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COUNCIL CALENDAR

May

05/03-07/09	Tootsie Roll Drive	City of Neenah	Per Sign Sheets
05/05/09	Business Meeting	St. Gabriel's	7:00 pm
05/05/09	Senior Breakfast	St. Gabriel's	10:30 am
05/27/09	Clergy Cruise	Fin and Feather II	6:30 pm

Grand Knights Message

Good evening. I hope we all had a restful winter because we have started our Council's busy season. We were proud to welcome one of our members, Bruce Howe into the 4th Degree this past month. It was a great Exemplification except for distracting music from the next meeting hall. Our own Dan Stunger and Bob Yost were members of the Honor Guard, and Bob's Lady, Millie, played the piano at Mass. Attending this ceremony reminds me how proud we should be as Catholic Americans. Our recognition dinner was a success due to the hard work of Jerry Robak. It was not as well attended as previous years; maybe everyone is getting tired of listening to me speak. All those that attended had a good time. As you know, our Council was one of the host Councils for the State Convention. Thank you to all of you and your families that helped out. It was a great success, and I received many compliments from the State Officers and their wives. A very big thank you to the District Deputies, Dan Stunger and Sam Neuman, that organized and ran the event. They did a commendable job and put in countless hours. As a Council and a District, we truly illustrated Unity and Fraternity in our acts of Charity at the Convention.

It's Tootsie Roll time. Thank you to all those that worked this past weekend at the Masses. Some of you went above and beyond. If you haven't offered to help this upcoming weekend, please do so. We still have slots to fill. Remember, we are doing this for the less fortunate with intellectual disabilities.

Important upcoming events include a 1st Degree Ceremony on May 14th at St. Raphael's, Oshkosh, and a 2nd Degree Exemplification at St. John, Little Chute, on May 19th at 7:00. Our Installation of Officers will be held in St. Gabriel's Church and Hall on June 16th. If you wish to see the U5 soccer team our Council sponsors play, go to Great Northern Park, Neenah at 5:30 pm on Wed. nights.

This past week, I was again a team leader for the 5th grade TCCES retreat at Mt. Tabor, and I was able to work with Chris Thelen, who will be attending the Seminary this July. He is going to be a fine Priest when he finishes his studies. A major point made to the students was that "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God?" (1 Corinthians 6:19). They stressed that everyone is a temple of the Lord, not just ourselves, and we should treat all others as such. People of all ages could learn from this, and treat our brothers and sisters accordingly.

Knight of the Month for May is Dan Stunger

Our Knight of the month has been with our Council just a short time, but has been a Knight for over 33 years. A 4th Degree Knight, he participated with the Honor Guard in both the recent 4th Degree exemplification and the State Convention, and is on the 2nd Degree team. Even though he is not in the best of health, he finds time to help all others in need. This could be at St. Gabriel's through ministries and helping at various functions, or helping the Councils of District 10 where needed. Daniel Stunger uses his cooking expertise at his apartment complex, Church, Knights' events, and has even driven over ten hours round trip to serve meals for another Catholic Church Benefit in Superior.

What stands out is how, through his planning, the State Convention was a success. His innovation at the Lady's brunch had the State Officer's wives talking about the fun they had. The week before the convention, his co-chair, Sam Neuman, was hospitalized, and the burden to finalize all details fell upon Dan. Dan also found the time to drive Sam to the VA Hospital in Milwaukee twice that week.

Though his personality clashes with many people, those that have sat down with him and have gotten to know him, realize his heart is in the right place, and he exemplifies the virtue of charity in his actions. Our District Deputy, Dan Stunger, has the goal of making 5514 the best Council in the District, if not the State. Congratulations Dan.

Adoration Chapel

If anyone would be interested in filling a shift for the Adoration Chapel, either individually, or as a team, please contact Bob at 725-0415. He has a few openings. As a team, two people would only have to go twice a month or four people only once a month.

Family of the Month for may is *Bob and Betty Gehr*

Bob and Betty Gehr are very active in our Council and at Church. Besides organizing the 20+ annual brat fries at Alcan, Bob is our long time Program Director. Bob knows about most of our programs and activities 1st hand because he volunteers at most. He has reached VIP status by recruiting 15 members in his 13 years as a member of our Council. At Church, Bob ushers, is a member of the collection counting team, sells scrip, and volunteers in the Parish office. Bob also volunteers at St Vincent de Paul twice a week. Both Bob and his wife, Betty, serve on the Stewardship Committee. Betty is a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Adorer at the Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel, and a member of the worship committee. Both Bob and Betty volunteered at the State Convention this year; Bob with the raffles, and Betty as a tour chaperone. They did an admirable job. Bob and Betty were also named the 2006 Green Bay Dioceses Family of the Year. We are proud to have this family in our Council, Church and community. Congratulations.

Financial Secretary's Corner

In my previous newsletter, I have stressed the importance of keeping you membership dues up. As of this writing, we still have twenty three (23) members in arrears. As a Council, our obligation is to pay your per capita tax both to our Supreme Council and the State Council. This tax has already been paid. Please, if there is a problem, call me at 920-722-3690. Something can always be worked out.

Yes, we did make our goal in the State Raffle program by selling 571 tickets. All who took part did a super job by surpassing the 516 targeted mark. Our Seminarians love your continued effort and support.

Remember: "Christian character is not an inheritance; each individual must build it for himself!"

Rosary for Life

A group of people get together and pray the Rosary in front of the Planned Parenthood building in Oshkosh. Members from our Council meet at the old Big Lots parking lot and car pool. We meet on April 20th at 5:15 pm, leave for Oshkosh at 5:30 pm, start the rosary at 6 pm, and you are back home by 7 pm. Usually about 30 people in all attend this event. If you are interested in going, drop me a line; my phone number is 725-6600 and my e-mail is mbushman@new.rr.com.

Winnebago Mental Health Pizza Party

The Pizza Party for Winnebago County Mental Health Institute will be on June 9th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Knights should be there from 6:30 to 9:30. See Marv Spielbauer if you would like to help. He needs 4 volunteers which need to fill out paperwork for background checks.

Nomination of Officers

- The following were Nominated for Offices:
 - Grand Knight: Jon Bolwerk
 - Deputy Grand Knight: Edward Sypek
 - Chancellor: Daniel Bornemann
 - Advocate: Daniel Stunger
 - Advocate Gary Neumeyer
 - Warden: Dennis Howard
 - Recording Secretary: Chad Olsen
 - Treasurer: Tony Ansems
 - Inside Guard: Arthur Schmiechel
 - Outside Guard: Colin Behm
 - 1 year Trustee: Paul Wolters
 - 2 year Trustee: Lloyd Delveaux
 - 3 year Trustee: Charles Rohr

Nominations will also be taken at the next meeting, but any nominee must be present to accept or decline the nomination. We can have more than 1 nominee for an office.

Second Chance raffle winners

- Thomas Donnemeyer
- Sue Lloyd
- Dave Vanden Heuvel
- Trixie Zoromski

The Good of the Order

If anyone knows of any Knight who is in the Hospital or going in the Hospital, please call Mike Bushman at 725-6600. This will insure that we get them on our prayer list.

Please remember the following Brother Knights and loved ones in your Prayers:

Don Ashley Ginny Lashua Belva Simonis Willie Bolwerk John Kessler Dan Stunger
Karin Scribner Bill Haga Richard (Pat) Ryan Father Ingold Father Allen Sylvia Bushman
Ron Wisniewski Gary Banks Gerry Van Handel Paula Fielder Brian Wolf