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Worthy Brothers,

As your newly elected Grand Knight, I would like to thank all of the returning and new officers for stepping up to help lead our council. Also a huge thanks to all of our past Grand Knights. Truly, their shoulders are which we all stand on. Their experience, leadership, and knowledge of the Knights of Columbus is invaluable.

I look at our membership and see that we are truly blessed with an abundance of talent, talent which is ready and willing to support our parish communities. Your participation and generous sharing of these talents is what makes the Father Boecker Council 6090 a strong council.

Some recent happenings in our council:

- Baby Shower at Sacred Heart on April 22 & 23, 2021. We were able to collect baby supplies such as diapers, formula, baby food, toys, and books. Louis Artiaga organized and ran this program. It was very successful, and we look forward to holding more in the future.
- Donated rosaries to all Communicants and Confirmand at both St. Pius X and Sacred Heart
- Welcome to our newest Knights: Sam Kuhlman, Vincent Versaci, Patrick Belling, Matt D'Alessandro, Tom D'Alessandro, and Andy Driscoll
- We received six awards at the Illinois Knights of Columbus State Convention.
 - o 1st Place Vocation Program
 - o 1st Place Membership 2nd Quarter
 - o 2nd Place Highest Percentage Membership
 - o Charities Star Award-All Five Programs
 - Gold Award Illinois in Action
 - Vocation Service Award

Thank You D. Thurman for leading us to such an extraordinary year!

Our new year begins on July 1, 2021. We will continue to have programs that support the four pillars of the Knights of Columbus. They are Faith, Family, Community, and Life. We will be discussing each of these at our Business and Planning Meetings each month. We will break down the different programs in each category. Upcoming programs in July are:

- July 4th Parking Cars at St. Pius for fireworks
- July 10 Honor Guard for Father Tom Dunn as new Pastor at Sacred Heart
- July 17th Food Drive at Sacred Heart to support St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantries
- July 31st Blood Drive at the Embassy Suites in Lombard

New ideas for programs are welcome! I encourage each of you to participate and/or run a program this year. Let us hear your voice. Let us see you in action. Promote our organization and faith. Stand tall! Wear the Knights of Columbus colors and emblems to mass each week. Be seen as a strong supporter of our parishes. Always be proud to be a part of the Knights of Columbus.

Your brother in Christ,

Marco Incrocci

Grand Knight



<u>MEMBER NEWS</u> <u>CONGRATULATIONS – JULY HAPPENINGS</u>

JULY BIRTHDAY

JULY ANNIVERSARY

06 David M. Murray	
06 Ronald P. Wisnieski	
07 Albert R. Treado	
08 Russell W. Olsen	
09 Mark A. Chiodo	
10 Paul F. Behrendt	
19 Victor Romano	
20 Richard Mohrhusen	
21 Christopher B. Hanes	
21 James E. McFarlane Jr.	
22 Rudolph A. Bianchi	
22 Anthony S. Colletti	
25 Daniel J. De Cicco	
27 Robert J. Garvey	
28 Fabio S. Giovenco	
28 Joseph E. Martinet	
29 Jeremy S. Treado	
31 Richard J Mikulecky	

Please contact Frank Birner at 630-816-5527, if there are any additions, deletions or corrections to this list.

<u>MEMBER NEWS</u> <u>CONGRATULATIONS – AUGUST HAPPENINGS</u>

AUGUST BIRTHDAY

AUGUST ANNIVERSARY

05 Daniel & Deanne Sulla
21 Eric & Catherine Shoesmith
21 Richard & Cherry Harper

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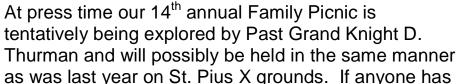
FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER



Please keep all Brother Knights, their families and friends in your prayers, especially the following: Geraldine Cvach, Paul & Rosa Behrendt, Ray Seranko's wife Dorothy and his grandson Brad Benes, Ray and Dorothy Morello, Mike Wiedman's sister Kathy Turner his youth minister at Corpus Christi Parish Mark

and Jan Herwaldt, Carol Paddock, Frank Birner's son Kevin, Marco Incrocci's friend Tom Moravelek, John DeFalco's friend Greg Harras, John Plotke's friend Charlie Feller, Rev. Ron Scaralata, George Czaplicki, best wishes to Father Thomas Botheroyd on his retirement, all those with or who have passed from the Coronavirus, for all those unemployed or underemployed and for all of our service men and women.





any ideas they can contribute please contact Past Grand Knight D. Thurman at 630-642-2618 or Financial Secretary Frank Birner at 630-816-5527.

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The Intellectual Disabilities or "Tootsie Roll" National Fund Drive will be held September 18-19 and volunteers are needed to work storefronts and street locations. We will be having pre-sales the prior weekend on September 11-12 at the Parishes. This is one of the most recognizable activities that the Knights of Columbus does, and the funds generated from this drive are used to support local programs which help people with special learning needs. The council will have a sign- up sheet at the September 2 Business meeting or please call Chairman Matt Koykar at 630-290-1876 to volunteer. MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

4th Degree Report

The next meetings of Dr. Dooley Assembly will be on July 14 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 4801 Main St., Downers Grove and on August 11 at TBD. Dinner is served at 6:30 and the meetings start at 7:30pm. Honor Guard schedule can be found at; <u>drdooleyassembly.com</u>



From the Chaplains Desk

Prayer – What is Prayer?

