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Grand Knight's August Message Of Broken Chairs and Other Things

Brothers,
My first meeting as Grand Knight was eventful to say the least: A First Degree Initiation where we welcomed our new brothers Jim Stout, Ryan, Tim and David Lewis, and Michael Staub; an appearance by Ed Corbitt's sainted mother and dear aunts; the welcome of Brother Wilson's cousin Spaulding and the big finish of course was the seat falling out from underneath yours truly. I'm still not sure if this was a prank cooked up by one of my dear brother knights or if it was a well-deserved lesson in humility provided by Divine Providence.

I'd like to touch briefly on the issue of membership retention. I believe that keeping all of our council members active, interested and involved is a shared responsibility. If you can think of anyone that you have not seen for a while at a council meeting, I urge you to talk to them or give them a call and invite them to our next meeting on August 19th.

As we say a final farewell to our brother Russ Hlavsa, we welcome with great joy Fran and Sue Varboncoeur's son, Justin Michael. This example of the circle of life is a perfect illustration of Almighty God's handiwork and grand design for all of us.

We continue to pray for the continued recovery of Brother Carl Strassle. We pray that God will provide strength and courage to Loras Vaske and his family as they face great medical challenges in the days ahead. We continue to remember in prayer Bill Klingenberg, Frank DeGrood, Jack Kallam's mother & sister, Murray Wimmer's wife and my wife, Norda, who is recovering from arthroscopic knee surgery and doing quite well, thank you.

I thank you all very much for your support, encouragement, kind words and the not-so-kind words that I have already heard. It tells me that for better or worse, you're tuned in to what I'm trying to accomplish as your chosen leader.

Thank you for everything that each of you do to make our council so successful!

Vivat Jesus, Mitch Parochka, Grand Knight

"What position does your brother play on the football team?" Tom was asked.

"I'm not real sure," the boy replied. "I think he's one of the drawbacks."

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 08/3-9 Supreme Convention - Nashville Opryland**
- 08/14 Steering Comm. Mtg - 6 pm Social Hall**
- 08/18 Second Degree - 10 am, St. Joseph's, Madison**
- 08/19 4th Deg Assembly - 5:00 pm**
- 08/19 Monthly Mtg - Social Hr 6pm, Mtg 6:30 pm**
- 09/11 Steering Comm. Mtg - 6 pm Social Hall**
- 09/15 Paint Roads for BRASS - meet at OLOL 9 am**
- 09/22 Annual Golf Tournament**
- 09/29 BRASS - 7 am**
- 10/14 Oktoberfest**
- 11/17 Tootsie Roll Drive**

Brother Russ Hlavsa

On July 17, we lost another Brother Knight when Russ Hlavsa passed away. Russ was an active Knight in both the Council and the Assembly and was a fixture at the 8:30 mass where his smile and good nature made parishioners and newcomers alike feel right at home.

Russ will be missed. Keep his soul in your prayers.

You can't build a reputation on what you are going to do. - Henry Ford

Knights Sponsor Men's Bible Study Group

Brothers Mike Rector and Bill Grist have taken the initiative to form a weekly men's bible study group at OLOL. As this is written, they are in their 4th week with approximately 15 men involved.

The group meets at 7 am every Saturday in the Social Hall. The discussion is based on that weekend's readings so if you miss a week, you can just fit right back in. Coffee and a snack are served.

All men at OLOL are invited.

I'm addicted to placebos. I'd give them up, but it wouldn't make any difference. - Steven Wright

Ramp Built for Elderly

On the first weekend in July, several Knights from our council put their expertise and sweat equity to work building a ramp at the home of two of Ed Corbitt's aunts, one of whom needs a walker and has a very difficult time with stairs.

On Friday, a crew of four laid out the ramp and set the posts in concrete and on Saturday another crew did the finish work of laying the walkway itself and installing the handrails.

The result was a work of art(?) and Ed's aunts, Bernadine and Elizabeth Baltz, were much appreciative and came to the July meeting to express that appreciation to the entire council (picture below). (Other pictures on page 4.)



Highlights from the July Meeting

There were 66 Knights in attendance.

GK Mitch read several letters - one from Therese Casler expressing appreciation for our sponsoring an ad in the the Jason Foundation golf tournament program, one from Dist. Deputy Joe Wall thanking us for our participation in and hosting of the office installation, one from Bishop Choby designating Fr. Bill and Fr. Luckas as our chaplains, a thank you from Doug Blake for the letters, prayers, thoughts , etc. during the recent passing of his father, a thank you from Chris Boger for everything we did for his dad, Wayne.

Ed Corbitt's aunts came to the meeting to thank the council for the handicap ramp built at their house. Without a ramp it was getting to be almost impossible to get out for doctor's appointments, etc.

The resolution for the purchase of the piano for the church chapel was voted on and passed.

Two motions for \$450 each were passed - one for the entertainment and one for the guests' food at the recent Ladies Appreciation night out.

