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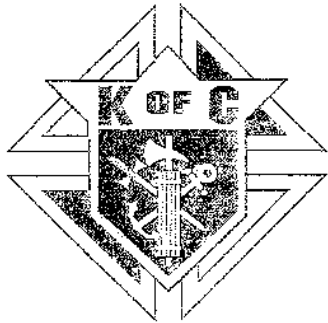
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## Great family events!

### JULY—AUGUST

#### OFFICERS 2008-2009

CHAPLAIN Fr. James Dvorscak  
 GRAND KNIGHT Peter Baker  
 DEPUTY GK James Peppmuller  
 CHANCELLOR Mark Welch  
 ADVOCATE Jason Stetz  
 RECORDER Michael Baker  
 TREASURER Donald Bauc  
 FIN. SECRETARY Dan Michalak  
 WARDEN Donald Zich  
 OUTSIDE GUARD David Adams  
 INSIDE GUARD Tom Lulinski  
 INSIDE GUARD Bill McDonald  
 TRUSTEES:  
 3 YEAR Bob Strezo  
 2 YEAR George St Marie  
 1 YEAR Joost Sluis  
 FIELD AGENT: John Blazeovich  
 KNIGHT OF THE QUARTER:  
 Greg Quinn

**SUNDAY JULY 26: MAJOR DEGREE EVENT** A delegation from the council will go to Woodridge for the full K of C initiation ceremony. See the article **AND JOIN THE GROUP!**

**MONDAY AUGUST 3: JOLIET ASSEMBLY MEETS.** 7:30 pm at Council 4400 in Joliet

**SATURDAY AUGUST 8: ANNUAL COUNCIL PICNIC!** A wonderful annual event. The council provides brats, etc. for a potluck meal. This year we will also conduct a flag destruction ceremony. See the article.

**TUESDAY AUGUST 11: THE COUNCIL MEETING.** The monthly business meeting of our council. 7:30 PM in Burnett Hall

**FRIDAY AUGUST 14: JOLIET JACKHAMMERS GAME WITH THE KNIGHTS!** The council is sponsoring a group at discounted ticket prices of \$10 for a box seat. Don't miss this great family event.

The deadline for sign up is July 31. Contact Jim Peppmuller to sign up your family—call (708) 479 8715 or Email him at [abelpepp@yahoo.com](mailto:abelpepp@yahoo.com). The game starts at 7:05 PM

**SATURDAY AUGUST 15: POKER NIGHT.** At Joe Sluis' house starting at 7:00 PM. See the map in the Council Picnic article.

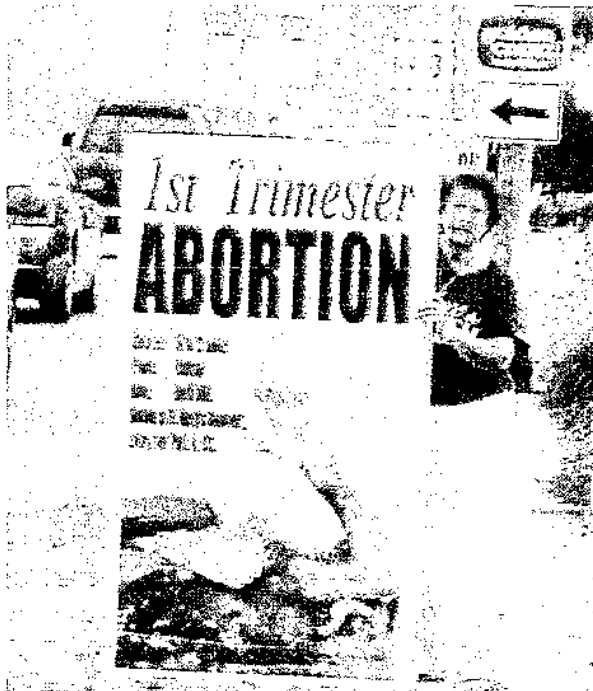
**SATURDAY AUGUST 22: ROAD CLEANUP.** We do our civic duty once again. Meet Mike Doyle at St Mary Cemetery at 9 AM for an hour of work to beautify Mokena. Call Mike at (815) 462 4429 to volunteer

**TUESDAY AUGUST 25: OFFICERS MEETING.** In the Bishop Fitzgerald Room at 7:30 PM.

**SUNDAY AUGUST 30: PARISH PICNIC!** The Knights cook the brats for the parish and join the fun. Set up of council tents, the council barbeque, etc. will start at 10 AM. Come and help. The picnic starts at 1:00 PM. See the article.



