



Knights of Columbus St. Bernard Council 8152 Crossville, Tennessee Thursday, August 13, 2009

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Aug 17	Hall work day – (9:00 am)
Aug 17	Our Lady of Guadalupe (7:00 pm) Sacred Heart Cathedral - Knoxville
Aug 18	Card Social Party
Aug 22	Diocesan Day (9:00 am) All Saints Church – Knoxville
Aug 22	District 14 Meeting - KofC Hall (9:30 am)
Aug 27	Assembly Meeting
Sept 01	Right to Life Mtg. Library Annex (6:00 pm)
Sept 4-5	Boston Butts
Sept 10	Council Meeting
Sept 19	Special Olympics
Sept 24	Assembly Meeting
Oct 9-10	OKTOBERFEST

Grand Knight's Report As we start this new fraternal year, I wish to thank all of you for intrusting me to be your Grand Knight. I will do my best to serve you and ask for your guidance, patience, and prayers. I am a firm believer in communications. I, with the help of BK Dick Kuligowski, will send the newsletter and happenings to you, using e-mail. If you have e-mail and have not given your address to BK Dick or myself please do so ASAP. Paper copies of the newsletter will be available on the Knights of Columbus tables at both St. Alphonsus and St. Francis churches. Father Jim has agreed to be our Chaplin for the next year. I have asked both Deacon Mark Fredrick and Deacon Joe Solis to act as our Spiritual Guides. Before our August meeting started 23 Brother Knights said the Rosary. BK Deacon Mark reminded us that the Rosary is said before every meeting starting at 6:30 pm. One of the privileges of being Grand Knight is, announcing the Knight of the Month and Family of the Month. BK and PGK Mike Navarro was named Knight of the Month for his service as Grand Knight, his leadership on the Cumberland County Right to Life Board, and his dedication to the work of the Knights of Columbus. BK Bob Calabrese and his wife Betty were named Knights of Columbus Family of the Month. BK Bob and Betty serve tirelessly in support of the St Alphonsus Church, BK Bob works in the kitchen helping to provide a meal after each of our Council meetings, he helps maintain the Hall and both help during all of our fund raising efforts, but the biggest contribution is to vocations, their son has recently been ordained a Permanent Deacon. Thank you BK Mike and Bob and thank you Betty. We have been challenged by the Senior Vice President of Fraternal Services to grow our Council by 15 new members this next fraternal year. This is the net number, if we lose any members for any reason; this number goes up by a like amount. We are forming a new membership committee, BK Larry Davis has stepped forward and volunteered to be a part of this team and act as its mentor. We have been tasked to grow our insurance membership by 5. We now, after almost two years without one, we have been assigned an Insurance Agent. Our agents name is BK Henry McCormick, e-mail henry.mccormick@kofc.org, business phone 865-388-6973. I will be scheduling a meeting for all of us with our new agent so that we all have an opportunity to learn about the products that are available to us.

I need to share with all of you, our financial situation. During the past year, the demands for our help have risen significantly. We have tried to help whenever asked. Unfortunately, we have run our General Operating Fund to **zero**. In order to pay our bills, the Officers and Trustees agreed that we needed to move \$1,000 from our CD account into our General Operating Fund. Our Worthy Treasurer was able to do this without withdrawal penalties. We will need to be much more disciplined in the future as to how we spend our monies. Our by-laws state that the trustees are the Financial Stewards for the Council. All spending requests and approval for payments of bills will go to the Trustees first. The Council membership may choose to spend the funds, but it will have the guidance of the Trustees which will aid us as we make these decisions. Some suggestions to help us were to reduce spending requests from \$499.99 to \$250, raise dues to \$40, fund the Tootsie Rolls for the MR Drive from the Charity Fund, continue to pay the Bishops Burse from the Charity Fund, collect \$2.00 at the door during meeting nights and follow the by-laws and let the Trustees be our Financial Stewards. As information, we have 223 members, 180 are dues paying members, and the difference is Life, Honorary Life, or Disabled members. Of the \$35.00 collected for dues \$15.80 is automatically sent to The Supreme Council, The State Council, or other must pay spending. That leaves \$3,456 for our General Operating Fund and must last us 12 months. Last year we spent over \$5200. None of this spending was wasteful, but because of the needs and demands we did over-spend ourselves into this situation.

