



Knights Corner



FATHER SCHUMAKER COUNCIL NO. 6772
BROOKLYN CENTER, MN

ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH,
September 2011

Grand Knight's Message: Craig Solarz

Dear Brother Knights and Families,
Boy has summer gone by fast. My family and I have not even been in our pool yet, We had a successful Anoka County Fair cleanup and St Al's Fun Fest bingo. These projects were handled by our members whose valued service was given to the Knights of Columbus and our Parish. Thanks to all who helped out.

Yours in Christ, Craig Solarz, GK

ANOKA COUNTY FAIR

Brother Knights and Families:
The Anoka County Fair Cleanup Project was once again a great success. Praise God! This was our seventh year, and because of the 43 Knights, 3 Wives, 1 Granddaughter, and 2 sons filling 98 slots and working a total of about 200 hours, our District Deputy, Jim Stalberger, presented our Treasurer, Bob Wacek with a check in the amount of \$2500.00.

It seemed some of the nights were a bit lighter in terms of number of helpers this year. Fortunately, because of the quality of work and our combined experience, the whole process has become more efficient. We were still able to "call it a wrap" by 12:15 AM to 12:30 AM each night.

I would like to thank each and every one that helped on this project. Especially the 1 Knight that worked 7 shifts - David Bredesen and 1 Knight that worked 5 shifts - Ray Petersen. Per the board approval of the "Steak fry 'free steak' option", for those who worked multiple shifts, we will have up to 27 free steaks for those qualified helpers attending the September 8th Steak Fry/General Membership Meeting which will be held at St Al's C.S.s.R. Hall this year.

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

STEAK FRY & AWARDS MEETING

Our KC council will be conducting our annual steak fry on Sept 8. There will be a few changes. The steak fry will be on Sept 8th.

The Steak Fry will be held at St. Alphonsus in the CSsR Hall this year and will be combined with our awards banquet.

The dinner / grilling will begin at 6:00.PM
All Brother Knights that worked 2 days or evenings at the Anoka County Fair cleanup are entitled to a free steak. There will be a few extra steaks for purchase.

This year members can bring their own meat, fish or chicken to grill or if they prefer, they can purchase a steak from the council. **Please let Ray Roberge know if you would like to purchase a steak.** 763-229-5779
Please bring a dish to pass.

The awards presentation will start after the dinner in the CSsR hall.

NOTE: The workers who earn a steak will get their steak from Ray Roberge. 763-229-5779

Marriages may be
Made in heaven, but a
Lot of the details have
To be worked out here
On earth

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~~STARTING A FIRST DEGREE~~ TEAM

In an effort to have new members join the Knights of Columbus faster (less waiting time between degrees); Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson recently announced an order wide the permitting of the First Degree Ceremonial so that each council can conduct their own 1st degree in a timely basis. Our council is looking for members to be on our degree team.. It would great if there are 8-10 members on a council degree team There will not be major degrees (1st,2nd,3rd degrees in one sitting) going forward. Please contact our Grand Knight Craig Solarz to join the first degree team

KC 6772 COUNCIL NEEDS

Please congratulate the new officers and offer your support. A neat way to offer the support is to volunteer to be a director or just a worker at an event. It makes the officers jobs easier and more enjoyable. On page 2, you will notice several director's slots are open. If you are interested, talk to one of the officers and they can give you some information.

The council really needs a financial secretary. Ray W. has held it for at least 5 yrs and the normal term is 3.yrs. His position as treasurer for the state KC staff requires more of his time. If you have a desire to do it, let Ray W. know and he will help you get started.

Remember in your Prayers

Jan Wojtysiak
Craig Solarz
Rose Denn
Ray Petersen's
brother Greg
Deryen Christiansen
Allie Schwartz
Phil Zellmer
Mrs Alberico
Denny Braget
Hames sister in law
Sylvia Kramer
Priests at St Al's
Jerry Hallerman
Mike Murphy
Matt Robinson
Mary Watson
Wendell & Lucy Arndt family
Marion Froehle



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

CARDS SENT TO



GET WELL

Matt Roers

SYMPATHY

SYMPATHY /// DECEASED

Al Kowalski // bro-in-law Jim Christensen
Dave & Kathy Bredesen // Death of Son Bill

If you know of someone who may benefit from a card, please contact Simon Fehn at 763-560-3971 or simon.f@usfamily.net

From the Editor:

The newsletter deadline is the 15th of each month. If anyone has information to be published, Please feel free to mail it to me at 2001 Whitewater Trl. BP, MN 55444 or e-mail it to simon.f@usfamily.net

PROJECT CHAIRS; please send an article to me before your event and following the event to inform the members. THANKS

ALL BOWLING CLASSIC — FRIDAY NOV 11.