# "FACE THE TRUTH" DEMONSTRATIONS IN JOLIET



Kay Corcoran of Joliet show passers by a picture of a first term "BLOB OF TISSUE"



Sir Knight John O Reilly shows those passing by a murdered second trimester child.



Part of the St Mary contingent at the demonstration. From left to right: John O Reilly, Rosemary O Reilly and Helen Sluis

## WHY DID THEY STAND ON THE STREET LIKE THAT?

The United States has now surpassed the killing totals of both Nazi Germany (about 14 million) and Soviet Russia (About 38 million) by murdering over fifty million of its own citizens. Those excusing this massive holocaust rationalize their beliefs in various ways.

About fifty people held up signs in Joliet on July 10 to show what an abortion really is. Five K of C Councils were represented along with protestant churches. The object of the effort is to teach the truth to those who have been fed lies about "choice" (blobs of tissue) and other falsehoods intended to encourage killing of the unborn. The pictures are very graphic and show actual aborted children. About 1/4 mile in all directions before the graphic pictures, a warning sign was displayed to permit those who might want to avoid the truth to go another way. Those who participated did so in the hope of saving a few of Our Lord's babies from the garbage cans.

St Mary Nativity Church in Plainfield provided support with a very nice lunch for the participants.

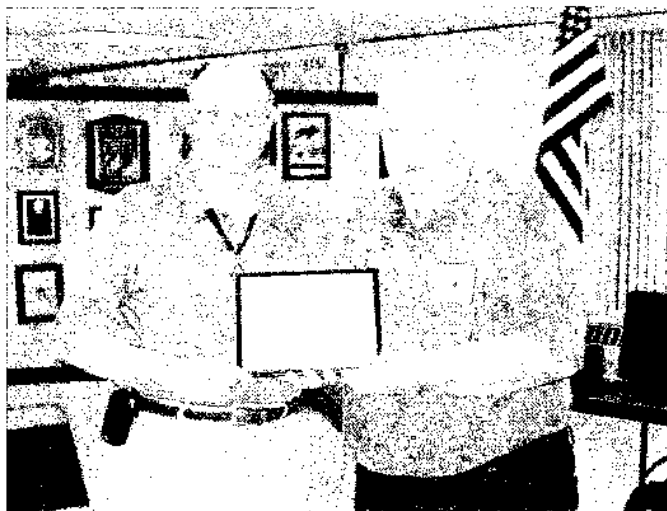
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## WIVES HONORED



Greg Quinn, Faithful Navigator of the Joliet Assembly, presents Award of Merit certificates to the husbands of Carol Baker and Virginia Strezo for their wonderful support of the Assembly and Council officer installation dinner. Carol and Virginia went well beyond the "Call of Duty" with their enthusiastic hard work to make the event a great success.

## KNIGHT OF THE QUARTER



Paul Walztoni, selection committee chair, presents the KNIGHT OF THE QUARTER certificate to Brother Sir Knight Gregory Quinn. Greg is a Past Grand Knight of our Council, he serves this year as Secretary of the Joliet Chapter of the Knights and as Faithful Navigator of the Joliet Assembly. He richly deserves to be honored as 'KNIGHT OF THE QUARTER'

## FIFTEEN KNIGHTS!



Council 6993 has grown by 32 members in the past two years because of hard work by many of our Knights. A great deal of credit for our success goes to Tim Cosgrove. Tim is our District Deputy and he is constantly looking for new ways to recruit. Here Grand Knight Peter Baker presents Tim with a certificate of honor for recruiting fifteen new Knights of Columbus.

