



# Council Comments

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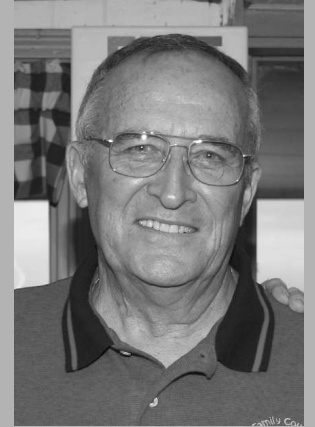
### Holy Family Council 4179



September, 2006

#### GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

What a short and busy summer. With all that has happened, both fraternally, charitably and materially, we have lots more to do. Tootsie Roll Drive, Family Picnic, Religious Appreciation Day, St. Joseph's Home, Hall of Fame Dinner, Tours to Kirlin Egan & Butler Funeral Home and The Abraham Lincoln Museum. This and past newsletters have given details of these events. Please take time to volunteer and help if you are able. After working to clean up our membership list and encourage dues compliance we have some 365 members. If you have any ideas or ambitions to improve our building or grounds they will certainly be considered. Our building and grounds need constant attention and with this number of members and upcoming events surely something would fit your expertise.



On the subject of our building, we are presently looking to get state and city approval to make some additional improvements if the membership so desires. More on this later, but some improvements must be made and it would make sense to look at the big picture.

Brother Rolando, our newsletter editor, does a great job of keeping our members informed to happenings related to our Council. Our newsletter is the finest I have seen and Brother Rolando deserves our thanks and support. Please take the time to read and respond in a positive way if you are able.

The State K of C Horseshoe Tournament was held August 26th in St. Rose, Illinois. Brother Jim Kramp won 2nd place in Class A. He placed between two of the states premier pitchers. If you see Jim be sure to congratulate him because just a few short years ago he was selected Rookie of the Year by his peers. He has come a long way.

Fred

#### MEETINGS

**September 7 @ 7:30 PM**

**September 21 @ 6:15 PM**

The first meeting in September will be our monthly business meeting. There are a lot of things happening in September and October and this meeting will bring out a lot of information on those items. Most importantly, we will be voting on a couple of capital expenditures: paving the parking lot and installing a new public address system. Both of these items are

explained in further detail elsewhere in this newsletter. These are major expenditures and really do need you attention.

The second meeting of this month (on September 21<sup>st</sup>) is not really a meeting. Brother **Jim Enlow**, our Program Director, has arranged with Brothers **Chris Butler** and **Jack Butler** a detailed tour of the Kirlin, Egan, & Butler Funeral Home in Springfield. If you have always wondered what goes on behind the scenes

at a funeral home, this is a perfect opportunity to not only see what happens but to ask questions. This tour is open to your guests but an advance sign-up is required. If you need more information, please call Brother Enlow at 544-6929.

## P.A. SYSTEM

**To Be Voted on Sept 7**

**Proposal = \$4129**

It is very clear to our members and to everyone who comes to our club that our ancient Public Address system is badly in need of replacement. Anytime that we use it, we are patching things together and trying to make it heard throughout the club. Our equipment is old and most of the microphones don't want to work.....and that is certainly not helpful at major events like Fish Fries or Superbowl Parties! And many of us with little hearing issues would certainly welcome the use of a PA system at our meetings.

We have had the extraordinary good luck to have **Chris Wollesen** (husband of **Angie Mann Wollesen**) around with his state-of-the-art equipment for events like our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet and our 4<sup>th</sup> of July Family Party. Chris also happens to have a business that sells and installs all sorts of audio and video systems. GK O'Connor asked Chris to put together a proposal for a system that incorporates a new PA system with a total clean-up of the video distribution system used by so many of our wedding and anniversary rentals. Chris' proposal includes a new cable TV distribution center; new in-ceiling speakers and wiring throughout the club; new microphone jacks and wiring; a central audio/video distribution center; and both wired microphones and wireless microphones. Chris' proposal includes the donation of all the labor required to install and set-up this new system.

