

July 2008

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

I hope that all of you are having a wonderful summer and had a great July 4th weekend with your family and friends. Let us always thank God for the freedoms he gave and the men and women who have served and continue to serve and defend the freedoms we treasure so much.

It is my honor to introduce to you our slate of Council Officers elected last month for the 2008-09 term. I am looking forward to working with the following gentlemen: Deputy Grand Knight: Jim Carter, Chancellor: Bob Elbert, Recorder: Danny Hillerman, Financial Secretary: Bill Marquart, Treasurer: Virgil Gildehaus, Advocate: Henry Ballmann, Warden: Tom Remillard, Inside Guard: Mark Buersmeyer, Outside Guard: Bill Eckelkamp, Trustees: Gus Bargen, Ken Diener and Donald Hellmann and Lecturer Gene Roetheli.

A First Degree is scheduled for Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 3rd. If you know of a student who wants to become a member, this is a perfect time to sign them up before the new school year begins.

There will be a District meeting for all officers and committee chairman on Thursday, July 28, 2008 at our KC Hall. This is a very important meeting so please plan on attending.

Please mark on your calendars that our council will host a Blood Drive on Friday, July 25 in the lower level of the hall from 1 p.m. - 7 p.m. Everyone who gives blood will receive a free St. Louis Cardinals T-shirt. If you can help with this event please call me at 239-4402 or contact Susan Wilson at the hall.

Our council will once again be in charge of the Beer Garden for the Washington Town & Country Fair on Saturday, August 9th. If you can volunteer your time for one of three shifts please call chairmen Danny Hillerman and Gene Roetheli or sign up in the lounge. The proceeds of this event will go into our vocation fund.

All is on track for the Tractor Cruise which has now been named "Journey for Charity" scheduled for Sunday, September 14. The Union Council along with St. Clair, St. John's and our council are sponsoring the event. Registration is \$30.00 per tractor driver. Fee includes a free T-shirt, one evening meal and transportation from drop off site to staging area. Our council will sponsor the first 12 drivers who sign up. The tractor cruise will start in St. Clair and travel through Union and will end at the Washington Park Swimming Pool parking lot where there will be food and drinks for everyone. All money raised will be evenly split between the three councils. Registration deadline is August 26, 2008. Registration forms can be picked up in the lounge of our hall. Our council is in charge of the Beer Garden for this event. If you can volunteer your time please call chairmen Danny Hillerman or Gene Roetheli. Please mark on your calendars that our Apple butter cook is scheduled for September 16th and 17th. Please call me or the hall if you can volunteer your time to help.

After our last month's council meeting there was a first reading of the Memorial Association bylaws. The 2nd reading of three will be read after our council meeting next month Tuesday, August 12th.

The next Fish Fry will be July 25th and will benefit Our Lady of Lourdes Grade School

The family of the month is the Tom Hellebusch Family

Knight of the Month is Mike Elbert

Virgil Gildehaus won the attendance prize and Gene Roetheli won the 50/50 drawing.

Please keep in your prayers the sick and in distress and remember the deceased members of our council and their families. Let us also remember our service men and women who have died and those who continue to serve our country throughout the world.

This month's thought is: *"If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a Nation gone under."* -President Ronald Reagan.

Respectfully submitted, Mark Filla, Grand Knight, 507 Oriole Lane, Washington, MO 63090, 636-239-4402

Notes from the Board of Directors and General Manager

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. By the time many of you receive this, our 41st Annual Picnic will again be history, WOW where does the years go.

The first reading of our updated By-Laws was held this past month, with a second reading scheduled at the August Council Meeting. A final reading and vote on the passage of these By-Laws will be held in September. For a copy of the proposed By-Laws please contact Bob Elbert or Bill Eckelkamp.

Don't forget to check out our website. Slowly but surely the updates keep coming. It is our goal that by this fall, an updated schedule of bookings and happenings at our facility will be posted. Meanwhile, the history of our council as well as decorating pictures of the hall have been uploaded. We also hope to have the council newsletter posted monthly on the site.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me or our General Manager, Tim Mathews @ 636-239-3756 or tmathews@kofc1121.org. Please continue to enjoy a safe and happy summer, and we hope to see you at the hall.

Fraternally yours Tom Hellebusch, Board President

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...only life insurance will provide a steady income...a guaranteed amount month after month

...with a check coming in monthly, she can budget accordingly

... life insurance gives her a precious freedom of choice

... she can work if she wants to...as a hobby...not as a necessity

... she can live with her grown children if she pleases...as a welcome visitor

... she can call on charitable agencies if she likes...to offer help...not to ask for help

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Call me today. I want to hear from you. Robert King, Sir Knight, 636-239-1016

Ladies Auxiliary

We do not have a meeting in July or August.

Hope everyone had a nice 4th of July, and to all our members whose birthdays are in July, hope you had a great day.

The next big dinner is the Picnic on July 20, we need all K of C members to bring pies for the dinner and if you don't bake just call Schulte Bakery 239-2300 to order, pay and they will deliver the pies to the K of C Hall that Sunday morning.

If any K of C members wives would like to join the Ladies Sodality Auxiliary please call me or we meet the first Tuesday of the month. We would love to have you join in the fun.

If you have moved or have a new address please contact Dee Shirley at 390-8225 or Susan Wilson at 239-3756.

Ladies to serve September meeting are Norma Stockhorst, Ruth Straatmann, Marcella Strubberg, Delores Struckhoff, Doris Sullentrop, Doris Tobben. Any questions call Dottie at 239-6993.

See you all at the picnic. Eleanor J. Eckelkamp, Auxiliary President, 721 Stone Gate Drive, Washington, MO 63090, 636-239-3412