## YEAR OF THE PRIEST

As discussed in last month's newsletter, the Holy Father has designated this year as the Year of the Priest. There will be special celebrations this year that are yet to be announced. While waiting for the announcements, all are encouraged to partake of extra Masses, Bible Study, Parish Devotions, etc.

## CAROLYN MICHALAK

Carolyn Sommerdyke Michalak, Dan's wife, died July 19 in New Lenox. She was sixty years old and had been fighting ovarian cancer for a long time. Carolyn was always at council functions with Dan, cheerfully giving of herself. She will be waked at Vandenberg Funeral Home in Mokena on Wednesday July 22 from 3 until 9 PM. The Joliet Assembly will post an honor guard from 6:30 until 8:30 PM Wednesday. The funeral will be at St Mary in Mokena at 10 AM Thursday July 23. All of us will miss Carolyn, she was a wonderful friend.

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# THE TENTH ANNUAL TURTLE RACE!



**A KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
THOROUGHbred TURTLE**



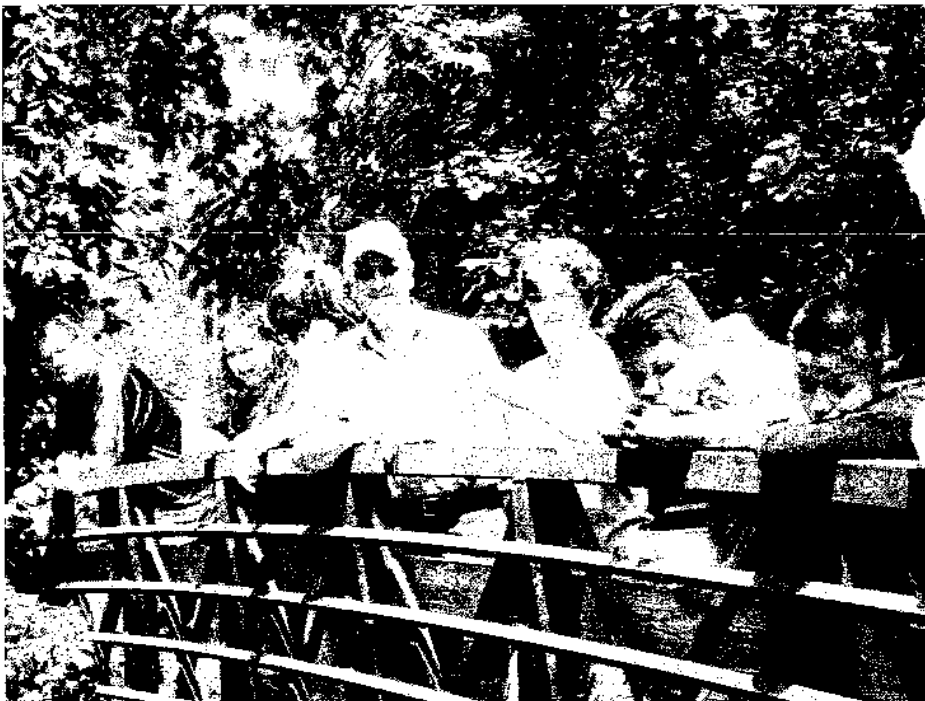
**BOB STREZO PRACTICES  
HIS SALES TECHNIQUE**



**SUPER TURTLE SALESMAN  
MIKE DOYLE**

Mark Welch, chairman of the tenth annual Turtle Race did a superb job this year. 500 tickets were sold in record time, 500 new turtles were numbered and made ready for the event and the whole operation went smoothly. Thank you Mark and the Turtle Committee.

Winners of this race were: First Place (turtle #131) (\$500), Kristin Demski of Mokena; Second Place (turtle # 425) (\$200), Elissa Hemmy from Arizona; Third Place (turtle # 462) (\$100), Meg McCabe of Mokena. Ms McCabe has donated her winnings to the Knights.



