



## Father Solanus Casey Council 11276 August 06

Dear Brother Knights,

What a great council year we have just finished. I am looking forward to an even more successful year. I would like to thank all of you for your confidence in placing me in the position to lead a great group of Catholic men. In the past year we have shown our faith in serving God, Church, and community through our deeds and actions. With that being said, I do honestly believe we can do so much more. We shouldn't rest on our laurels. We should always strive to improve ourselves in our actions and faith. This is my goal and hopefully yours in the next year.

Our expanded focus will begin with a simple action and one of the true principles of our founder Father McGivney. That focus is to serve the needs of the parish and our community through the wishes of our priests and church. This is where I really need your help. We will be starting structured committees that will enable us to better serve the causes and the needs of the church. The only way this really works is for everyone to become active in our council committees and activities. So if you are interested please let me know you have a desire to help or if I call on you please do not refuse. I know all of us have busy lives, but are we busy for the right reasons? Even if you are, I believe we can always reach deeper into that bag of talents and gifts God gave us.

A very important aspect of our council is membership. We will be calling on you to help us do more things in our council by bringing in new members. Our big event will be an October Membership Blitz weekend at St Elizabeth's. We will have a pulpit talk, support and comment from Father Jim, Father Dave, and Father Bernard, handing out of materials at each door, and have a follow-up information meeting. I challenge each and every one of you to begin now and recruit one new member this year. Talk to your friends about your experience of being a Knight, bring them to our social meeting events on the third Tuesday of each month, bring them to one of our events to help and meet other members. All you have to do is ask, ask, ask and ask. If you need help contact Brother Chris Keefer (625-6636) or myself (459-0800).

Two very important events are happening in Fort Wayne in the next six months. A Second and Third degree will be held at Council 451 on Sunday, September 10 at 11:30 AM. Also, a Fourth Degree event will be held here in town on February 17 & 18<sup>th</sup>. These degrees are not in Fort Wayne very often and especially this close together. We will be sending invites to all of you who our 1<sup>st</sup> Degree members so please RSVP and take the next step. Please contact me for further information.

Lastly, we will be having our annual Council Family Picnic on September 24<sup>th</sup> around noon at Brother Larry Wilson's home. Fishing (Bass, Catfish, and Bluegill-catch and release), games, food, and fun are on the menu. So put this on your calendar and feel free to invite a prospective member's family to the event. I would really like to see a great turnout for this event and see some new faces. Please RSVP to Larry (436-4816) or myself (459-0800) by September 17<sup>th</sup>.

God Bless  
Chris Pozorski  
Grand Knight

## Upcoming Events:

St. Joe has an end of the summer festival and is requesting the Knights help in setting up for this event. Contact Br. Lee @ 260-432-3353 if you can help.

Br Lee advised that St. Joe will have a Pancake and or fish fry dinner that is scheduled for Sept 29th. Br Knights will be asked to help on this event.

September 24th is the scheduled date for the annual Council picnic. A call will be made to Knights prior to the date to establish a count for this event.

The next business meeting is on Tuesday September 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 PM in the basement of the Rectory of St. Elizabeth Parish.

The next social meeting will be on Tuesday September 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 PM in the basement of the Rectory of St. Elizabeth Parish.

We are looking at a fish fry in September if we can get the parish hall and Ed Fox to cater. We will not know until after July, so stay tuned.

Pancake breakfast October 22<sup>nd</sup> at St. Elizabeth, more details to come.

The next 4th Degree initiation will be Feb. 17 or 18, 2007 and will be in Ft. Wayne. Invite a CHRP brother or other man in good standing with the church to become a Knight.

We do have a Fish Fry scheduled for March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2007. This one is confirmed with Ed Fox.

## Other News

The Financial Secretary report for the end of June 30<sup>th</sup> was presented.

\$14229.24 came into the Council  
\$12620.65 Dispersed

These figures are off slightly from the treasurer's figures and they will work closely to narrow the difference.

Br Tom Sheer, father of Br Chris Sheer gave a talk on his involvement with the Knights. He has been a member for 52 years and is a 4th degree Knight. He has held many positions on the state level and give us reasons why we all should become a 4th degree Knight. His comments were well received.

Badges for all officers and trustees will be purchased at a cost of \$6.00 ea.

Our District Deputy Tim Sorg provided the Council with the following comments:

- \* Copies of forms are to be sent to him.
- \* Our Parish Youth Director wants to meet with our Council.
- \* If wives are involved in projects, we are to include their hours in our activities.
- \* E-mail or mail our activities to him
- \* Gibalt- He will make a tour of the facility and if we have a chance we should also make the tour.
- \*A room set up makes us a Knight- not an organization
- \*Retention Committee is important.
- \*Make calls and get people involved.

Prayers were made for sick and in distress.

Br. Lee's friend since 1952 is extremely ill.

Br. Lees Son and family were involved in a boating mishap, which ended up with no one getting hurt.

Br Tom Sheer has had bone cancer for 4 1/2 years and has asked for our prayers.

At the July meeting Brother Chris outlined the following accomplishments and activities in the year 2005-2006

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Times</u>	<u>Donation-Fund Raiser-Misc</u>	
World Youth Day	Youth	2	\$250	
Tootsie Roll	Community	1	\$1610	
Arch Easter Seals	Community	1	\$1314	
St. Elizabeth	Church	3	\$400	
Fish and Chicken Din.	Community	2	\$2824	
Council Picnic	Council	1	\$300	
Pancake Breakfast	Community	3	\$352	
Council Potluck Dinner	Council	1	\$101	
Christmas Families	Community	1	\$1150	
Seminarians	Church	1	\$300	
Dance	Community	1	\$686	
Blue Star Program	Community	1	\$120	
Hope House	Community	1	\$450	
Parish Speac	Church	1	\$109	
Gibalt	Community	1	\$331	
Shroud	Church	4	\$149	
Totals	24	\$4315	\$5472	\$659

## Reminders

It was suggested that our Council consider establishing a 1<sup>st</sup> degree team. If you are interested in helping with this important function please contact Chris Pozorski @ 260-459-0800.

KofC shirts are available for current and new members of our council. Contact Chris Pozorski @ 260-459-0800 or [lcpozorski@verizon.net](mailto:lcpozorski@verizon.net) to order a shirt. He will be able to give you a price and availability.

If you have anything you would like to include in the newsletter, please send it to [rmccarty@verizon.net](mailto:rmccarty@verizon.net). Deadline is the Friday after the business meeting.

## Officers

Grand Knight- Chris Pozorski  
Deputy Grand Knight- Marty Hochstetler  
Chancellor- Mike Lynch  
Recorder- Gary Jaeckle

Warden- Greg Diss  
Advocate- Len Sieradski  
Inside Guard- John Trok  
Outside Guard- Chris Keefer  
Trustee (1)- Alex Fiato  
Trustee (2)- Robbie McCarty  
Trustee (3)- Larry Wilson  
Chaplain- Fr. Tim  
Treasurer- Gary Winters

District Deputy – Tim Sorg  
Insurance Agent – Edwin Ekersall  
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Our Council WEB site: [www.solanus.org](http://www.solanus.org)

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