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“Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, before you were born, I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you”

ISAIAH 5:20



SEPTEMBER

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 AUGUST 30, THE 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 9 AM. Come help and enjoy. The picnic starts at 1:00 PM.

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 8: JOLIET ASSEMBLY MEETS.

7:30 pm at Council 4400 in Joliet

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 8: THE COUNCIL MEETING. The

monthly business meeting of our council. 7:30 PM in Burnett Hall

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12 AND SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13: MR DRIVE (TOOTSIE ROLLS) AT ST MARY: The

knights collect donations outside the church after each Mass and thank donors with a tootsie roll. Wear your KC shirt and volunteer! All proceeds from this drive are given to charity. See the article.

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 15: MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

MEETING. At Joe Sluis' house, 7:30 PM. All interested Knights should come

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 18 AND SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19: MR DRIVE (TOOTSIE ROLLS)

IN THE TOWN: This time we stand at stores and other locations to ask for donations. See the article and volunteer to help!

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19: POKER NIGHT. At Greg Quinn's

house starting at 7:00 PM. Greg's house is at 9930 Cambridge Drive in Mokena. Phone (708) 479 4864

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 22: OFFICERS MEETING. In the Bishop Fitzgerald Room at 7:30 PM.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 26: ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER.

This fund raiser is always a lot of fun. The spaghetti sauce is delicious! Come and help Master Chef Rich Ciancio and his crew prepare and serve the meal starting at 4 PM and lasting until clean up. Teenagers are welcome to work and earn community service hours.



THE COUNCIL PICNIC



ABOUT 40 KNIGHTS AND THEIR WIVES HAS A GREAT TIME AT THE ANNUAL COUNCIL PICNIC



CHEFS RICHARD, PETE AND BOB HAM IT UP

As usual, the Annual Council picnic was a lot of fun. About 40 persons attended and ate a fabulous meal consisting of "pot luck" dishes wonderfully prepared by many of the wives, great dessert items and council hamburgers, brats and chicken. Bob Strezo precooked the brats and chicken at his house—they were wonderful. The planned flag burning did not take place because the day was too windy for a safe bonfire. Set up and take down was quick and easy due to great volunteers.

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March for Life

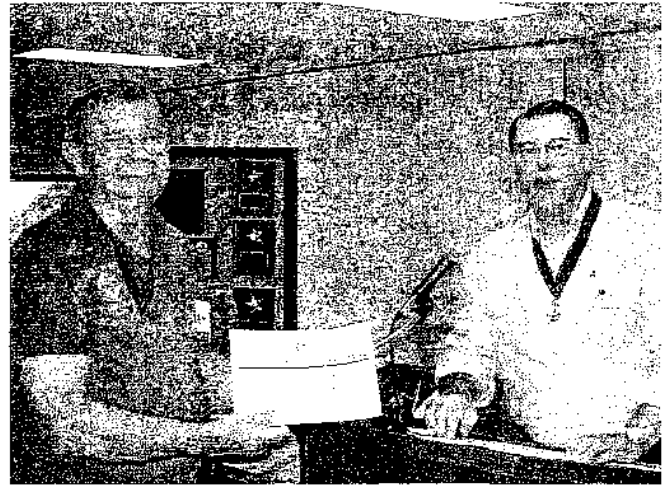


with Bishop Sartain

THE MARCH FOR LIFE

As is customary, our Bishop will lead a delegation to Washington DC next January 20 through 24. The cost per participant will be \$399 (double occupancy). Next year's March will provide special events such as a trip to the Holocaust Museum, a Mass at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, a rosary for life with the Bishop, and other treats. The 2009 March was very well attended and ran out of space for those who wanted to go. The March is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, the Diocese of Joliet and many other Christian organizations. Plan to attend the March and Stand up for Life!

Vivat Jesus



THANK YOU, BROTHERS

Grand Knight Peter Baker presents certificates of appreciation to Joe Kral and Frank Borich for their service as officers in the council. Several other knights, not present, will also receive these awards.



