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Time to stay on a Tootsie Roll: *It's as easy as giving away candy*

Brother Knights and families:


In 2008, the Fr. Finley Council raised \$4,500 in donations to help people with intellectual disabilities. This year, we are looking to stay on a roll.

Fellow KC's and family members will be outside churches and a few select stores on the weekends of April 18 and 19 and April 25 and 26, 2009, to give away those famous Tootsie Roll candies and accept donations.

You can help in this important fundraiser by simply calling and volunteering anywhere from a few extra minutes after Mass, to an hour or two outside a local Cub or Rainbow. Your efforts will be greatly appreciated.

Contact Joe Peisert at (651) 738-2219 or (651) 587-5821 and he will be glad to schedule you in. It's as easy as giving away candy.

Coming events

- April 5 Palm Sunday
- April 7 KC meeting  Transfiguration
- April 12 He is risen!
Happy Easter to you and your families.
- April 18 Tootsie Roll Drive
Need lots of help
April 18 and 19.
- April 25 Tootsie Roll Drive
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April 25 and 26.

Contact Joe Peisert
at (651) 738-2219.

Good times roll at the family event, plenty of food to spare

The K of C family bowling day was conducted at the six-lane, St. Francis de Sales bowling alley on Sunday, March 15, from 1-5 p.m. Fifty six people (34 adults and 22 children) participated in the bowling and potluck lunch.

Beside the sloppy Joe's, chips and drinks provided by the council, there were delicious potluck dishes to share; from salads to desserts. Free bowling and free food. It just doesn't get any better than that!



These future KC squires were thankful for the lane bumpers to boost their egos and their score.



The bowling lanes filled up quickly and the buffet items and sloppy Joe's filled everyone else.

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Grand Knight's message:

Brothers,

With the philanthropic giving index down 22 percent and the economic crisis effecting nonprofit organizations nationwide, our Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson has called for greater volunteerism from the Knights of Columbus.

I would like to think the Father Finley Council has been ahead of the curve on this issue thanks to the dedication of its leadership and the strong commitment of a core group of member volunteers. The past few years have been a shining example of what the Knights can do.

As the Father Finley Council moves forward in these uncertain economic times, let us not lose sight of our core values of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism as we continue our good works. Let us take this opportunity to share our talents and increase our investment of time into our communities.

It's time for a few good Knights to stand in the gap. Become an active member of your council by attending meetings and working events. Consider joining the ranks of officers in the council. Nominations are now open. Come to the next meeting or give me a call at (651) 739-2714.

Vivat Jesus!
Greg Mencke, Grand Knight

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April birthdays

- April 2 Paul Schmokel (45)
- April 3 Steve Laubach
- April 4 Pascal Ngoboka
- April 5 Robert Deck
- April 5 Steven Macalus
- April 6 Eric Wagner
- April 10 Duane Verness
- April 11 Michael Damiani
- April 13 J. Honerman
- April 13 Lee Mann (45)
- April 17 Frederick Gorka
- April 18 Russell Roering
- April 20 Rev. Shaji Pazhukkathara
- April 21 Edward Tacheny
- April 24 Kenneth Dines III
- April 24 Paul Zwicky (PGK)



He is risen ... Happy Easter!



On March 15, more than 25 KC's and family members gathered to pray the Rosary for an hour in the front of Regions Hospital on Jackson St. in St. Paul. Fellow KC's and parishoners from East Side Catholic churches gathered on March 13 to pray the Rosary from 5 a.m. til 9 p.m. Many rosaries were prayed that day and many people took time to honk their horns and show they also support life. The group will be out in full force April 5th for the final Sunday during Lent.



These men they call Knights: Ever wonder what KC officer duties are?

Where can I fit in? Consider filling a position. This is a condensed description of the officer positions in the council. All life's journeys begin with a first step.

Officers must be Third Degree brothers. Interested? Call Greg Mencke at (651) 739-2714.

Grand Knight

The Grand Knight is responsible for the welfare of the council. He presides over council meetings, acts as an ex officio member of all committees, appoints a membership and programming director, convenes officers for a monthly meeting, and ensures all necessary reports are submitted to the state and Supreme Council.

Deputy Grand Knight

The Deputy Grand Knight is second in command. He assists the grand knight with council affairs and fulfills all duties assigned to him by the grand knight. Should the grand knight be absent from a council meeting, the deputy grand knight will preside.

Chancellor

The Chancellor has a variety of responsibilities. Primarily, he assists the grand knight and the deputy grand knight in the execution of their duties and oversees the council in both their absences. He is charged with strengthening the members' interests in council activities.

Council Recorder

The Council Recorder is similar to a court reporter or a secretary. He is responsible for maintaining a true record of all actions of the council and its correspondence.

Warden

The Warden is the 'watchdog' for council property and degree paraphernalia. He is also responsible for setting up the council chambers for meetings and ceremonial work. During ceremonial exemplifications, he supervises guards.