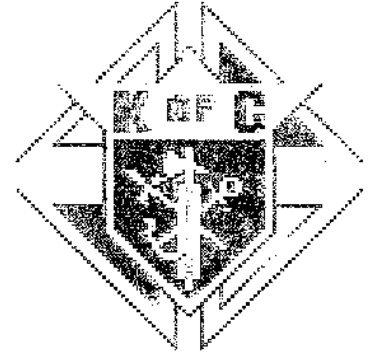
**WAITING FOR THE TURTLES AT THE FINISH LINE**



**TURTLE HERDER  
ROSEMARY QUINN**

# MAJOR DEGREE JULY 26

A "Major Degree" is a rare event where a formally trained and practiced initiation team conducts the initiation ceremonies of the Knights of Columbus. Initiation into the Knights consists of a three step process known as three "degrees" of initiation. An event that makes all three "degrees" of the initiation process available is unusual. Such a "Major Degree " is now available to all Knights on July 26 in Woodridge. A group of knights and candidates from St Mary Council will travel to Woodridge to participate in this traditional and impressive set of ceremonies. All knights not yet initiated into the Third Degree, as well as those wishing to join the order who have not yet been initiated at all, should join the group. The event will take all afternoon with candidate registration starting at 12:15 PM. Participants should meet Joe Sluis in the lower parking lot of St Mary Church in Mokena at 11:15 AM in order to leave for St Scholastica Church in Woodridge at 11:30. The address of St Scholastica is 7800 Janes Ave, Woodridge. Call Joe Sluis at (815) 469 9204 if you will be coming with the group.



## JOLIET JACKHAMMERS!

Deputy Grand Knight Jim Peppmuller has arranged for a Knights of Columbus night at the Joliet Jackhammers ball park on Friday August 14 AT 7:05 pm (with fireworks afterward) Discounted box seats will be available at \$10 each for knights and their families.

**TO ATTEND THE GAME WITH YOUR FAMILY-  
YOU MUST RESPOND TO JIM PEPPMULLER  
AT (708) 479 8715 NOT LATER THAN JULY  
31! (EMAIL [abelpepp@yahoo.com](mailto:abelpepp@yahoo.com))**



## ST MARY PARISH PICNIC

The Knights actively support our Parish Picnic every year by serving as the cooks for Bratwurst, etc. We drag out our large barbeque cooker, set up tents for hospitality and for our cooks and generally make our presence felt by everyone. The Parish Picnic this year is on August 30 after the noon Mass. In order to get ready for the event, volunteers are need for setup at 10:00 AM in the morning and for clean up after the 4:00 PM end of the affair. We always have a good time in our own KC tent as well as with other parishioners. It is a great affair. Plan to come and plan to volunteer to help set up and take down the KC stuff. To volunteer, call Grand Knight Pete Baker at (815) 806 1499.



# THE ANNUAL KC PICNIC

**WHEN: AUGUST 8 STARTING AT 1:00 PM**

**WHAT: A POTLUCK EVENT WITH THE COUNCIL PROVIDING THE BRATS, HAMBURGERS, CONDIMENTS, ETC.**

**BRING: A DISH TO PASS WITH ENOUGH FOOD FOR YOUR FAMILY AND A FEW MORE FOLKS. (IF YOUR LAST NAME STARTS WITH A THROUGH E, OR IF YOU ARE SINGLE, BRING A DESSERT, OTHERWISE BRING A SALAD OR CASSE-ROLE TYPE DISH)**

**WHERE: JOE SLUIS' HOUSE, 11533 ST VINCENT CT. MOKENA, PHONE (815) 469 9204 (SEE MAP AT RIGHT)**

**WHO: EVERYONE WHO RECEIVES THIS NEWSLETTER, YOUR FAMILY, KIDS, GRANDKIDS AND CLOSE FRIENDS. WE HAVE A POOL FOR THE KIDS, GAMES, ETC. BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS OF CHOICE. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT 10:00 AM TO SET UP, ETC.**

