. So let us continue to pray, and even intensify our prayers for those in need. There are so many situations that only God can solve, and wants to solve, but He wants us to make Him a part of the solution. There are so many around us that are suffering in so many ways. The heart of a knight must always be compassionate, and moved to pity in the face of suffering. We may not have the healing touch, to no fault of our own, but how many we can cure by interceding for God on their behalf. We are an army of knights that can place all our prayers before the Lord for those in need, and what is there that He will not grant us. Astute as Jesus told us to be, we can reach Him through His mother Mary. What will he hesitate to grant her? In your daily rosary, don't forget to pray especially for all those who are sick and suffering in mind and body, and remember those who are going through true economic tribulation. Necessary as the Cross is for each one of us to carry, we all need prayers to be strong enough to bear it. God bless you, and know that all of you are in my prayers. I pray to Almighty God that he watch over you and your families, protect you from harm, and keep in His grace.

Fr. Jared

Join Now!

1st Degree - Monday July 13th 6PM
2nd Degree- Monday July 13th 7PM
3rd Degree– Monday July 27th 7PM



Degrees It does not get any easier this this, our council is hosting a 1st and 2nd Degree on Monday July 13th in St. Al's school. The 1st degree (admission degree) will be at 6pm and the second degree at 7pm. We will be having a 3rd degree on Monday July 27th at 7pm in the St. Als' Gym.

There are a lot of great reasons to receive the 2nd and 3rd degrees and for new members to receive all 3rd degrees in a 2 week period. The degrees are on Monday nights so you do have to take time out of your busy weekends.

Now is the time for all Catholic men to join, what a great time for college students who are home for the summer, snow birds who are gone in the winter or any Catholic man. Qualifications are very simple – 18 years old, a male and a practicing catholic ~ that's it. All men in our parish are encouraged to join. The Knights help support our communities, our youth, our parish, our priests, those in need and many more great causes. Join now! Contact Bill Liegel @ 643-8674 with questions or for more information.

Knight of the Month

This month we honor Mark Ruhland as our Knight of the Month. Mark has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for 3 years and is a very active member. Mark has helped with the pork chop dinner, cow chip food stand, rib and corn dinner, Easter egg boiling, youth events and many more. Mark recently stepped up and took the Deputy Grand Knight role. Mark is a member of St. Al's, lives in Prairie du Sac and works in Madison. Congrats Mark!

Celebration for 50 Year Members and New Members

Come one come all. We are hoping that a lot of members and your significant others will attend a celebration dinner to honor the four 50 year members (Louis Breunig, Melven Ballweg, Duane Mack, and Dale Ryan). We will also be honoring all the new council members who joined us in the past year.

The celebration will be on Sunday night August 23rd at the Dorf Haus; we will have a chicken and roast beef dinner with all the trimmings. It will be a family style meal in the back dinning room. There will be a short program to celebrate our 50 year members and our new members along with a great meal and lots of fellowship. We will also honor our current and retired priests. The cost is only \$15 per person and the council will pick up the rest. The council will pick up the full cost for our honored guest (50 year members, new members, priest, district deputy).

Please RSVP to Eric (644-8484) by August 14th. You are always guaranteed a great meal at the Dorf Haus; add great fellowship and a great reason (honor our 50 year members and our new members) and you will have a great night. See you all on Sunday August 23rd, cocktails at 6:00pm and dinner at 6:30pm.

District Meeting

The Spring Green council will be hosting this summer's District Meeting. Location will be the Legion Hall in Spring Green on Thursday July 16th at 7:00pm. All council members are invited to attend however officers are asked to make a special effort to attend. Grand Knights, Deputy Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, Program Directors and Membership Directors are urged to attend. We will meet at the St. Al's parking lot at 6:15 and car pool to Spring Green.

Chef of the Month

Rich Mack



Upcoming Events

Monday July 13th - 1st Degree 6pm
Monday July 13th - 2nd Degree 7pm - St. Al's gym
Tuesday July 14th - Officer Meeting 7pm
Tuesday July 14th - Member Meeting 7:30pm
Thursday July 16th - District Meeting in Spring Green 7pm
Friday and Saturday July 24th and July 25th - KC Brat Stand
Monday July 27th - 3rd Degree 7pm - St. Al's gym

Family of the Month

This month we honor the Rollie and Joan Mack Family. Rollie is a 4th degree member and has been a Knights of Columbus member for 44 years! Rollie and Joan are active members of St. Norbert's. Examples include counting money, leading the rosary, past lector and many other wonderful activities. They are always willing to help out St Norbert's the KCs. Rollie and Joan live on the family farm on Springfield Hill and have 4 children that are active in their local churches. Rollie and Joan recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Congrats on 50 years and on being family of the month for July.

July Birthday Boys

Francis Kurt	7/13	Roland Mack	7/20
Keith Mack	7/20	Al Brickl	7/21
Ervin Breunig	7/30	Stanley Herbrand	7/30
Lawrence Huber	7/31	Victor Hellenbrand	8/2
Kenneth Breunig	8/5	Nicholas Breunig	8/5
Nolan Breunig	8/5	Thomas Odonnell	8/5
Ralph Endres	8/6	Brad Wildenberg	8/6

Wish them a Happy Birthday!

KC Brat Stand

Mark your calendar for **Friday July 24th and Saturday July 25th** for the annual KC Brat Stand at Piggly Wiggly. We need a few members to help cook and serve brats but, more importantly, we need each member and their families to come and buy a brat, hotdog and soda at the brat stand and tell their friends and family. Contact Eric (644-8484) to sign up to help, shift times are 9:30 to noon, noon to 2:30 and 2:30 to 5:00. If we each give a few hours great things can happen.

A Note From Our Insurance Agent.....

"I already have insurance at work."

Many jobs offer some form of group term life insurance. Often, this insurance is an employee benefit provided at no charge, or for a small co-pay. Knowing that this coverage exists may convince someone that he doesn't need to discuss personally owned life insurance with a professional agent. That would be a mistake.

Most forms of group life insurance are limited in amount. That amount may be tied to salary or some other benchmark, but often there is a cap. That cap may be dangerously low for your family's needs should you die. In fact, in the absence of a detailed needs analysis (which I'll be happy to provide, free of charge), any employer-provided coverage may be completely unrelated to needs at death. In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced - and sometimes dramatically - when you retire. Especially today, there is the very real possibility that you could change employers or lose your job. Or that your benefits could be reduced. In either case you could - one day - find yourself without coverage. If your health has changed in the meantime, you might also find yourself unable to secure individual protection.

While group life helps, it does not replace the need for individually owned life insurance. I'll be happy to meet with you and provide a free, custom-tailored needs analysis, so that you'll know exactly where you stand.

I'm at (800)795-4287, (608)795-4287 or Dennis.O'Connell@kofc.org. Call me - let's talk.