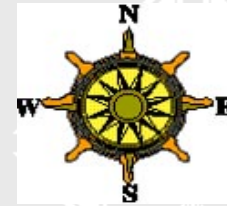




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DGK Column

Brother Knights,

It's hard to believe that the summer is over, but we're already preparing for our first business meeting of the new fraternal year. As you'll see from articles in this newsletter, we're off to a great start.

In August we marched in the Old Home Day parade with our brother Knights from St. Jude's council. We proudly displayed our 25th anniversary banners and St. Jude's council brought along some Fourth Degree Knights in full regalia, along with their Columbian Squires and Maidens of St. Joan of Arc. All in all, I think we made a pretty good showing, and even Fr. Thom joined us in the march!

We also hosted our putting booth on the Londonderry Common, and sold popcorn and soda. Thanks to all the Knights who helped set up, take down and staff the booth all day long. Finally, our Old Home Day celebration closed with a very successful mass and dinner at St. Mark's for some of our earliest parishioners.



Fr. Tom Bresnahan. was in attendance, and brothers Bill Hamilton, John McLaughlin and Bob Leonard put on a terrific meal for a very big crowd.

Moving into September, we've already had a good month for membership activities. We welcomed Allan Fernald as our newest 1st degree Knight (it only took us 25 years to get him), and advanced brothers Pat O'Brien and Jay Dunnigan to the 3rd degree. Congratulations!

Looking forward, we have our business meeting on 9/28, with Deacon Lee as our guest lecturer. We'll also be reviewing and voting on our annual budget (see details about both of these items elsewhere in this newsletter), so this is a very important meeting to attend. On Saturday 9/30 at 6:30 we'll be conducting an installation of officers at St. Mark's – please feel free to join us and show your support. Following the installation, the officers and their wives will head out to a buffet dinner.

To wrap up this month's GK letter, it seems like an appropriate time to suggest some key goals for the council this year (humor me - I'm still an inexperienced, idealistic new Grand Knight)

:First, we were very close to earning the Star Council award last year. The only place we fell short was in new membership, so I'd like to make recruiting a priority in the coming year. We'll be sending out more info soon about the upcoming membership blitz and other recruiting activities, but don't wait - ask your fellow Catholic gentlemen to join! New members are critical to keeping the council fresh and vibrant, bringing new energy, ideas and helping hands for our charitable works.

- Second, I'd like to encourage us to consider some new events for the coming year. We've had a number of suggestions already, and we'll be looking for help from anyone who's interested. Brother Garrett Adie is setting up our first Soccer Challenge in October. We've also had suggestions to form a team to help needy members in the community with yard work or handyman tasks, to support Habitat for Humanity, and to sponsor our own blood drive. What interests you? Bring your ideas to the council and help us engage in activities that are meaningful to our members.
- Finally, I'd like to challenge our council to put together a First Degree team. St. Jude's has offered to partner with us to lighten the load, and they already have robes and some of the ceremonials. I realize that this is a big commitment, but please contact me if you're interested in this important effort. With your help, I'm looking forward to a terrific year, and I hope to see many of you at our September business meeting.

Vivat Jesus, Ron Turcotte, GK