Jim Peppmuller receives an award for recruiting five new Knights

The "Tootsie Roll" fund drive

is the annual fund raiser for persons with developmental disabilities. The council buys the tootsie rolls and a few supplies such as replacement aprons. Other than these basic costs, no other expenses are allowed and all money raised after expenses goes to charity. When the drive is over, a check is sent to the State Council for the net amount raised. The State Council collects all the money from Illinois Councils and then sends a form to each council Financial Secretary. The Financial Secretary reports to the council and a vote is taken on how to distribute the thousands of dollars raised. When the form is returned to the State Council all amounts designated for a certain charity are combined into a single check award. This is a wonderful annual event. Be a part of it, along with your family. Husbands and wives, as well as teens often work to collect these gifts. The tootsie rolls are our thanks to donors.



A NEWSLETTER AWARD!

Grand Knight Peter Baker submitted the council news letter for judging at this year's annual convention. For the second year in a row, the "Mokena Knighthood" newsletter was awarded second place in the judging. At left, Pete presents a plaque award for winning Second Place to newsletter editor Joe Sluis.



THE ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

St Mary Church will hold the annual parish picnic on August 30 after the noon Mass. The knights will be busy supporting this event. Charlie Keenan and several volunteers will start precooking bratwurst at 8 AM in Burnett Hall. A group of Knights will be gathering up tents, tables, chairs, bean bag games and other stuff for delivery to the picnic site at 9 AM on the 30th. The Knights of Columbus barbeque will be brought out of hibernation in the rectory garage. The set up takes about half an hour, starting at 9 AM. Plan to come and help. This year the parish is asking that attendees to the picnic help pay for some of the cost by donating \$5.00 per person. The picnic has been an exorbitant expense for the parish in past years—the \$5.00 donation seems like a good idea.



THE JOLIET JACKHAMMERS

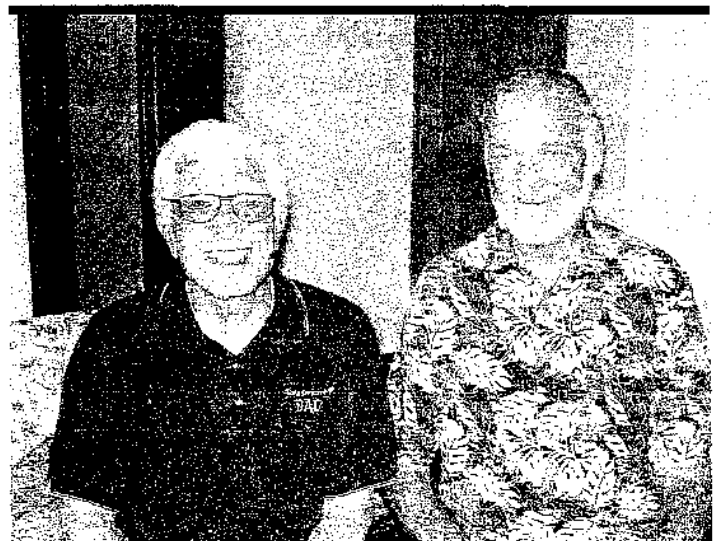
Over thirty of us attended a Joliet Jackhammers game on Friday night August 14. Jim Peppmuller and Joe Krai had things very well organized and we sat in a group in box seats near third base. The game was a good one although the “Hammers” lost. It was fun to explain the game to two baseball novices who came along. Nabil explained that it was only the second game he had ever attended and Father Dennis was at his very first baseball game ever. Both of them found baseball interesting although Father Dennis allowed that he will not be starting a baseball league in Uganda. There were some really great fireworks after the game.



A couple of baseball novices ham it up at the Jackhammers game

A MASS AT HOME

Brother Sir Knight Nabil Halaby spent many years in Saudi Arabia where Christianity is outlawed. As a Christian man, Nabil was part of the religious underground that arranged secret Masses in peoples homes. One of the priests who said such Masses for the Catholic community was Father Ben Markwell, a Capuchin Priest who lived in Saudi Arabia, passing himself off as an instructor for ARAMCO. Nabil's friend Father Ben celebrated his Fiftieth Jubilee in Wisconsin recently and passed through Mokena on his way back to Arabia. He stayed with Nabil and Cookie for a couple of days and said a Mass in Nabil's home—a few knights were honored to attend.



Nabil Halaby and Father Ben Markwell