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Come grill out, then cast your vote **KC 'Election night barbecue' June 2**

Brother Knights and families:

You are invited to a Election Night Barbecue on Tuesday, June 2 at Transfiguration School. We will eat at 6 p.m. and the KC meeting starts at 7 p.m. The meeting will feature the annual KC election of officers. A list of nominees are on Page 5. Nominations can be accepted at the June 2 election.

Steak and chicken on the grill is what you can expect if you come to the June election night Council meeting. Spouses are invited or just bring a friend. Bring a dish to share and the council will take care of the grilled meat and refreshments. If your last name begins with A-G bring a salad, H-R bring a dessert and S-Z bring a vegetable.

Coming events

- May 26 First Degree Ceremony
Transfiguration 7 p.m.
- May 30 Mille Lacs fishing trip
- June 2 Election night barbecue
KC meeting 
Transfiguration
- June 16 Installation of Officers
St. Peter's NSP
- Aug. 2 Fr. Finley Family Picnic
and Annual Awards

Toot-toot-Tootsie goodbye ...

Put away the Tootsie Rolls and the collection buckets, the 2009 Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive has officially ended.



Thanks to good weather and outstanding participation by generous Knights and helpers, Fr. Finley council raised more than \$4,400 – within less than \$100 of last years record amount!

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Volunteering Knights and family members were exceptionally generous with their time, as well as contributors with their dollars. Pastors of the churches we represent, graciously welcomed the Knights to their parishes to give away candy and accept donations to help people with disabilities.

I believe the near record donations is partly due to our consistent presence through our various charitable activities in the community and is an indication of wider appreciation of the Fr. Finley Council, Knights of Columbus.

What do we do with the money?

One hundred percent of the profits will be given to various charities. We donate one-third to the State Council for the Special Olympics bowl-a-thon, one-third to the Archdiocese's People with DisAbilities program and one-third to the Maplewood Monarchs, a local Special Olympics team. It's a win-win-win situation that benefits our brothers and sisters with disabilities.

– Joe Peisert, Tootsie Roll Chairman

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Grand Knight's message:

Brothers,

It's spring and the season of renewal is evident all around us. The Father Finley Council is also in the process of renewal with the nomination of officers for our next fiscal year. Renewal is very important to the council. If the Knights of Columbus are to remain a strong force for good in our church and community we need dedicated Catholic gentlemen who are willing to step up to the challenge of leadership. If I'm "talking" to you, let me know you are interested by giving me a call.

On the other hand, this may not be the right time for you. You may even feel that you can't actively participate at the present time. My advice is, don't get discouraged, just hang in there. This may not be the season for you to participate but don't quit because you aren't able to help out right now. Look to your brother knights for support and prayers during challenging times. I can tell you from my personal experience that overcoming challenges will make you a better person. Most importantly never feel badly about not being able to participate.

With your help the Knights of Columbus was, is and ever will be a force for good in this world. Please keep our council and the Knights of Columbus in your prayers.

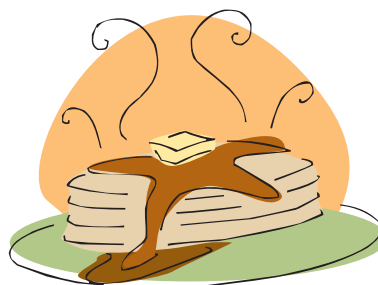
Another great year ...

This past year has been another great year for the council. Supreme measures council growth and awards councils for achieving pre-determined goals for membership and insurance. We are looking good for achieving Star Council status this year after being one of the three councils in the state to achieve Double Star Council last year.

Once again this year, the council has worked many fundraising events. We served more than 3,000 meals at 13 separate events, mostly pancakes breakfasts, at six different parishes in the east metro. These meals are not only fundraisers for needed projects they also provide an opportunity for parishioners to get together in community. Donations to local charitable causes should total more than \$21,000 for the fiscal year ending in June.

God bless you and thanks for all you do!

