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A Message from the Grand Knight

Dear Brother Knights,

The end of May is here and, with graduations upon us, work for our council is slowing down a bit. But, the golf tournament is moving right along with solicitations for hole sponsors and team sponsors. If you or your company would like to be a sponsor, please contact Chuck Dierks or Lee McClellan.

In our last regular meeting, Harold Colston was elected Chancellor for the next fraternal year. Harold will be resigning from the Financial Secretary's position, so as to follow bylaw rules that he does not hold two elected positions simultaneously. I want to thank Harold for his service as Financial Secretary for our council these past four years. If anyone is interested in applying for the Financial Secretary position, please contact me by email (jmkimmi@sbcglobal.net) or phone (768-6840). The trustees and myself will review all applicants. The deadline is June 03, 2005.

Vivat Jesus!

John Kimmi, Grand Knight



Congratulations to the Family of the Month for April

The Steve Smith Family

Steve and his wife Maureene, along with their children Nick and Aly are continually striving to keep this council hopping. Steve can be seen at numerous K of C functions along with his children. If you've enjoyed a donut or two on Sundays, you have most likely seen them there—handing out coffee and juice and helping with general clean up. Congrats to the Smith family!

Congratulations to the Knight of the Month for April

Ron Schieffer

Ron has been a member of the council for a couple of years now but he recently had a change of schedule that allowed him to become much more active. Our previous editor, Don Lanser, wanted to step away from the newsletter for awhile so Ron decided that this was the opportune time to take it on. He and his children have also been seen working with the Sausage King (Greg Carlson) on Wednesday evenings and on other events also.

Congratulations to the Knight and Family of the Month for May

Hank Stecher and the Stecher Family

With the passing of Hank Stecher, the council has voted to honor him and his family—Arlene, David, Christopher and John—for their service to the Knights and to the church. We appreciate all of Hank's, and his families, support.

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2005 Scholarship Recipients

The 2005 Scholarship recipients have been notified by the selection committee. The committee performed admirably once again and, with 24 applications to review, I can honestly say that they suffered through the process. I believe they each invested about 5 hours in their review. The applications represent the best from our youth community and these five recipients certainly stood out. Thanks again to the selection committee.

Your 2005 Scholarship recipients are:

- Courtney Graham, Blue Valley West High School, daughter of Chris and Renee Graham
- Jay Breeden, Olathe East High School, son of John and Theresa Breeden
- Amy Lynn Schneider, Olathe South High School, daughter of Edward and Theresa Schneider
- Katy Bolz, St. Thomas Aquinas High School, daughter of Randy Bolz, Ron and Jill Boos
- Eric Ruchensky, St. Thomas Aquinas High School, daughter of Michael and Lucille Ruchensky



Pictured above: Katy Bolz, Courtney Graham, Amy Lynn Schneider and Jay Breeden. Not pictured is Eric Ruchensky

-Steve Smith

In Honor of Hank Stecher

Dear Brother Knights,

The month of May usually brings with it a wonderful promise of springtime and the eternal renewal of life. However as most of you know this year we have been confronted with a loss that will never be fully appreciated by any one member of our council.

I could sit at this keyboard for two months and still never even scratch the surface of all that our late Brother Knight Hank Stecher and his lovely wife, Arlene, have contributed to our Knights council and our parish community.

When I transferred to this council in 1996, one of the first Knights I met was Hank at a Fish Fry in the old kitchen scrubbing pots and pans for hours. And when I took over as Chairman of the Fish Fry in 2003 guess what? Hank was still there scrubbing pots and pans.

Hank's service to his Brothers

was about a lot more than doing dishes, but his willingness to do the thing that no one else wanted to do. It was illustrative of his commitment to his council and his parish and his Lord.

There is not a shadow of a doubt in my mind, that if all of us could be the type of man that Hank showed himself to be everyday, until the end, this parish, this council and this world would be a far better place.

On my behalf and on behalf of the officers of this council, please remember in your prayers, the friends and family of our departed Brother Hank, for they have lost a true treasure.

May the Lord bless and keep him. AMEN!!!

-Brian D. Miller, DGK

Ladies Night Out a Big Hit

What do you get when you mix award winning fare from the Grand Champion of May's Lawrence BBQ Classic and

Knights in white satin? (actually white shirts and bow ties). What else but a special evening to honor the women of our parish for their outstanding works for our council and Catholic community.

Harold "grills gone wild" Colston laid out a spread that would have made Zagat's proud. Rib eyes and chicken, glazed carrots, twice baked potatoes, homemade rolls, etc. The question most asked by our lady guests during dinner was, "what's Harold's telephone number?" I suspect that was for more than just his charming good looks. (My table wanted to know what time breakfast would be served. -Ron)

The ladies of the parish enjoyed the evening, the music and the rare opportunity to have a number of professional gentlemen cook, serve and wait on them. And we were more than happy to honor them.

Special thanks go to the super
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June 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Corporate Communion—7:30 am Mass Reg. Mtg—8:30 am— St. Mark's room	13 Fourth Degree Knights meeting @ St. Paul's 7:30 pm	14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18 Fourth Degree Exemplification @ Holy Trinity Church
19 Father's Day	20 Rosary—7:00 pm— Teacher's Lounge Bus. Mtg—7:30 pm— St. Mark's room	21 Summer Begins	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

July 2005

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cooking and grilling teams. The Knights serving the dinners and drinks were sharp as always. And an exceptional job well done to Karl Osman, Brian Clark and Dave Mulhall for the terrific job on the thankless dishwashing duty. You guys are tops.

-Steve Smith

I would like to thank all the Knights who came and helped with the Ladies Night Out Dinner. The food was a big hit and we could have not pulled this off without the support that we received from our brother Knights.

So, from Harold Colston and Steve Smith, we thank all of you for making that night special for the Women's Organization.

-Harold Colston

Olathe Will Have To Wait for Another State Convention

Olathe put on a great party for the delegates and guests at the 104th Annual Kansas State Knights of Columbus Convention in Hutchinson-hoping to secure the bid for the 2008 Convention. At the end of the day, however, despite the hand shaking, cold beer, hot wings and

bratwurst, St. Joseph Council in Hayes won out.

I was very proud of the efforts of the bid committee. We knew going in that it would be tough because Hayes would have a strong bid built around 100 year anniversary celebration. We played to our strengths as well letting it be known that we wanted to host the 2008 State Convention for Don Wagner. As most of you know Don is a member of 7909, and is the current State Secretary - which means that he is in line to be the State Deputy of Kansas in 2007 and 2008.

Another one of our strengths was the successful Convention we hosted in 2004. To help remind the delegates, Bob Atwood from Council 1913 professionally produced a ten minute slide show with memories of that convention which looped on the computer monitor in our hospitality room.

We certainly got our name out at the Convention, serving beer and wine in souvenir cups with the Knight of Columbus logo and our Council names printed on them and pinning 250 'Vote Olathe 08' buttons on delegates and guests - without hurting anyone. We supplied food and drink for the Pro-Life Pitch Tournament on Saturday evening and

were even visible in the parking lot of the hotel where Brian Miller grilled the hot wings and bratwurst.

We put our best foot forward in Hutchinson. Congratulations to Hayes. A 100 year anniversary is a tremendous accomplishment and one worthy of recognition and I'm confident that they will shine in 2008. Our Council should now focus our energies on making sure we have a great showing in Hayes to support them and to give Don a great send off and thank him for his service as State Deputy.

Please thank the members of the bid committee for their hard work next time you see them.

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