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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

This will be my last news letter as Grand Knight. It has been a busy year and I want to start out by thanking everyone who has helped the council in so many ways. Some people have been very visible and others working in the back ground. We could not have accomplished all of our activities without everyone's help. I would ask that you continue to give Frank Scarborough the support that you have given to me. Before Frank asks you to consider taking a Director position or other job, take some time to prayerfully consider the Director positions and jobs that need to be filled for the next fraternal year starting July 1st. With two or more working on the same the task, the results would be exceptional. On the bottom of the page I have listed some of the tasks within the council.

Enclosed with this news letter is one book of tickets for the 88th Annual Cooperative Bar-B-Cue Raffle. Each book has 15 - \$1.00 tickets and I would ask that you return the monies to myself (5 Dogwood Est, Glen Carbon, IL 62034) or drop off at the hall prior to August 15th. Of the funds collected some 66% remains with our council for charity.

Program Director, Membership Director, Church Director, Community Director, Council Director, Pro-Life Couple, Family Director, Youth Director, Public Relations, Vocations, Health Services, Recruitment, Retention, Insurance, Lecturer, ML/DL (tootsie roll), Fish Fry, Turkey Shoot, Winefest, Bingo, Bar, Christmas Party, 1st Degree Team, and Family Picnic Find a job and volunteer for it.

July Events:

Monday 7/6 - Buffalo Park Club meeting 6pm
- Council 6625 meeting 7pm
Thursday 7/16- Father McGivney High School advisory committee meeting
Collinsville Knights of Columbus at 7pm
Friday 7/17 - St Cecilia Council Golf Outing
Friday 7/31 - 5th Friday, Fish Fry 3rd Team

Future Events:

Aug 4 - Buffalo Club meeting 6pm
Aug 15 - Assumption of Mary
Aug 8-16 - Knights of Columbus Family Week-Council Picnic
Aug 17 - Council meeting with 1st degree-7pm
Aug 24 - Father Henry J. Schwener Assembly steak dinner Buffalo Park-630pm
Sep 18-20 - MR/LD (tootsie roll) drive
Sep 20 - Family baseball outing St Louis Cardinals vs Chicago Cubs
Oct 3 - Council 6625 Winefest Buffalo Park
Oct 4 - Turkey shoot Buffalo Park
Oct 9 - Father McGivney High School Golf tournament at Arlington

Fourth degree news:

Congratulations to Seminarian Brian Alford and Brother Edward Dennis on becoming Sir Knights June 27 in Springfield. Let us start now to recruit 3rd degree Knights for the exemplification this fall.

Monday 7/27 - Assembly 1758 meeting at Black Jack 7pm

Monday 8/24 – Assembly 1758 Steak dinner, Buffalo Park 630pm

Weekly Scheduled Events

Tuesday - Paco 5-8pm Buy one get one free

Wednesday- Bingo 7pm/Paco 5-8pm

Thursday- Paco 5-8pm

Friday- Fish Fry/Paco 4-8pm

VIVAT JESUS,

Tom

To view our calendars and past newsletters go to:

<http://www.geocities.com/kofc6625>

Thoughts from the New Grand Knight

First off I think Tom Dixon has done a tremendous job as Grand Knight and we all owe him thanks for his over the top efforts. I hope I can maintain as much enthusiasm as he has demonstrated.

People sometimes worry about a new broom sweeping clean but that is not the case with me, perhaps just a little tidying up may be in order. I would really like to put a little more true meaning of Knights back into our council. One obvious thing is to return to the running of a meeting with proper respect given to the officers, wearing of the jewels and structured meeting. Also to have the meetings more meaningful I will divorce the meeting night away from the Buffalo Club. This should encourage better attendance and keep the proper agendas in the proper meeting. To this end, starting in August, the council meetings will be a 7 PM on the third Monday. I plan to have a separate officers meeting at 7PM on the second Monday as needed.

As you all know this is a critical and turn around time in the council history. We are in a serious financial situation and all our efforts e.g. trimming fish fry, new machines the Paco enterprise have not helped. Further for the last number of years we have listened to the members, made subtle changes, [some not so subtle] all to no avail. It can honestly be said that we have tried everything in the existing parameters with which we have to work namely a worn out, tired, unattractive and inadequate facility. The only choice we have besides closing up is to renovate our existing facility and this is the path I am proposing.

As you may know for over two years I have been looking into this very option. I had an estimate done on the property (property value decreased by \$35K due to cost of demolition of hall), a marketing study done by SIUE (that recommended rehabbing facility) countless meetings with the village and county officials and discussions and inputs from membership.

I have contacted the marketing and business development personnel at Korte Luttjohan and they have responded very enthusiastically. Greg Korte has taken a personal interest and has promised to help us in every way. A business plan is being developed and the design phase is underway.

I feel so strongly that this needs to be done. This is not just for the Knights so we have a nice place to meet and are able to raise more money to be able to support council, community and meet our charitable obligation. This is just as importantly a chance to preserve Buffalo Park for the community now and in the future. This is a beautiful and historic site and it should continue to be available for our kids and grandkids to build wonderful memories like we have.

This is a very exciting time for Council 6625. I am honored to be you next Grand Knight and solicit your help and support in making this a memorable year for the Council and the Future of Buffalo Park

Fraternally yours,

Frank Scarborough