Bob Schmidle announced that even those who have not registered for the national convention in August at the Opryland Hotel can still attend the masses.

The possibility of a Holiday Festival at OLOL being sponsored by the Parish Council was announced. The council is being asked to chair the dance which is part of this festival. GK Mitch will form a committee to discuss this.

Mike Rector announced that he is looking into a bicycle for Fr. Luckas. Doug Ebelhar said he may have one he would donate (this subsequently did not work out).

A request has been made that we purchase a refrigerator for the rectory garage so they have additional food storage space. A motion to allocate up to \$500 for this was made but tabled. A suggestion was made to put this request in the bulletin to see if a parishioner would donate one.

A motion was made by Mike Rector for up to \$700 to purchase a commercial fryer. This was tentatively passed but Mike was asked to look into just where this would be located and how it would fit in with current facilities before he committed the funds.

An AFL game ball from the Nashville Arena football was donated to the council.

Mike Rector announced that a Saturday morning men's bible study group is being organized. All are welcome to attend - 7 am on Saturday morning. The readings of the upcoming week will be studied.

Larry Phillips announced that the 19th annual BRASS bike ride will be held on Sept. 29. He needs more sponsors if you have a business or know someone who might be a sponsor. He will need help that weekend and also on the 15th to paint the roads.

Doug Ebelhar has Knights shirts for sale and is taking orders until August 5. GK Mitch asked that those who have KofC shirts to wear them at masses on the third Sunday of each month.

Fran Varboncoeur announced that the annual golf tournament is on Sept. 22. He is trying to get water, soft drinks or other refreshments donated.

The council will work the Titan's parking again this year. A motion was made and passed to provide 25% of the income to the assembly.

GK Mitch presented an outstanding new member recruiting award as we were the third highest TN council in recruiting during the pst year.

GK Mitch presented the Knight of the Month Award to Rick Alexander for organizing the Ladies Night Out and the Family of the Month Award to Kenny and Diana Janson for the same event.

GK Mitch presented Past Grand Knight Doug with an award for his fine work this past year.

GK Mitch announced that the Council Steering Committee will be in the OLOL social hall at 6 pm on the Tuesday before the monthly

meeting to discuss any items to be presented at the upcoming meeting.

The 50/50 drawing for \$35 was won by John Cucuzza.

Joe Chargois's number was drawn for the \$59 jackpot. He **NOT** being present, next month's jackpot will be \$89.

Live a good, honorable life. Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.

Fraternal Benefits News Good Money Management

If the living room of your home is on the far corner of your lot, the dining room on another corner, the kitchen in the street and the bedrooms scattered all over the neighborhood, your home wouldn't be very livable, would it?

It is the same with your life insurance. Unless the individual policies you own are fitted together to form a balanced, well-planned program, they cannot possibly do what they should for you.

Good money management calls for having the life insurance you own reviewed at regular intervals. In order to be financially sound, you should know exactly where you are going.

My review is not designed only to get you to buy more life insurance. Instead, I work your ideas and ambitions into a plan, and then organize it with your budget in a way that will bring you closer to your goals.

Call me today to schedule your review. You can reach me by e-mail at Stephen.Sullivan@kofc.org or by phone at 516-9358.

Vivat Jesus! Stephen Sullivan

Why doesn't Dracula have any friends?

Because he's a pain in the neck. - Reader's Digest

Bike Ride Across Scenic Sumner - BRASS

BRASS is now scheduled for September 29th at OLOL. This is the week after the golf tourney.

The road painting will be done on the weekend of Sept. 15. Ten people are needed - meet at the church at 9 am. Sixteen people will be needed the day of the ride meeting at OLOL at 7am.

We will have volunteer signup at the August meeting.

When I die, I want to die like my grandfather - who died peacefully in his sleep; not screaming like all the passengers in his car.

Officers Installed

Our Council officers were installed along with officers from other councils in District #10 at 6:30 PM on Saturday July 14. Council 9132 officers for the coming year are:

Grand Knight:	Mitch Parochka
Deputy GK:	Bert Brahney
Chancellor:	Bill Degnan
Warden:	Mike Murray
Treasurer:	Jeff Yelle
Advocate:	Bill Grist
Recorder:	Bob Schmidle
Inside Guard:	Mark Pense
Outside Guard:	Dan Bernier
Three Yr. Trustee:	Doug Blake

How many existentialists does it take to screw in a light bulb?

Two: One to screw it in and one to observe how the light bulb itself symbolizes a single incandescent beacon of subjective reality in a nether world of endless absurdity reaching out toward a cosmos of nothingness.

Just because Fate doesn't deal the right cards doesn't mean you should give up... it just means you have to play the cards you get to their maximum potential.-- Les Brown

Steering Committee Meetings

Gk Mitch has announced that Steering Committee meetings will be held on the Tuesday before each meeting in the OLOL social hall at 6:30 pm. All Knights are welcome to attend

If you have any item to be brought at the upcoming meeting, please come to the Steering Committee meeting for their discussion prior to the meeting.

