



# Council Comments

## Knights of Columbus

### Holy Family Council 4179



August, 2007

#### GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

We had a very busy July and August is shaping up to be very busy around the Council as well. I would like to commend Phil Wilson and all the volunteers who put in the many hours to make Summerfest a great event. Bill Groves also took on the parking detail for the Sweet Corn Festival by lining up volunteers and even parking a few cars himself. We were given a generous donation from the Chatham Jaycee's for our efforts which we will discuss which organizations to share this with at this month's business meeting. Our business meeting will also include discussion on re-paving the parking lot, and the pavilion ceiling. I hope to see you there.



Our August social meeting will include a first degree initiation, fellowship and a nice meal. If you know of any Catholic gentleman 18 or older now is the time to ask him to join. Joe Meyer would be glad to speak with them and get a form 100 filled out.

Remember Dale Smith, our worthy recorder, in your prayers as he recovers from heart surgery, and for the safety of our troops abroad.

Chris

#### MEETINGS

**Thursday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:00pm**

**Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm**

The regular business meeting of Holy Family Council 4179 will be held on Thursday evening, August 2<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 7:00pm. Among the issues to be discussed at this meeting will be the needed repairs on our parking lot and the finishing touches on the pavilion. Also on the agenda may be some of our fall activities like Grandparents' Day at St. Joseph's Home; Religious Appreciation Day; Mr/Tootsie Roll Drive; Family Fall Festival; and the Halloween Party.

The second meeting in August will be on the 16<sup>th</sup> and will be dedicated to a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Initiation (more on that later). There will also be a dinner immediately following the initiation.

#### CEILING IN PAVILION

**Council Vote at August 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting**

**\$6,000 to \$8,000**

At the July business meeting a discussion was held on installing a ceiling and putting all the finishing touches on the new pavilion. This part of the program would also include complete electrical wiring, 8 light fixtures, and 2 ceiling fans. Brother Fred O'Connor has obtained labor and materials bids for two types of ceilings. A vote will be taken on one or both proposals at the August 2<sup>nd</sup> business meeting.

One type would be 4' x 8', fiberglass coated on one side, plywood panels obtained from Nudo Corp. in a salvage situation. **These panels will be subject to availability since it has been a month since they were offered to us.** If available, the sheets would cost

us only \$25 per sheet. With materials, installation labor, full electrical, and an aluminum wrap on the main beams, the cost estimate is \$5,365.00. Because of unanticipated miscellaneous expenses, the amount appropriated should be set at up to \$6000.

The second proposal was recommended at the July business meeting and is for a perforated steel ceiling. For the same complete package, the estimate came in at \$7,350.00. Because of unanticipated miscellaneous expenses, the amount appropriated should be set at up to \$8,000.

## **RECRUIT THAT MEMBER!**

**1<sup>st</sup> degree on August 16<sup>th</sup>  
Meal to Follow Initiation**

Now is the time to recruit that new member you have been thinking about. In an effort to kick off the new year on a really positive note, GK Chris Reichert, Membership Chairman Joe Meyer, and DD Steve Mann have scheduled a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Initiation on Thursday evening, August 16<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7:15pm. Registration and orientation of candidates will begin at 6:30 pm. Each candidate must have a completed Membership Application (Form 100). There will be a \$15 Initiation Fee plus ½ year's dues (\$30) for a total of \$45 due and payable before the initiation begins. Membership Applications (Form 100s) are available at the club or by calling Financial Secretary Bill Rolando @ 529-5303.

## **KC STATE HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT**

**Hosted by Holy Family Council 4179  
Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>**

Holy Family Council has always been blessed with the opportunity to host many state events. From State Conventions to Free Throw Contests to Spelling Bees, we have always been more than willing to step forward and assist the State Deputy by hosting state events. This summer we will add another to that long list by hosting the State Horseshoe Tournament on Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Tournament will actually be held at Lincoln Park on the north end of Springfield. Although registration starts at 11:00am and the Tournament starts at

12:00noon, there will be plenty of things that need to be done both earlier in the morning and in the days leading up to the event. Brothers Jim Kramp and Fred O'Connor are co-chairing the event and they could use a lot of volunteers to assist in setting up, cooking and serving food & refreshments, and just generally making Brother Knights from all over the state feel welcome. You can call Jim at 525-1960 or Fred at 725-6765 to volunteer or ask questions. Any paid-up member of the Knights of Columbus is eligible to participate so, if you have a hankering to pitch a few shoes, you, too, can join the fun for a registration fee of only \$8.