We all say prayers, but is saying enough? Prayer is not some magic formula to get stuff or for stuff to succeed. In the old <u>Baltimore Catechism</u> (yes, I still have one) #207 – "*Prayer is the lifting of our minds and hearts to God.*" True, but you were little then. Part Four of the <u>Catechism of the Catholic Church</u> (more adult) is all dedicated to the many facets of prayer. #2564 states, "*Christian prayer is a covenant*



relationship between God and man in Christ. It is the action of God and of man, springing forth from both the Holy Spirit and ourselves, wholly directed to the Father, in union with the human will of the Son of God made man." [Part Four is an interesting and rewarding read.] So, what does all this mean? It means that you have a dedicated and personal relationship with God. You have a relationship with your spouse, children, family, friends, fellow Knights, neighbors, etc. and what do you do when you meet them? You communicate: talk, laugh, ask for help, say thanks, and lots more. Well, that's what you do with God, Christ, and Holy Spirit. The liturgy of the Church (Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, etc.) are formal community prayers. You don't have to be formal in your personal prayers nor do your prayers have to sound like a bible-thumping preacher. You're in a relationship! Just talk.

Deacon Larry Lissak

APRIL KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

It is our honor and privilege to acknowledge the 25 consecutive years as a member of the Knights of Columbus obtained by our very own Deacon Larry representing the Chaplain's position in Father Boecker Council 6090. Deacon Larry has faithfully served in this position leading members in prayer and reflection at meetings, directing reflection retreats and providing spiritual and any other guidance when called upon by brother Knights. It is not surprising to note that in the very same month Deacon Larry obtained Honorary Life Membership, he was also named Co Man of the Year sharing that honor with his wife Janet and April's Knight of the Month. We are very thankful for his many years of service and exemplary devotion to helping others. There are Champions and Disciples, Deacon Larry you are our Champion Disciple!



The Past Grand Knights combined with our Awards Night is in the planning stages. The tentative date is Sunday, October 3rd, and will be held at Glendale Lakes Golf Club. Stay tuned for further updates as the planning progresses.

CORPORATE COMMUNION

The purpose of Corporate Communion is to promote family values and display our unity. All we are asking is for you and your families to attend the first Sunday mass each month with the Council, and if you do attend, to sit in the front of Church with the Council.

We alternate between the parishes we serve so there will always be a mass at your home parish. By showing our church communities that the Knights are a family oriented organization may just encourage gentlemen to join and increase our membership.

The Councils success is a direct result in your participation and support. You do not need Regalia or be a fourth degree Knight to attend. The next Corporate Communion will be on August 8th at St. Pius X, 10:00am Mass. Hope to see all of you there!!



Lilac Parade

Father Boecker Council will be marching in the Lilac Parade on SEPTEMBER 19th, and will be wearing either 4th degree Regalia or Council/Assembly shirts. We will have the Santa Maria again this year for those that are unable to march. We invite all members, and their families to participate. As in past years, Gerrie Cvach has opened up her house and yard for us. We will gather before noon and provide a shuttle to the

parade site. There will be a picnic at the Cvach's following the parade, come join us for a little camaraderie and fellowship. Call PGK Dennis Jensen at 630-346-0062 for info.

Officer Installation Dinner

The Officer Installation Dinner will be on Friday, July 16th at Ki's Steak and Seafood, 705 North Ave., Glendale Heights. Cocktails at 5:30pm and Dinner will be served at 6:00pm. Cost will be \$32.00 per person which covers the tax and tip. Due to occupant limitations, <u>only</u> Officers and their guests will be allowed to attend. Please send your check to Frank Birner, 325 S. Ahrens, Lombard II. 60148-3003, or bring to our July 1 meeting.



Notify Dennis Jensen by email if you plan to attend, I need to give a head count by Monday, July 12.



After another successful sixth year, the Council will again be selling Football Mania tickets. Each ticket costs \$25 and the Council keeps 70% of the money we collect. Ticket holders receive a great collection of digital music downloads, and they are entered into the Football Mania sweepstakes where they can win \$1000s in cash prizes based on the results of the football teams printed on their sweepstakes game cards. All sweepstakes game cards have an equal chance to win prize money based on the performance of the random football teams printed on the back. Game cards contain 3 random teams in each of the 17 weeks of the pro football season (you get 3 new teams each week). To play the game, participants simply add up the points scored by their 3 teams. Every week, the 16 highest scoring game cards, and the 3 lowest scoring game cards all win prizes. There are 4,960 unique game cards, each of which has a minimum 1 in 15.7 chance to win a prize during the season. To be eligible for all 17 weeks of the season, sold tickets #'s have to be returned by Thursday, September 2nd, 2021. Please contact Mark Yurich (Chairman) (630-347-8444) or other council officers for tickets or additional information.