Inside and Outside Guards

The Inside and Outside Guards have similar duties, but distinct differences. The outside guard tends to the outer door admitting visitors and members to the inner door. Once at the inner door, the inside guard checks to make sure that their membership cards are current.

Advocate

The Advocate is the legal representative of the council and serves as the council's attorney at trials and investigations of any interest to the council. While he does not need to be a member of the legal profession, he should be familiar with the council by-laws and the Order's Charter, Constitution and Laws.

Lecturer

The Lecturer is appointed by the grand knight to provide both educational and entertaining programs to the council. He is responsible for the "Good of the Order" portion of council meetings.

In order to provide members with informative and educational programs, he must be knowledgeable and aware of all council programming.

Treasurer

The Treasurer is responsible for the safekeeping and maintaining records of all council funds and accounts and payment of all expenses. He is responsible for depositing money into the council's accounts and provides a certificate of such monies to the grand knight.

Financial Secretary

The Financial Secretary is appointed by the supreme knight, upon recommendation of the council.

He is responsible for maintaining all financial and membership records, collects and receives all monies from all sources, including annual dues from council members, handles supply orders for the council, filing the Report of Officers and submitting all membership transactions.





Pancake profits flipped to Presentation



Presentation Principal Brian Ragatz thanks James Honerman, Knights of Columbus member, for the KC's \$950 donation to Presentation School.

The donation was from a Jan. 25, 2009, pancake breakfast at the school. The KC's also conducted a pancake breakfast at Presentation on Dec. 3, 2008, and donated \$900 to the school. Both breakfasts served more than 600 people.

KC's primary mission is to protect families against financial ruin

Recently, my 40-year-old, brother-in-law had a massive heart attack. Although he was revived by paramedics and had immediate heart surgery, he never regained consciousness and later died.

Why am I sharing this with you? It pains me to say that he had no life insurance, no assets and much debt.

My sister and his parents were left a load to bear that they did not need during this sad time. There was an increased worry about money and even how to pay for the funeral.

I was saddened because although he had money for other things, I could not convince him to get a basic policy to protect his family ... our family.

Your chance to win \$500 month in the Knights Raffle; drawing in May

Our council has a packet of raffle tickets and it could be your chance to win valuable prizes. The raffle tickets sell for \$5 each. Local councils need to send all funds to the Minnesota Knights Foundation and our council will receive half back for its share.

The 10 prizes range from \$500 per month for one year to \$25 per month for one year. Winners will be drawn May 16 at the State Convention in St Cloud. Call Deputy GK Tim Roering at (651) 779-7581 to purchase tickets.

Fishing trip ready to launch May 30

All KC families are invited to go fishing on Lake Mille Lacs from 5 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, May 30.

The bus leaves promptly at 3 p.m. from the St. Thomas parking lot. Cost is \$40 for each person and includes bus transportation, fishing, food and beverages. Fishing rods and reels will be provided. Each person must have a valid Minnesota fishing license.

Contact Bill Krammer at (651) 739-5722 for details. Reservations are due by May 15.

What do you have in place for your families' financial future? Take a minute to think about what your family would do if you unexpectedly died.

Since our founding in 1882, the KC's primary mission has been to protect families against the financial ruin caused by the death of the breadwinner.

My job is to help you figure out the right path to help your family. If we have not discussed the options available in the past year, please give me a call to get together soon.

Also, please keep my sister and her two daughters in your prayers.

– Lloyd Cybart, Field Agent



Plenty of pancakes and few open seats at St. Thomas' pancake breakfast

The St. Thomas the Apostle pancake breakfast was a huge success. There were 12 Knights working the grills and kitchen, while wives and family members worked the dining area. Thank you to all who helped make this event a proven success. The KC's donated \$700 to the church, which will be used for its summer picnic for shut-in's.



The seats filled fast as 188 people were served, as Fred Gorka (inset photo) helped keep the kitchen crew on task.



No need to fast on Sunday: KC member Gregory John presents Fr. Tony Andrade with his 14-inch pancake.



Blessed Sacrament PCB profits go to St. Paul Seminary

The KC's hosted a breakfast fundraiser March 22 at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament.

Between a very generous donor and the breakfast, the council presented Father Wehmeyer with a check for \$850.

Father Wehmeyer announced that proceeds given to the parish from the breakfast will be passed along to help support the St. Paul Seminary.

Thanks goes out to everyone who shared in this successful event. The council served 93 at this breakfast. At left are Evan Florin, Fr. Curtis Wehmeyer, and John Florin.

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Good of the Order: Pray for these KC's and their families

Greg Auge	Audrey Knudsen
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Rick Hill	Robert Sett
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Yearl Johnson	Marion Yelle
Joseph and Ben Hoffman	Brother David

Prayer for the Canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body, which is the Church.

Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request) ... through Christ our Lord, Amen. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.