Vivat Jesus!
Greg Mencke, Grand Knight



May birthdays

- May 1 Richard Ryan
Ronald Kircher (PGK)
- May 2 Ronald Sorcic
- May 3 Thomas Wind (55)
- May 4 Lee Zolen
- May 6 John Florin
Thomas Lingenfelter
- May 7 Raymond Muetzel
- May 8 Randy Roering (50)
- May 9 Gregory Mueller
John Moy
- May 13 William Krammer Sr.
- May 14 Raul Martinez De La Cruz
- May 15 Rev. Mark Huberty
- May 16 Edward Gorman
- May 18 Jerod Spilman
- May 21 Russell Church
Michael Johnson
- May 22 Paul Schimnowski
- May 27 Thomas Johnsen

Degree Team ceremonials

Now that the Fr. Finley Council has its own certified First Degree Team, the council has purchased its own ceremonials and will have them for our next First Degree at 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 26, at Transfiguration.

Come watch the team in action. You are also invited to become part of the team (some memorization required). If you would like to contribute to help defray the cost of the First Degree ceremonials, send a check to our team captain, Ken Chevrette, 2316 Carver Ave E., Maplewood MN 55119, make check payable to "K of C #4374." Ken's phone number is (651) 735-0951.

**First Degree at 7 p.m., Tuesday,
May 26, at Transfiguration**



HAPPY  BIRTHDAY

June birthdays

- June 1 Adlore Sorensen
Rev. Richard Wolter
Roger Ball (PGK)
Robert Cadalbert (75)
Francis Lambert (55)
James O'Connor
- June 2 Richard Brady (75)
Michael VanOrt (55)
- June 4 Maurice Vasquez (45)
- June 5 Fred Ranallo
- June 6 Mark Meis
- June 7 Robert Stiglich
- June 9 Dean Rademacher
- June 11 Gary Hite
Terrance Schrammen
Kou Ly (40)
- June 15 John Moeller (75)
- June 16 John Gallas (65)
- June 17 Daniel Kirchoffner
- June 19 Kenneth Nerison
- June 21 George Passe
Vearl Johnson
William Krammer Jr.
- June 22 Albert Collyard (PGK)
Gerald Ewald
David Chapeau (PGK) (70)
Dennis Campbell (65)
- June 23 Edward Hangge (75)
Michael Conners
- June 24 Charles Armstrong
- June 25 Michael Brecount
Scott Zimmer
- June 29 Vern Yelle



Knights donate roses for May crowning events

The KC's recently donated a dozen roses to Transfiguration Church and 18 roses to the Church of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary for their May crowning ceremonies conducted on May 1.

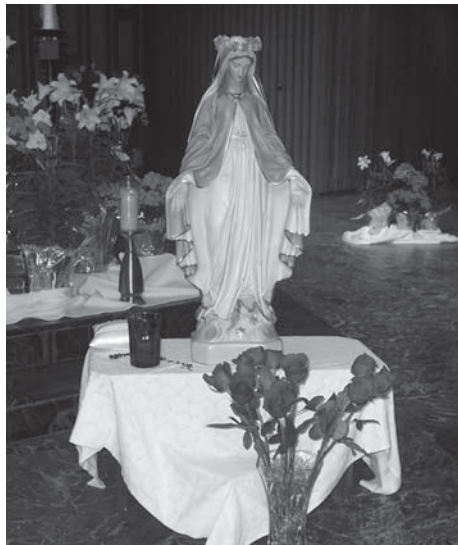
May crowning is a traditional Roman Catholic ritual conducted in May. A statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary is ceremonially crowned with a wreath of flowers to signify her as Queen of Heaven and the Mother of God.

At Transfiguration, the school children assembled in the church,

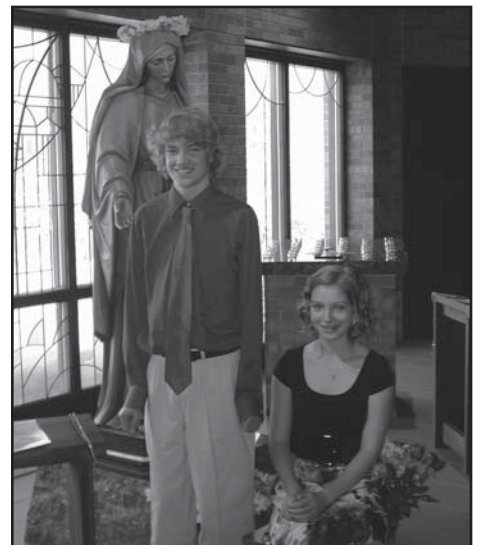
sang hymns, listened to the Liturgy of the Word, and then an eighth grade boy and girl carried up the roses donated by the KC's and placed a crown of flowers on Mary's statue.