Brother knights in our district finally received our FALL BOWLING CLASSIC assignment. The council project needs to get the following information from each volunteer (no exceptions). Their full name, complete telephone number, council number, district #52 (ours) and have they worked in previous years (y/n),

Volunteers need to work the entire shift. Remember not all volunteers need to be Knights. The sign up deadline for volunteering is October 15th.

Locations: Brunswick Zone, (Brooklyn Park and Blaine)

Day Friday, November 11

Time 12 noon to 4 PM plan to show up 1/2 hour early for training and instructions.

Volunteers needed. 34 per location

Contact Jim Stalberger, 763-424-8774

INSURANCE INFORMATION from JOE HAMMAND (our insurance agent)

By now you have undoubtedly heard about Standard & Poors (S&P) downgrading of the US sovereign debt rating from AAA (Superior, extremely strong) to AA+. Correspondingly, S&P has also lowered the ratings of all US insurance companies that have financial strength ratings of AAA to AA+. You are also aware that the Knights of Columbus is one of only five US insurers to currently have a AAA rating. I urge you to read the attached statements by S&P regarding the downgrade and our Supreme Knight's statement regarding the action. With pride, please consider the following when reading the statements. I believe Father McGivney should be proud.

- **The Order's extremely strong financial position has not changed as a result of this action.**
- Our claims paying ability has not changed.
- Our reserves for claims as required by the insurance regulators are among the highest in the industry.
- We have no debt. Unlike other insurers that issue bonds and other debt to raise capital to fund their operations, we do not. Consequently, ability to repay debt is not a concern for us, only our ability to pay claims, which is without question.
- Borrowing is likely to become more expensive due to the S&P's action, which in turn will likely improve the Order's investment returns as we invest in instruments that earn higher returns.
- Our conservative but well developed investment strategy has positioned us very well to work through these historic times.
- We will continue to maintain our discipline of investing only in companies whose business practices, products and services are acceptable according to Catholic teaching.
- Our products are, or are among, the highest performing in the industry. Encourage your Brother Knights and other catholic families to take advantage of this.

KC MALE CHORUS REQUEST FOR MEMBERS

Let's sing with the Knights of Columbus Male Chorus. We are looking for men of all ages to join or Chorus. Do you like to sing? Not only for Sacred Music, but Broadway show tunes and Patriotic songs. We sing at Senior Centers, Nursing Homes, Vet's Home, and KC Council Masses for Memorials and Installation of Officers. You do not have to a Knight to be in the Chorus but you must be Catholic.

We are planning a new member night on September 6th at 7 PM at St Joseph community center on Boone and 36th street in Hew Hope.

If you have any questions, please call Dick Synstelien at 763-493-5219

TAKE A CHANCE ON LIFE GALA (WOMEN SOURCE 2011 FUNDRAISER)

Saturday September 17th, 2011 (7pm- 10:30pm)

St. Vincent de Paul Church (Regan Hall), 9100 93rd Avenue North, Brooklyn Park, MN 55445

Please join us for a fun filled evening event that includes casino games, a wine wheel of fortune, an auction and raffle filled with great prizes. Appetizers and adult beverages will be served. The cost is \$ 50.00/person if tickets ordered before September 1st and \$ 60.00/person after September 1st. costs includes 10,000 chips (not refundable for money), adult beverages, appetizers and great fun. Money raised to go to Women Source. To order tickets, call (763) 425-4637.



**Knights
Corner**

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

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

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SPECIAL DAYS

- Sep 5 Labor Day
- Sep 11 Grandparents' Day
- Sep 23 Fall Begins, Autumnal
- Oct 12 Columbus Day
- Oct 16 National Boss Day
- Oct 31 Halloween
- Nov 1 All Saint's Day
- Nov 6 Daylight Savings Time Ends.
- Nov 8 Election Day
- Nov 11 Veterans Day
- Nov 25 Thanksgiving



.THANK YOU and GOD BLESS EVERYONE who helped the Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxilians at feed my starving children on Mon, Aug 15. We filled 15,552 bags (meals) to feed 43 starving African children for a year. Great Job!

Also, Thanks to those who helped jean with the rolls at the St Alphonsus Fun Fest on Sunday, July 31.

We invite all the ladies to join us for an impromptu meeting after the Knights of Columbus steak fry on Thursday, September 8 at the St Alphonsus CSsR Hall. We look forward to seeing you and will welcome ideas for activities which we could do with one another and with the Knights.

Remember to keep our students and their teachers in your prayers as they return to school.

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Dates to Remember

Sep 8 Membership Meeting Steak Fry
see details on page 1

Sep 15 Officer's Meeting 7 PM Faith Formation
Bldg, St Clements room

Oct 6 Membership Meeting 7 PM School Cafeteria

NOTICE; WE NOW HAVE RETURNED TO THE CAFETERIA FOR OUR MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Oct 20 Officer's Meeting 7 PM Faith Formation
Bldg, St Clements room