



St. Cecilia Council 13126 Knights of Columbus

“*OPEN WIDE THE DOORS*”

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From the Grand Knights Desk

Brother Knights,
I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and enjoying your Summer. Time really does seem to fly as we are already one month into our new fraternal year. I congratulate PGK Rick Tutka on a successful year and for his help and support as I have been learning the duties and responsibilities of being GK. Congratulations also go out to our 2007 Buck Adamson Memorial Scholarship winners
Gina Della Riva and Monica Marie Jefferson.

August is a busy month for our Council. Vacation Bible School begins on 6-August and runs until 10-August. This year's theme is Avalanche Ranch. If you have time, please consider volunteering. If you have children going into grades K – 5, please enroll them for a fun week at Avalanche Ranch. Our Golf Scramble will be held on 25-August at the Legacy Golf Course in Granite City. We need volunteers to staff this event, but if you just want to come out and play golf, that will work too.

Finally, I just want to remind everyone that our August Membership has been moved to Thursday, 16-August at 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall. At that meeting, we will be giving away two tickets to a Cardinals game as an attendance prize. Come to our meeting and give yourself a chance to win two tickets to the Cardinal-Marlins game on Tuesday 21-August. I know the Cardinals are not playing that well, but hey, free tickets are free tickets!

Vivat Jesus,
— Jeff Thompson, GK

Letter from outgoing Grand Knight

First of all, I want to thank you all for a wonderful year. We accomplished a lot and I hope we all had fun doing it. My special thanks to all the officers, directors and chairmen. You are the backbone of this Council and you deserve to be recognized for your dedication and hard work. Let's all support the new Officers and particularly Worthy Grand Knight Jeff Thompson. I hope to see you at the meetings!

— Rick Tutka

Upcoming Meetings

July
July Membership Meeting – 7/11/2007 at 7:30pm.
Family Life Center
July Officer's Meeting – 7/25/2007 at 7:30pm

Dates of Interest

7/29/2007 – Corporate Communion 11 AM Mass
8/11/2007 – Road Cleanup 8:30 AM
8/25/2007 – Annual Golf Tournament
8/6/2007 – Vacation Bible School begins.
8/29/2007 – Parish Pot-Luck 6:30 P.M.

Degree Dates:

1st Degree 7/24 – Council 1098 Granite city
1st Degree 8/9 – Council 9266 Troy
Major Degree 10/14 – St. Cecilia

June road Clean-up

A big thank you goes out to everyone who came out and helped with the Road Clean-up on the 16th. Information on the next road clean-up date to follow.

KofC Insurance

Learn about or update your current Knights of Columbus Insurance Benefits by scheduling a presentation by Council 13216's Field Agent **Mike Sullivan**. Mike can be reached at (618) 692-0538, 5225 N State Rt. 159, Edwardsville, IL 62025-5713 and michael.sullivan@kofc.org. For the 14th consecutive year, Standard & Poor's has given the Knights of Columbus its highest rating, AAA (Extremely Strong). In addition, for the 31st consecutive year, A. M. Best has given the Knights of Columbus its highest rating, A++ (Superior). The KofC has Whole and Term Life, Annuity, and Long Term Care products. Call Mike today.

4th Degree Exemplifications

The next 4 Degree will be August 17th and 18th in Effingham. Money and application need to be submitted by July 25th to ensure name is in the program.

Eden Nursing Home Ministry

CALL FOR HELP - For the last several months, the Knights have been ministering to Eden Nursing Home a short service which involves reading that Sunday's readings and short readings from the 'Our Daily Bread' prayer books. This takes place on Sundays at 10:00 in the cafeteria of the Eden nursing home. This weekly service usually has 12-15 residents that really enjoy the time we spend with them. Currently, Leroy Horvath, Jim Grover and Walt Jones, Luke Harris along with Mike Woolsey have been rotating administering this service. We are always looking for anyone interested in this type of service to join us. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Mike Woolsey or anyone listed above for more information. It is really an enjoyable and rewarding service!

Email Updates

Please remember to send email changes to the council to ensure that all members are getting updates. If you can, please send changed contact information to Rick Tufka at rtutka@easa.com.

Recycling

The council has made over \$140 dollars for the Special Olympics by turning in the Ink Cartridge and Cell Phone recycling boxes. This very worth while project will continue for 2007. Please bring any old cell phones and ink cartridges to the church and put them in the recycle bin under the coat rack next to the doors. You will be helping the council support the Special Olympics.

Printing Fund Raiser

Ed Twesten has an idea for a fund raiser. Ed provides printers and computer hardware to clients. He is able to provide new printer cartridges to clients at a fraction of the cost in a commercial retailer. Ed has proposed a fundraiser that would offer membership the ability to order cartridges for a little over \$8. The council would receive the difference between the cost and the sales price. This would be close to \$6 per cartridge sold. The process would involve sending Ed an email at edtwesten@aol.com with the model of cartridge and the quantity. Also, money will be needed before Ed orders the merchandise. Ed mentioned that he should be able to get most makes. Thanks to Ed for providing this service to the membership and assisting the council.

Scholarships

The recipients are Gina DallaRiva, Edwardsville H.S. and Monica Marie Jefferson, Triad H.S. Gina intends to go to Valparaiso and Monica to Illinois College. The recipients are two exceptional young ladies, in the best Catholic tradition, which are very appreciative of the scholarships.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Please remember and pray for the following Brother Knights and family members that are Sick or in Distress:

Brother Gary Gorrel is recovering from surgery. Reports he is doing well.

Brother Phillip Daniels' son Barry (age 25) passed away recently. Our hearts and prayers go out to Phillip and wife Linda as well as the entire Daniels family. Barry is the grandson of a deceased Brother Knight from our Council, Sam Daniels.

Brother Maurice Hackethal (wife: Rita) who was admitted for full care in the UNIVERSITY NURSING & REHABILITATION HOME, 1095 University Drive in Edwardsville. Cards and visits are appreciated.

If you know of someone that needs to be added to this list please notify the Newsletter Editor, Mike Woolsey.

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