As a special treat, Brother O'Connor has already talked to Springfield Mayor (and PGK at 364) Tim Davlin about throwing the (symbolic, I guess) first shoe and the mayor has promised to be there. This should be a fun time and your whole family is welcome to come out and watch our own Brothers compete against the best throwers from the rest of the state. Put August 18<sup>th</sup> on your calendar.

## **KC BBQ RAFFLE DEADLINE**

**Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>  
by Jim Enlow**

August 26th, - Deadline Day - is less than four short weeks away. Please get your two or more books of tickets sold and turned in soon. At the close of SummerFest on July 21st, 25 Council Sales Stars had sold 55 books (Council profit 550.00) We have distributed almost 600 books for sale by our Council and Auxiliary Team. Our goal is 200 sellers and 400 plus books sold. We need your help!!

We have joined the Cooperative Barbeque Fund-Raiser again this year to complete the funding of our newly-installed playground equipment. As we've seen, it is up and running and getting heavy use. Again this year, you have our commitment that all profits realized from this event will go to complete the funding of the playground project. The remaining and future profits will go to our Council to defray maintenance and updating costs.

K-C Raffle Book prize chances are \$1.00 each, sold in books of 15. As co-sponsors, our Council will receive \$10.00 for each \$15.00 book of raffle tickets sold!

There is an additional bonus of \$0.50 per book if we sell one book per member! We may also be eligible for an additional \$1.00 per book bonus based on past performances. Again, please buy a book or two, take a book or two to work or church or anywhere you go and sell these tickets! The drawing is just days away, so now is the time!!! For extra books, there should be a few at the downstairs bar or call Jim Enlow at 544-6929.

To turn in your books, you can mail them to the Council, 145 N. Lakewood Drive, Chatham, IL 62629, or drop them off at the Council in the gray lockbox behind the downstairs bar or, for special arrangements, call 544-6929. Thanks to all for your efforts!! K-C Cooperative Barbeque Committee

## LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

by Sandy Rolando, President

July has certainly flown by. Thanks to Vice President Kathee Pappa for conducting the July meeting in my absence and to Becky & Ed Hunter for the refreshments for that meeting. I know that those present enjoyed Ed's cakes. July was Summerfest month and our chairmen Teena Groves and Lisa Sherell did a great job organizing the ladies booth. A special thank you to all the ladies that helped, including our new incoming members.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, August 1, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Our agenda will include a report on Family Night and Summerfest, and a discussion on scheduled upcoming events. Our hostess will be Laurie Mann.

Now is a great time to join the Ladies Auxiliary. 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 welcomed. Come join us.

## ROAD TRIP !!

**Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**

### **Spfld Diocese Hall of Fame Dinner in Bethalto**

As you are aware from last month's Council Comments, Holy Family Council 4179 is truly privileged to have another one of our Brother Knights being inducted into the Diocesan Hall of Fame. That

would be, of course, Brother and PGK (3 times) Fred O'Connor.

The Hall of Fame Dinner & Installation Ceremony will be held in Bethalto this year on Saturday evening, October 27<sup>th</sup>. Tickets for the Dinner will be available sometime in late September and you are invited (even encouraged) to take your spouse to this gala event. In order to make the trip easy for anyone who wants to attend, Brother Gary Schmidt, with the blessing of the Council, has arranged for a 31 passenger tour bus for that night. Bethalto is about 75 miles from the Council so you will not only save the wear and tear and the cost of gas but you will also be able to enjoy the camaraderie of your Brother Knights and their spouses. Some details have to be worked out but you can call Brother Schmidt at 629-8774 to reserve your place on the bus. Call early because, when the seats are gone, they ARE gone.