State of the art electronics does not come cheaply. Chris' proposal is for \$4129 with 60% down upon acceptance of his proposal and the balance due upon completion. The entire project will be completed within 30 days of the initiation of the project. This project will be introduced and voted on at the September 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## PARKING LOT PAVING

**To Be Voted on Sept 7**

**Proposal = Not to Exceed \$6000**

At the August meeting, we discussed the fact that our insurance carrier had, as part of its ongoing claim reduction program, inspected our property and made several demands for improvements and/or repairs. Among these requirements was one for the addition of another kind of fire extinguisher near the cooking area in the kitchen. Another was for the grading and repaving of the parking lot. According to the insurance company, the uneven surfaces and loose gravel creates unsafe walking conditions which could result in an injury. In response to this finding, we have solicited a bid from a paving company to redo the parking lot. The paving company will completely oil, chip, and then roll the entire parking for \$5600. The heavy rolling of the oil and chip surface will help make it smooth and more stable. The additional \$400 being requested is for incidentals like rock to fill some of the holes and ruts as well as any pre-grading that may need to be done. According to the paving company, this work will, because of the need for good weather, need to be done in September or early October. This will be voted on at the September 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.



## PROGRAM NOTES

**by Jim Enlow, Program Director**

September Social Meeting - Will be on Thursday, September 21st. The meeting will begin at 6:15 PM. We will gather in the parking lot of the Kirlin & Egan & Butler Funeral Home. At the kind and generous invitation of Chris & Jack Butler, we will be taking a tour of the funeral home. There will be a light meal provided. Then there will be a short program conducted by the staff followed by a guided tour. We currently have forty reservations. More can be accommodated. However, we must call in a firm number seventy-two hours prior so we need to have good numbers. There is a sign-up sheet posted downstairs. All are welcome to attend, individuals, couples or families. There is no cost. Please plan to attend and sign up soon. This is a great opportunity for

an extremely interesting evening.

October Social Meeting - Date Change Note: We are scheduling the October Social Meeting for Wednesday, October 18th one day earlier, to accommodate the schedules of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum. We presently have reservations for forty people to take a two and one-half hour museum tour that evening. We will assemble at 6:15 PM sharp, on the South side of the building that night. No food has been planned for the event, but there is a café inside that features soups, sandwiches, salads and desserts for those who may wish to get there early. The café is open that evening until 7:30 PM. Again, reservations are required. A sign-up sheet is posted downstairs and we must have a firm number by Sept. 15th! We will receive advance billing for the event at that time based on the numbers we give them. The tickets are special tour priced at \$5.50 each and everyone must have a ticket. The Council will issue a check to secure the tickets for those signed up in advance. Again, all are welcome! Individuals, couples or families are invited. We can take as many as sixty-two on the tour if we have that many signed up. Please plan to attend and sign up soon. If you haven't been there yet, here's your opportunity! If you have been there, you very likely didn't see it all.

For anyone who can't get to the Council to sign up, please call Jim Enlow, Program Director at 544-6929 to make a reservation. Thank you.

Final Note: Thank you to all who helped make the 85th Knights of Columbus Coop Barbeque Drive a success again this year!! Our goal of a new playground will become a reality in the next few months.

## RELIGIOUS APPRECIATION DAY

**Saturday, September 9  
11:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

Our annual Religious Appreciation Day will be held on Saturday, September 9 beginning at 11:00 AM. Brother Paul Ten Eyck is again the chairman for this particularly worthwhile event. For those who may not be aware of Religious Appreciation Day, it is the day that we invite all of the priests, nuns, and brothers of the Springfield area to come to the club for boat rides, game playing, and lunch. It is fun for both the

members of the religious orders and for our members. Many of the nuns are getting up in years but they truly enjoy the boat rides (faster is BETTER!) and camaraderie. In the past two or three years, we have had 40-50 priests, nuns, and brothers attend. Although Paul has things under control, there are always things to be done the day of the event....and extra boats are especially welcome. If you have a boat and can donate a couple of hours for rides on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, please call Brother Ten Eyck at 787-2423.

## LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

**by Sandy Rolando, President**

In addition to all the great events coming up in September, please add the Ladies Auxiliary "Breakfast on the Lake" on Sunday, October 15th and our "Haunting Halloween Dinner" on Friday, October 27th to your calendar. Enjoy our all-you-care-to-eat breakfast surrounded by all the fall colors of the lake and then join us for Verna Kirby's signature pasta dinner with all the fixings.

Our next meeting will be September 6th at 7:00p.m. We will have a short business meeting followed by refreshments by Barb Schmidt. For those who can stay, we will be organizing our various decorations in new containers for better storage.

Any female 18 years or older and the wife, daughter or mother of a member of Holy Family Council or any unmarried or widowed woman of the Catholic faith is welcome to join our Auxiliary. Please come be our guest and learn more about becoming a member.

## GRANDPARENTS' DAY @ ST. JOSEPH HOME

**Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>  
Starting @ 3:00 PM**

For the third year in a row, Holy Family Council 4179 and its Ladies Auxiliary will be assisting St. Joseph's Home (3306 S. Sixth Street Rd. next to Little Flower Church) in their celebration of Grandparents Day. It is an old time family picnic with each family bringing a

covered dish and St. Joseph's furnishing the hamburgers and brats to be cooked by us.

We will be setting up the picnic grounds and the serving line starting at 3:00 PM; cooking, serving, and assisting the nursing home residents from 4:00 PM until about 6:00 PM; and then cleaning up after 6:00 PM. Last year we were completely done and enjoying a little liquid beverage by 6:30 PM. The more help we get, the easier it is for everyone so please take the time to come out for a fun and satisfying time helping those who have given so much to us over the years. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. If you can't get out to the club, please call **Bill or Sandy Rolando** at 529-5303 to volunteer.

## MR DRIVE

**September 15th & 16th**  
**Still need Volunteers**

According to Project Chairman **Tony Mares**, the MR Drive this year will be on Friday and Saturday, September 15th and 16th. We again will be manning various locations throughout the area and will need lots of volunteers for 2 hour shifts.



A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board downstairs, or you can call **Wayne Brown** (753-1807) or **Jim Enlow** (544-6929) for information, locations, and times available. Why not bring the

family? Who can refuse giving to a child?

Our top fundraisers change a little every year but Brother **Bob Wolf** is always right near the top. With a little bit of effort on your part, you can be the top fundraiser and get the well-earned recognition at a meeting in the future. Even if you absolutely cannot volunteer to work a shift, you can still help out by sponsoring one or more cases of Tootsie Rolls at \$20/case. Please remember that all of the money raised through this project directly benefits local agencies and service providers who specifically serve the disabled. Last year we raised over \$6,600.00 (for the 4th straight year of increases) and some of the beneficiaries included Boy and Girl Scout Troops, Brother James Court, Special Olympics, and CCD class for the disabled at Blessed Sacrament Church.

There will be a lot more information about the MR Drive at the September 7<sup>th</sup> meeting but if you want to get a jump on sponsoring a case of Tootsie Rolls, you can make your check payable to "KC Council 4179 - MR Drive" and drop it off at the club.

If you want to volunteer or have any questions, please call **Brother Mares** at 698-8669; **Brother Wayne Brown** at 753-1807; or **Brother Jim Enlow** at 544-6926.

## NO SMOKING, PLEASE

**Starting on September 17<sup>th</sup>**

Pursuant to Springfield city ordinance, Holy Family Council 4179's clubrooms will go completely smoke-free on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. This ordinance outlaws smoking in the entire building including the bar area downstairs. As you know, the upstairs has been smoke-free for several years now and we think that it has clearly helped with our rentals for receptions and big parties. More and more people are looking for a smoke-free environment in which to celebrate. Now the rest of the building will be smoke-free. If you must smoke, please go outside. Anyone violating this ordinance could be subject to the civil penalties imposed by the ordinance as well as censure for violating club rules.



## FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL

**Saturday, September 30 @ 12:30**

For the second year, Holy Family Council 4179 is hosting a Fall Family Picnic for all of our members, their families, and their invited guests. For those who attended last year, who can ever forget fun and laughs of the three-legged or sack races in the afternoon; the bean bag toss games; the impromptu touch football game; the comedian/magician; and, finally, the family trivia contest. For those who came, it was a terrific day of family fun and fellowship. It is an outstanding opportunity to show everyone what the true essence of "Holy Family" Council is meant to be and the perfect choice for inviting a young family man to find out what the KCs are all about. You get this whole day of fun for a simple potluck dish big enough for your



family that can be shared with all your friends. The KCs will be furnishing fried chicken (and maybe some other treats) but rest of the meal (served about 5:00 PM) will be made up of what you want to bring.

The planning for the day is currently under way but, if you have an idea for an outside game or some sort of family entertainment, – or would like to volunteer to help in any way – please call Brother **Bill Rolando** at 529-5303 now. We made a video of the fun & games at the 2005 Fall family Festival; we will show it downstairs on the big screen TV at 7:00 PM on our meeting night of September 7<sup>th</sup>.

## HAVE YOU SEEN.....

### Our missing aluminum cans?

One of the things we do at the club is try to recycle as many aluminum cans as possible. Our members who help with cleaning routinely bag them up and leave them outside to be taken later to the recycler. In the first 6 months of this year, our income from recycling was \$226+ so it could easily add up to over \$500 per year at the current rates for aluminum. Why is this being mentioned? Someone recently helped themselves to six 30 gallon garbage bags of cans that were outside the club. These were collected after the Summerfest so there were more than usual. We hope that they simply thought that we were throwing them away and were there for the taking....and not that someone actually stole them. However, if you see someone taking sacks of aluminum cans from our club, please remind them that we, too, recycle for the cash.

## WANTED: FOOD CHAIRMAN

### Want to be the Chief Cook?

We currently have a vacancy in our position of Food Chairman. Brother **Bill Groves**, who has done an admirable job as the Food Chairman for most of the past 2+ years, decided to spend a lot more time with his ever-expanding family (you know that the little one is only about a year old). These are tough shoes to fill but, if you have an interest in cooking a little snack after one or two meetings a



month, a Friday special once in a while, supervising the menu for our big events, and overseeing the Lenten Fish Fries, we may have a job for you. Please call Grand Knight **Fred O'Connor** @ 483-4305 if this sounds like something you would like to try.

## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

We have a lot of members that we never seem to see out at the club but that certainly doesn't mean that they are not good members whose intentions are very honorable. This month Knight of the Month is one of those members that we rarely see around the club but he recently volunteered to do a really nasty job – final scraping and repainting the ceiling of the covered patio. It needed it badly. It was peeling and was badly discolored. No one seems to remember when it was last painted and now, in case you have not noticed, it really looks nice. It is a bright, cheery white that makes the place seem friendlier. I think that you all will agree that the Knight of the Month, **Pat O'Connor**, deserves every handshake and “thank-you” that we can give. Please do so the next time that you see him.

## FAMILY OF THE MONTH

This month's Family of the Month is one who you wonder what would happen if they weren't around. Jim has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for over 40 years and is currently a Honorary Life Member of Holy Family Council. He is often called upon to help with all kinds of things at the club including the most onerous of activities like mopping the floor in the bar. He works tirelessly at all kinds of things but, most importantly, has been serving as the Rental Chairman for the past couple of years with a great deal of success. Jim's wife, Pat, is an active member of the Ladies Auxiliary and, more importantly, she often leaves whatever she is doing to come over and show the club to prospective renters. Let's all put our hands together and give a big round of applause to Jim & Pat Rosenthal for being the Family of the Month.

## MUSIC MAN NEEDED

Do you play the piano.....or even just like to sing loudly in the shower? You just may be the person we are looking for. We have several times a year that we