"The greatest sound in golf is the Woosh, Woosh, Woosh, of your opponent's club as he hurls it across the fairway"

New Brothers

At the July meeting 5 new brothers were brought into our council and later in the month we became aware of a transferee.

The First Degree on July 15 was unusual in that four of the five new brothers were related with three being literally brothers. These were Jim Stoutt and three sons of Jim's wife, Sharon: David, Ryan, and Tim Lewis. The fifth new brother was Michael Staub, son of Brother Joe Staub.

The Lewis brothers are longtime middle TN residents having grown up in St. Joseph's parish. David works for TDOT and can be reached online at C.David.Lewis@state.TN.US. Ryan works for BMW of Nashville and can be reached at Ryan.Lewis@BMWofNashville.com. He and his wife, Daphne, have two children, a boy 5 and a girl 2, and are expecting a third in August. Tim and his wife, Jennifer, live in Goodlettsville where Tim works for the US Postal Service. He is online at timothypatricklewis@Yahoo.com.

Jim Stoutt is a longtime resident of Hendersonville where he lives with his wife, Sharon. He is retired from the furniture business.

Michael Staub attends Murray State University where he is studying Marketing. He is online at MichaelJStaub@gmail.com.

The new transferee to our council is Norman Gemignani. He and his wife, Arlene, very recently moved down here from Michigan to be closer to family. He is a past Grand Knight of the Bishop Sheen Council #1444 in Milford, Michigan. He is retired from the accounting/financial sector but is looking for part-time work helping businesses do monthly financial reports and closings. His e-mail address is n.gemignani@comcast.net.



New Brothers: Ryan Lewis, David Lewis, Jim Stoutt
Michael Staub, Tim Lewis



Chris Boger
1st Deg in June



Norm Gemignani
New Transferee

Golf Tournament

Chairman Fran Varboncoeur has announced that the annual golf tournament this year will be on Sept. 22 at Longhollow Golf Course.

Fran said he is in need of sponsors (lunch, holes and door prizes). If you would like to be a sponsor or help find one, give Fran a call at 824-3100 or e-mail him at fgvalex@comcast.net.

Proceeds from this tournament go to support our many charitable works. Entry fee is \$70. Signup sheets are in the church hallway.

Scholarship Awarded

This year's winner of our annual \$1000 scholarship is Mary Catherine Miller shown below with GK Mitch.

Mary is a recent graduate of JPII High School, and she plans to attend UT Knoxville's School of Architecture. Her parents are OLOL parishioners David and Rita Miller.



New Piano for Day Chapel

Council 9132 has purchased a new digital piano for the OLOL day chapel replacing the current piano which was sold. This piano will also be used for special functions in the social hall and at holiday masses (Christmas) in the main worship area.



Faithful Navigator Doug Blake presents Past Faithful Navigator Joe Wall with a pin and a gift certificate in appreciation of his service to our Assembly for this year past. On behalf of all of the members of Bishop Joseph Durick Assembly 2389 Doug expressed to Joe thanks and appreciation for a job well done.

Ramp Building Pictures



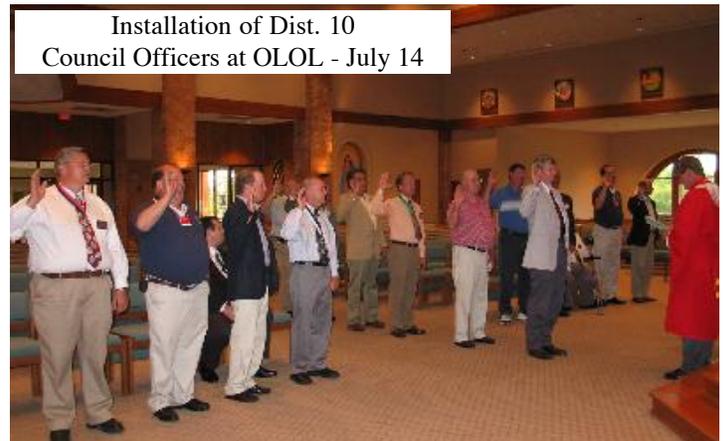
The Hardworking Friday Crew - Murray Wimmer, Dave Eliskovich, Ed Corbitt & Dick Emery



“Better Keep Working, Boys”
GK Mitch Provides Incentive to Ramp Workers



Saturday Workers D.G.K. Glen Word from Madison Council, Steve Mantegani, Ed Corbitt, Mike Rector, Ed's Aunts, Gerry Rousselle, Tim Tohill, Fran Varboncoeur, Mitch Parochka. Not Pictured - Doug Blake, Stan Cummings & friend, Rudy.



Installation of Dist. 10 Council Officers at OLOL - July 14