

WE HAVE RETURNED

We're back in business! After our summer slow down and vacations with the family, Council 7473 is back in the hunt! We are starting a new year of activities. We are not resting on our laurels and we had plenty of those last year. The upcoming months will keep us all busy. (You notice we said, "ALL") We are going to need a lot of help this year if we are going to live up to the ideals of Father McGivney, the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Church, in which we all profess to believe.

Our first month of activities is a real challenge. September begins our resumption of our Newsletter and two meetings a month, then a Pancake Breakfast, our Rosary to be said at Holy Spirit, the K. of C. Soccer Shoot Out and the most industrious and worthwhile project in our 26 year history which is explained later in the Newsletter. October will be our Rosary at Holy Spirit, our 2 meetings and our 2nd "Halloween Parade". November will see a Pancake Breakfast, 2 meetings, and our annual Memorial Service. We finish out the calendar year with a business meeting, our member's Christmas Party and our annual children's Christmas party. From January until the end of our Fiscal Year in July will keep us moving also. So pick an activity or two and help the Council show the Parishes and the Community just what the Knights of Columbus are all about.

BLOOD DRIVE/BONE MARROW REGISTRY

As you recall, our good friend and Brother Knight John Lachowicz and his family experienced a tragic loss when their 12-year-old son Johnny lost a very bravely fought battle with cancer. Our good hearted and compassionate Grand Knight, Marty DeBattista wanted to honor Johnny's memory and at the same time do something useful in his name. Result: our next very extensive and monumental project. The Johnny Lachowicz Memorial Bone Marrow Donor Registry/Blood Drive on September 30th.

The American Red Cross will be doing a blood draw and/or bone marrow classification. If the donor is so inclined, they may give blood, or be tested for marrow donation or both. Those who choose testing will have their results entered into the registry. If a patient matches your type, you will be notified and you will be able to save a life simply by giving blood. The needed bone marrow cells will be extracted from your blood and given to the individual in need. There is no longer a need for the invasive procedures of the past. Bone marrow donors must be between the ages of 18 and 60. As donors pass the age of 60 their marrow can no longer be used that is why these marrow programs must continually go on.

The Bone Marrow Registry/Blood Draw will take place at the LOFS Fire Force located at the Southeast corner of LOFS. The rear gate will be open to facilitate ease of entry and egress. The Red Cross will be there from 10 am to 4 pm. Lori Caputo the Red Cross representative will be answering questions and making appointments for the procedures. She can be reached at 260-466-3793 or at CaputoL@usa.recross.org.

The difficult thing about September 30th is that we scheduled our first Youth Soccer Shoot Out on the same day. The Shoot Out is to take place at the soccer fields right next to the fire station. We knew that a lot of parents would be coming to the soccer games at 10 am and then to our Soccer Shoot Out at 1 pm. That would bring a lot of potential donors at the time that we were going to run our blood/marrow program. However, we are naturally going to need a lot of volunteers to help at both programs. This is where you come into the picture. Call Dale at 663-4679 and ask him for a time that you can help. Dale is in charge of the September 30th activities and will be able to find a place for you in the schedule. Dale needs help! He is putting in a great deal of work to see to it that this program will be a success. It won't kill you to call him and give a little of your time to show respect to a very brave boy who has earned our respect.

It's time that we all stepped up! We need workers, we need donors, and we need you all to recruit for the blood/marrow drive. If the Knights and their adult family members become part of the donating program, we could make this the most successful functions that the Red Cross has ever operated! Let's work together and help those who weren't as lucky as us. Thank God for your situation and show Him that you are appreciative.

2006-2007 OFFICERS

Following you will find the slate of Officers that were selected to be your staff for the 2006-2007 offices.

Grand Knight--Marty DeBattista—765-3847	Deputy Grand Knight-Bruce Spindler---663-2809
Chancellor-----George Fredricks---661-0872	Recorder-----Mike Velasco-----663-0509
Treasurer-----Jim Murphy-----464-2705	Financial Secretary----Dale Waters-----663-4679
Advocate-----Robert Lukas-----988-5523	Warden-----Ed Stram-----988-2875
Inner guard-----Bob Pictor-----465-7665	Outer Guard-----Ed Nowak-----759-1137

Anyone needing information about times and places of activities on the schedule, please feel free to call any of the officers.

ACTIVITIES GALORE

This month brings the start of the money maker which funds most of the programs that we put on during the next year. Our Entertainment books are now on sale for \$20, that's \$5.00 less than last year. We need to sell more books than we did last year because we have more things going on this year. We all need to hustle up some sales, and buy a book for ourselves. They make a great gift too because they save hundreds of dollars and can help families in this time of high gas prices. So give Jim Murphy a call and he'll arrange to get you as many books as you think you can sell. It doesn't take much effort for you to help sell them after you go to Mass too. So, Holy Spirit Knights can phone John Ryczaj at 663-2248 and St Liz Knights can phone Jim Murphy at 464-2705 to help after Masses.

KNIGHTS IN NEED OF PRAYER

Chaplain Norm Neher has returned home after successful surgery and is recuperating and so has brother John McDonough. We all need to pray for them as well as our other Brothers and their families who are in distress. Remember them in your prayers.

MEET YOUR BROTHER KNIGHTS

JASON KRAMPEN- Jason is not only one of our new members but at 29 he's also one of our youngest. Raised in the Four Seasons he graduated from Crown Point High School in 1996. Having lived on Lake Holiday he has acquired a penchant for fishing and he's pretty good at it (Or so he says!) He also enjoys going to professional baseball games (Go Rail Cats!) and he likes building models. While working for Wal-Mart he represented them on their softball team which carried over from his love of baseball. He is a very active guy and has side businesses of car detailing (Call him at 230-2061 for info) and also DJ's for the Music Men, a very popular group here in the area. Jason has moved to Valpo as has his dad while his sister has moved into the old homestead on Lake Holiday. He still has to drive to Brownsburg to see his brother who moved there some time ago. Since joining Council 7473 he has helped on quite a few projects, has become a 3rd Degree and has made becoming a 4th Degree Knight his next goal. Jason has become our Membership Chairman and has already successfully recruited new members. If you know of a prospective member, let Jason know at 776-9561.

DALE WATERS- We don't have enough room to tell you about Dale. The son of a very active 4th degree father we think that Dale was actually born with a cape and sword! Much like his dad, Al, Dale has done everything that a Knight can possibly do, including selling insurance for the K of C. He's held offices in the Council (He's been financial secretary for as long as we can remember) and is presently the Deputy for the 5th District. Oh yeah, in between time he was Faithful Navigator for the Santa Maria Venegas Assembly. Now, when he's not Knight of Columbus-ing (Is there such a word?) he works as a Paramedic and teaches too! The rest of his time is devoted to his wife Nancy, their Daughter Laura and of course, his grandson Mason. Right now he's spearheading our Soccer Shoot Out and the very important Johnny Lachowicz Bone Marrow Registry, both on September 30th. All this activity doesn't allow him much time for his favorite hobby, golf. Ah, but who needs a hobby to relax when you've got the Knights of Columbus to keep you "Relaxed"?

ROSARY DATES

The Council will be saying a Rosary on October 13th at Holy Spirit Parish. Join us at 7:00 PM. This world of ours needs more Rosaries to be said.

Every Tuesday Bob Lukas and his family play host to a Rosary that will be prayed. If you are able, join him and his family. But please, call first to let him know that you are coming.

FAMILY

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