At Presentation, the second graders – dressed in their First Communion clothes – each processed into mass with a rose and placed it in front of the Blessed Virgin Mary statue. The last girl placed a crown of flowers on Mary's statue.

We plan to continue our support for this tradition and hope more parishes will join in next year.



Our Lady's statue was crowned May 1 and presented roses at Presentation.



Transfiguration eighth-graders helped crown Our Lady's statue on May 1.



Presentation's first communicants gather after school mass for a photo shoot.



Knights on a mission to help the church, provide honor guard and park cars



On March 1, the Fr. Finley Knights of Columbus Council hosted a pancake breakfast for the Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver. The KC's were able to donate \$650 to help support the missionary efforts around the world. Above: KC brothers John Florin and Kou Ly present Sister Genevieve of the MSSPC with a check. Thank you to all of the KC's and parishioners of Transfiguration Catholic Church for coming out to help raise needed funds for missions.



The KC's were on hand May 5 at the Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver's chapel and convent for a blessing and dedication of the new Claver Mission Center called, "Frontiers of Faith." During the ceremony, Archbishop John Nienstedt blessed the new center and (above) John Florin helped direct traffic for an overflow crowd while Sir Knight Joe Becker led the ceremonial KC Honor Guard (on Page 5) at the event.



A child points at a mural of St. Peter Claver in the "Frontiers of Faith" Claver Mission Center. The center features beautiful murals and items and artifacts from around the world where the Claverian nuns help missionaries spread the gospel.



The Claverian Sisters' Superior General, Mother Maria, discusses the order's missionary work and locations around the world with Archbishop John Nienstedt during his tour of the Frontiers of Faith, Claver Mission Center on May 5.



Inspirational conference: Men reminded to be leaders in home, community

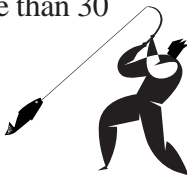
On April 25, about 11 Knights attended the Archdiocesan Men's Conference at the University of St. Thomas. The event featured Mass (celebrated by Archbishop John Nienstedt), the sacrament of confession, and four dynamic and motivational speakers whose topics included: Leadership in the Faith, Families and the Community and about Virtue and Passion.

One of the speakers, a former pro football player spoke about his faith journey and implored men to increase their prayer life and to take advantage of the wisdom the church offers in the sacraments and not to forget about reading the Bible daily. The speaker noted, "The Bible is your playbook, the Catechism is your game plan."

All KC families invited to GO FISH!

Yes, it's time to go fish on beautiful Mille Lacs Lake. The Council and a few friends will be fishing on a launch out of St. Alban's Bay Resort. So far more than 30 people are signed up for the trip!

Cost is just \$40 per person and includes five hours of fishing, bus transportation up and back, plus food and drink! Fishing rods and reels will be provided. We will leave at 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 30 from St. Thomas the Apostle Church parking lot, fish from 5 to 10 p.m and return that evening. The bus is handicap accessible and the launch has seating, restrooms and a grill.



Each person must have a valid Minnesota fishing license. Contact Bill Krammer at (651) 739-5722 for details.

Officers nominated for June 2 election

Position	Candidate
Grand Knight	One nominated: Arnie Kaiser
Deputy GK	No one nominated
Chancellor	No one nominated
Recorder	One nominated: John Florin
Warden	One nominated: Keith Stuttgen
Inside Guard	One nominated: Rick Hills
Outside Guard	Two nominated: Ray Bennett Ron Traen
Treasurer	One nominated: Doug Rivers
Advocate	One nominated: Mike Braun
3rd-Year Trustee	One nominated: Greg Mencke
Lecturer	Position is appointed by the Grand Knight; no one yet nominated.

Nominations can be accepted at the June 2 election.



KC Honor Guard at Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver May 5, 2009.



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

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Roberta Chevrette	Diane Mencke
Ray Collisimo	John Mortensen
Art and Dorothy DeChene	Howard and Geraldine Muraski
Bill Dwyer	Marie Pirri
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