## SPECIAL OLYMPICS VOLUNTEER

### **Information Update and Event Schedules**

In this brief column, we would first like to invite everyone interested to sign up to be notified when Special Olympic volunteers are requested. Everyone means Knights, Ladies Auxiliary members, spouses, high-school or older children, relative neighbors and friends all!

No one needs to commit to every event. If we could get a list of 15-20 willing to be called, that would easily provide 6-8 volunteers per event. That's all that Area 17 Special Olympics would ask of our Council.

To sign up, please contact Jim Enlow by phone, E-mail or in person. It would be best to have E-mail addresses provided to facilitate receiving event and meeting information. Please consider joining our Council group. The rewards are incredible!! Thank you.

### **Upcoming Events Schedule:**

Area Bowling, Saturday August 25, 2007, King Pin Lanes, Springfield. 11:00 AM Registration, 12:00 PM - Competition starts. Over 200 bowlers expected. Approximately 100 volunteers needed.

Special Olympics Golf Tournament , Wednesday, Sept. 19th, 2007, Edgewood Golf Club, Auburn, IL. Registration, 11:00 AM. Shotgun Start at 12:00 PM. Volunteers and Foursomes needed. All information is posted on the downstairs bulletin board.

Jim Enlow, Home: 544-6929.  
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## ST. JOSEPH'S HOME PICNIC

### Grandparents Day - Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>

For the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row, Holy Family Council has been asked to cook and serve at the Grandparents Day celebration at St. Joseph's Home. St. Joseph's Home is a facility that provides a full range of retirement and shelter care packages. It is operated by the Order of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Immaculate Conception and is a wonderful Catholic care facility. (I know – my pop has been there for 3+ years). Grandparents' Day is on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> and we will be looking for volunteers to help again with setting up the chairs and tables, setting up the serving line, cooking the dogs and burgers, serving the food, assisting the residents, and cleaning up afterward. There is no cost to Holy Family except some volunteer time and it really does make a person feel good to volunteer for something so worthwhile. Brother Bill Rolando (yes, that's me) and his wife, Sandy (current Ladies' Aux. President) are chairing this event. You can call them at 529-5303 for further information or to get on the volunteer list.

## SPECIAL HONOR

We hope that you happened to notice in the SJR that one of our members was proudly wearing his Holy Family Council 4179 shirt when he received a special honor last week.



Norm Willis with his KC shirt on

Brother Norman Willis, a long-time member of Holy Family Council (since 1959), was one of seven living members of the old Springfield "Colored" Municipal Band

that were honored for their years of service to the City of Springfield. For those who missed the SJR article, until 1956 Springfield had two separate municipal bands – one for the whites and the other for the "colored". Brother Willis played the trombone first in the "colored" band and then in the merged band. We don't see Brother Willis or his lovely wife, Irene, around as much as we used but, if you do see him, please congratulate him both on his service to the municipal band and his loyalty to Holy Family Council 4179.

## FOOD PANTRY

If you are coming out to the club for any reason, don't forget to bring along some canned food or breakfast cereal to share with those who are not as fortunate. Brother Pat Pappa is always looking for donations to the Holy Family Food Pantry and the need is still there. Please, please help!

## INSURANCE CORNER

"I already have insurance at work." Many jobs offer some form of group life insurance. Often, this insurance is an employee benefit provided at no charge, or for a small co-pay. Knowing that this coverage exists may convince someone that he doesn't need to discuss personally owned life insurance with a professional agent. That could be a mistake.

Most forms of group life insurance are limited in amount. That amount may be tied to salary or some other benchmark, but often there is a cap. That cap may be dangerously low for your family's needs should you die. In fact, in the absence of a detailed needs analysis, any employer-provided coverage may be completely unrelated to needs at death. In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced – and sometimes dramatically – when you retire.

Especially today, there is the very real possibility that you could change employers or lose your job. Or that your benefits could be reduced. In either case you could – one day - find yourself without coverage. If your health has changed in the meantime, you might also find yourself unable to secure individual protection.