Service Committees Reports and Activities

Service Programs Chairman Deputy Grand Knight	Walt Peterson
Membership	Larry Davis
Admissions Committee	Bob Diller
Retention Committee	Walt Peterson
Church Activities	Charlie Baumbusch and Denny Roy
Community	Pat Daley
Council Activities	Walt Fry
Family Life	Mike Navarro
Youth	Joe Rummel

I will be reaching out to many of you to fill out these committees. We do a tremendous amount of good work in this Council. We need to formalize and document what we do. DGK Walt and I will pass on information about what each committee does and is responsible for in the next week.

Special Work

Special Olympics- BK Denny Roy spoke of the upcoming Special Olympics scheduled for Cumberland County. The event is scheduled for September 19th at Stone Memorial High School. The day starts with sign up at 3:00, parade at 4:00, led by Crossville Assembly 2162, and events starting about 5:00. BK Denny is asking for 20-30 volunteers to help move the athletes from one event to another. The competition lasts about 2 hours. Please contact BK Denny to volunteer for this very rewarding work at dennyr@frontiernet.net or 931-788-1540.

Right to Life- PGK Mike Navarro informed us that the Cumberland Right to Life Committee will be meeting September 1st at 6:00 PM in the Crossville Library Annex.

BK Larry Davis has found a vender for Knights of Columbus Jackets. The jackets will have an 8" patch of the symbol of the order on the back, a 4" patch on the front, and will be embroidered with the name and Council of the Brother Knight. The cost is \$74.00. Please contact BK Larry if you are interested mmcmlld@frontiernet.net or 931-788-5380. We need to order at least 4 to get this price.

Assembly 2162 Activities- BK and Faithful Navigator Bob Diller informed us that the Assembly that by the time this newsletter is published, we will have held a steak fry on August 14th. He also stated that we will be having a Boston Butts sale the weekend of September 4-5 with the cooking taking place September 4th and pick-up on September 5th. The cost will be \$20.00. The profits are used to support their Charity Fund for Seminarians. Assembly members will be calling you for your order. Please support them by buying a butt or making a donation

MR Drive- BK Rollie Wicker and Bob Diller are getting things started for our next campaign. The need continues to grow, please be generous with your time.

New Members

BK Fidel Balderas became a Brother Knight on July 18th in Cookeville. BK Fidel is a member of St. Alphonsus and his wife's name is Misty. Fidel is a mason by trade.

BK Deren Graham transfers back to us from McHenry, Illinois. BK Deren is a past member of our Council. He is a member of St. Alphonsus and is married. He owns his own computer repair business.

BK Andy Laurino transfers back to us from Paducah, Kentucky. BK Andy is a past member of our Council. He is married and a member of St. Francis and is retired.

Prayer Requests Please pray for BK Deacon Mark Fredrick. Please pray for BK Lou Larker and his wife, Julia, BK Ron Alt's wife, Sharon, BK Ralph Mitter's wife, Mary, BK Vern Bollish's wife, Jean, BK Ken Bailey's wife, Rosemary, BK Jerry Wyatt's wife, Charlene, BK Larry Davis' wife, Helen, BK Joe Rummel's wife, Carol, DD Ed Mayo's wife, Carolyn and BK Art Krogman's wife, Georgene. Please pray for BK Medard Kaluszka and his wife, Laura, BK Walt Fry and his wife, Mary Ellen, and BK John Marvin and his wife, Rita. Please pray for Brother Knights Joe Simmons, John Price, Donald Mason, Dick Kuligowski, Jim Easley, Dick Newton, Anton (Bernie) Jones, Richard Bernabei, and Don Gundy. Please pray for BK John Boski and BK Wally DeMille's wife, Marguerite. BK Wally passed away since our June meeting and BK John's wife, Jolene also passed away. May God's peace be with them and their families. Please include them and all our Brother Knights and their families who are suffering, ill, or in need in your prayers. Please, if you know of a Brother Knight or family member who should be included in our prayer list, call or e-mail me and they will be included.

Contact Information Members are asked to notify the Financial Secretary, Tom Dega, with any changes to their contact information; i.e. address, telephone number, and/or e-mail address. You may contact BK Tom by telephone at 931-484-9177 or e-mail finsec8152@yahoo.com

Vivat Jesus Fred Laufenberg Grand Knight