May Knight of the Month

The past 18 months has had us all overwhelmed with issues pertaining to family first and making it to the other side of the pandemic. Councils have struggled to maintain their structure. Ron took on this challenge quietly converting the minute taking format of our council meetings to a virtual online format. He did this without missing a beat and in a time when challenges unbelievably brought councils around us to their knees. It is efforts like these that not only kept us afloat during these difficult times, but makes us the great council we have



grown to be. Thank you Ron for working so hard when no one is looking, often the hard work of our labor is overlooked. We see and appreciate your labor and service for our council. Congratulations!!



Pictured on the left are some of the awards presented to the Council at the State Convention, highest collections per capita for Vocations, Gold Award for Illinois in Action and 2nd place for highest percentage of membership.



Pictured on the right is Grand Knight D. Thurman holding the statue presented for the Council's highest collections per capita in Vocations.



Welcome Tom & Matt D'Alessandro, who received their membership at the State Convention and are the newest addition to Father Boecker Council 6090. I pray that you are blessed with the fulfillment of many years of service to our council, church and community. Grand Knight D. Thurman.

<mark>⊲ June</mark>	June July 2021 August D					August ►
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu 1 7:00 PM Council Business Mtg		Sat 3 8:00 AM Rosary for the Unborn
4 7:30 PM St. Pius X Rosary for Vocations	5	6	7	8	Honor Guard	10 8:00 AM Rosary for the Unborn
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Father Boecker Council 6090 Brings Home the Gold

Gold Award - Illinois In Action Vocations Service Award

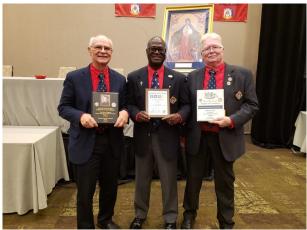


1st Place - Vocations Program 1st Place - Membership 2nd Quarter 2nd Place - Highest Percentage Membership Charities Star Award - All 5 Programs

Grand Knight D. Thurman Receiving Vocations Service Award from KOC Vocations Director Ron Zeimba and Illinois State Deputy Frank Schwartz



DGK Marco Incrocci GK D.Thurman PKG Albert Treado and Wife Eileen



DGK Marco, GK D. & FS Frank Birner

This past weekend at the KOC State Convention, held at the Westin in Lombard, Father Boecker Council 6090 was awarded 6 recognition awards, including the Illinois In Action Gold Award. Grand Knight D. Thurman attended the convention with Deputy Grand Knight Marco Incrocci, PGK Albert Treado, and Financial Secretary Frank Birner. The council, which covers both Sacred Heart and St. Pius X parishes had a remarkable year in spite of the challenges brought on by the Covid-19 pandemic. "The pandemic provided an opportunity for our council to step up and into the breach to answer the many calls to service from our parish community," remarked Grand Knight D. Thurman. We were able to provide needed assistance to those in desperate need of relief. Over the past 16 months we held 6 food drives which helped St. Vincent DePaul Society of both parishes stay stocked with needed food and non-perishable goods. We also partnered with Versiti Blood Center of Illinois and hosted 5 blood drives collecting over 100 units of life saving blood. The council also grew in membership and was recognized for its charitable contribution to vocations.



Knights of Columbus

Summer Food Drive

The Knights of Columbus Father Boecker Council #6090 is holding a Summer Food Drive to restock the St. Vincent DePaul Food pantries of St. Pius X and Sacred Heart Parishes.

The food drive will be completely **HANDS FREE** for those coming to donate food or money. There will be either 1 or 2 drive thru lines where volunteers will pick up the food from your vehicle. All volunteers will be following Covid 19 protocol wearing masks and gloves. They will load the food onto pickup trucks which will be delivered to the respective church food pantries.

When: Saturday, July 17, 2021

Time: 9:00am to 2:00pm

Where: Sacred Heart Parking Lot

Please tell your family, neighbors, and friends about this very important event to help those in need.

Here is a list of items needed for the food pantries:

Paper Towels	Toilet Paper
Canned Bean	Pancake Mix & Syrup
Canned Fruit	Pasta Sauce
Canned Tuna	Peanut Butter and Jelly
Cleaning Supplies	Pork & Beans
Jams	Rice Mix
Laundry Detergent	Monetary Donations

<u>Note:</u> Please, no donations beyond their expiration dates. Donations accepted from businesses also. Contact Rich Martin at 630-345-0084.



Sacred Heart Food Pantry



ST. Pius X Food Pantry



People Need People

Please schedule an appointment to donate at our blood drive at:



Embassv Suites

Saturday, 7/31/2021 (8:30 am - 2:30 pm) 707 E Butterfield Road, Lombard DRIVE WILL BE IN THE ROOSEVELT ROOM

Appointments encouraged; walk-ins welcome.

ALL DONATIONS WILL BE TESTED FOR COVID19 Photo ID Is required. Thank you for supporting our blood drive.

Masks required for those Un-Vaccinated



