



# Knights Corner



FATHER SCHUMAKER COUNCIL NO. 6772  
BROOKLYN CENTER, MN

ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH,  
SEPTEMBER 2009

## Grand Knight's Message:

Ray Roberge

Brother Knights and Families,

This year has been tagged as "The Year of the Volunteer". Let us be ever mindful of our responsibilities as citizens of the greatest nation in the world and as members of a Christian community that the freedoms we enjoy do come at a price. Part of that price is giving back to the communities that afforded us these luxuries. Yes, I said luxuries. Running water, indoor toilets, air conditioning and ample transportation are among the few luxuries we enjoy, and many times take them for granted.

On the lighter side, I have seen hundreds and hundreds of examples that these philosophies are understood. The Anoka County Fair Clean-up project and the St. Alphonsus Fun Fair Revival exhibited tons of "volunteers" coming forward to ensure successful turnouts. I want to thank those of you that have participated at any level in either one of these events. It is this kind of participation that shows me that we truly understand the concepts mentioned earlier in this letter.

One last thing I would like to mention is the September Steak Fry our council will be having on September 3, 2009. This has traditionally been our most attended General Membership Meeting, I it would be nice if this tradition continued. It gives us Knights a chance to hook up with Brother Knights we see very rarely during the year and catch up with what is going on in our lives. In an effort to get a feel for the number of steaks needed, please give me a call to let me know your plans on attending.

Have a Blessed and God filled autumn.

Yours in Christ,

Ray Roberge



## ANOKA FAIR CLEANUP PROJECT RECAP

Brother Knights

WOW! What a wild year at the Anoka County Fairgrounds this year. This was our fifth and best year yet. Because of the 55 Knights and 7 Wives filling 128 slots and working a total of about 250 hours, we were able to add another \$2500.00 to our coffers.

One of the things that made this year so successful was our Brother Knights' willingness to step out of their comfort zone and pitch in. We had between 15-20 people each evening, helping to get us out of the fairgrounds by 12:30 each evening. I think we even finished up by Midnight a couple of nights. That makes a task like this much more palatable and gives credence to that famous saying "Many hands make light work".

I would like to thank each and every one that helped on this project. Especially the 3 Knights that worked 6 shifts or more; Dave Bredesen, Paul Althoff, and Simon Fehn.

Once again, hats off to you all. Thank you for your love of our Holy Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus.

As Always, I remain,

Yours in Christ,

Ray Roberge

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**CHANHASSAN**  
**DINNER THEATRE**  
**TUESDAY**  
**OCTOBER 13, 2009**



This year we will be going to see **'FOREVER PATSY KLINE'**. The price of dinner and theatre is \$32.00 per person.

We are offering the opportunity to ride a motor coach to the event for an additional \$10.00 per person. The bus will leave St Alphonus west parking lot at approximately 5:15 PM.

We have 100 tickets reserved in front center in the theatre. Sales are open to the public, and you might even consider inviting a prospective new member to join us.

**Contact Ray or Jan Wojtysiak 763-566-5701** with your request for tickets. Payment must be received by September 15<sup>th</sup> to reserve a ticket.

**Remember in your Prayers**



- Ken McIntosh
- Chuck Schwartz
- Ray Petersen's sister Carolyn
- Jim McAlpin
- Tuan Huynh
- George Svobodny
- Jeanette Arnevik
- Henry Gant
- Bob Turner, Larry Tillmen  
brother in law
- Jason Stalberger
- Brian McAlpin
- Maxine Gillen
- Don Carson
- Bob Stahlberger
- Loretta Richard
- Bob Turner
- Don Kramer

And for others we may have missed and need our prayers.

Those who have died

Buster Thielman

**CARDS SENT TO**

**GET WELL**



- Pete Taufen
- Jack Larson
- Joe Svobodny

**SYMPATHY CARD**

SYMPATHY // DECEASED

Rosemary Thielman // death of husband Buster

**STEAK FRY**

**SAVE THIS DATE—SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2009**

ANNUAL STEAK FRY WILL BE HELD AT ST. GERARD'S CATHOLIC CHURCH(PAVILLION) STARTING AT 6:00PM—POTLUCK; PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE. RSVP TO GRAND KNIGHT RAY ROBERGE 763-229-5779



# FAREWELL



Thanks for your prayers and support these past months. Here is an update on what is currently going on as a result of my auto accident on 10/30/08.

Some time ago I purchased Long-Term Disability insurance available to me through a group plan with the Knights of Columbus. Policy provisions include a 180-day waiting period while on total disability before coverage can begin.

It is now three months past that waiting period, and I am told by my neurologist not to do any work for at least another month.

I am still in therapy and I don't know when my total disability will end, nor when any partial disability might end. Therefore, I have decided to use the benefits for which I have been paying premiums.

One problem with that is that the Knights of Columbus terminated me because the Long-Term Disability insurance company approved my total disability claim. Obviously, that means that I will am no longer working for the Knights of Columbus.

Only after I have totally recovered would I be able to go through the hiring process for the Knights of Columbus and be hired again before I would be able to return to work as a field agent.

That is why I can no longer be your field agent and Dale Robinson will have to take care of your needs until he assigns another agent to replace me. You can contact Dale at [dale.robinson@knightsforcolumbuslife.com](mailto:dale.robinson@knightsforcolumbuslife.com) or call him at his office at 651-757-4400 if you have any questions or need help.

Thank you for the opportunity to work with you in the past. Knights of Columbus members are the very best and I regret that because of my disability I cannot continue to work with you now.

God bless you,

Don



## Brother Knights and Families of the Knights

I just wanted to ask you all to keep Brother Don in your prayers. He has done a lot for our council over the years and as a result, won many awards. Unfortunately those awards aren't really contributing to Don's recovery. Your prayers will help with that though. The power of prayer is immense and undeniable. You will be in our hearts and thoughts.

Thanks Don, for all you have done for us. If you need anything, you have but to ask.

Yours in Christ,  
Ray Roberge



**Knights  
Corner**

**Membership Meeting, 7:30 PM  
First Thursday of the Month  
St. Alphonsus School Cafeteria**

**Planning Meeting, 7:30 PM  
Third Thursday of the Month  
St. Alphonsus CCD Building  
St. Gerard's Room 4111-71st Ave. N.**

**SPECIAL DAYS**

- Aug 4 National Night Out.
- Aug 15 The Assumption
- Aug 20 MN State Fair Starts
- Sep 1 Labor Day
- Sep 13 Grandparents' Day
- Sep 22 Fall Begins, Autumnal Equinox
- Oct 12 Columbus Day
- Oct 31 Halloween
- Nov 1 All Saint's Day
- Nov 2 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- Nov 11 Veterans Day

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All wives and widows of the Knights of Columbus are invited to attend the Ladies Auxilians informal gathering immediately following the Knights of Columbus steak fry on Thursday evening, September 3rd at the St Gerard's pavilion. Please come and share your ideas/suggestions as to what

we can do to foster togetherness — we look forward to seeing you on September 3rd.

Remember to keep our young people and their teachers in you prayers as they begin a new school year.

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**Dates to Remember**

**Sep 3 STEAK FRY, Membership Meeting,** 6:00 pm, at St. Gerard Church's (Pavilion) Contact Ray Roberge for RSVP. See his article and the short article in this newsletter

**Sep 17 Planning Meeting,** 7:30 pm Faith Formation, St. Gerard Room

**Oct 1 Membership Meeting,** 7:30 pm, at St. Alphonsus Church, school cafeteria

**Oct 3 St Al's School Marathon & 50th Anniversary Alumni Celebration.** Marathon is in the morning and Alumni Celebration is in the evening starting with 5 PM mass.

**Oct 13 Chanhassen Theater**— please reserve this date open. The show will be Patsy Cline. Details are in the article on page 2 of this newsletter.

**Oct 15 Planning Meeting,** 7:30 pm Faith Formation, St. Gerard Room