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Brother Knights,

As members of the Knights of Columbus we are a very blessed group. We work for the less fortunate and for people in need. We as members are always busy with everyday life and wonder how we get everything done. We complain that we have no free time and that we are so busy with projects, family, work and everyday routines.

I think about this as I sit writing this newsletter at 9:21 Monday night but I also think about the blessed part of doing this. I am capable of writing this letter, we are capable of volunteering for activities, we are capable to take our children to their soccer games. The good Lord has blessed me and my family and my Brother Knights and their families because we use our God given talents to help those less fortunate. We all need to give thanks and look around sometimes and reflect and say "Thank You God" for making my day full because we can handle it. If you hear me complaining you have my permission to tell me to be quiet and count my blessings.

- Tootsie Roll Drive was a great success raising a total of \$6,651.81. Great Job Tom Braun! Thanks to all the volunteers that participated in this event.
- The Charity Breakfast in Hecker on the 17th of October for CSS and CUP was a success for the first year event. Over 200 people attended and over \$10,000 was raised. Once again Joe Koeppes of The Market Place was extremely generous by supplying the eggs and sausage for the breakfast. If you see Joe around town be sure to thank him for everything he does for our council and the church and school. Thanks to all the Brother Knights and their families that attended the breakfast.
- Seven Brother Knights participated in the Pro Life Walk. Five Knights participated in the Life Chain. Thanks for your support Brothers.
- Knights of Columbus Hayride is November 7th around 6:00 p.m. at Centennial Park in City Park. Everyone is invited to an evening of food, fun and friendship.
- Christmas Party is December 12th in ICS Gymnasium. Doors open at 5:30 and dinner starts at 6:30. Reservations are required: contact John Haubrich at 618-281-6021 or ohaubrich@yahoo.com. Tickets are adults (13 and older) \$10.00, children (ages 7-12) \$5.00, and children 6 and under free.
- Knight of the Year nominations are Mike Ledbetter and John Whitworth. If you have someone you wish to nominate you need to be at the next Knights meeting on the 12th of November. Nominations will be brought to a close and voting will begin at that meeting. Good luck to the nominees.
- Keep in your prayers the 19 teens and adults going to the National Catholic Youth Conference in Kansas City on November 19th to 22nd.
- Cahokia is holding a Major Degree Sunday, November 15th. This is a great opportunity if you have anyone interested in the Knights to get them in before the end of the year. Contact me on more information
- Thanks to all the Brother Knights who participated in the blessings of Father Carl and Father Steve on Priesthood Sunday weekend.
- Knights of Columbus Blood Drive November 22nd from 8:00 am to 1:00pm in the ICS Gymnasium.
- Get connected; send me your email address so you can get the latest and greatest news and keep up with upcoming events. My email address is krenner@charter.net.
- Check out our new and improved website at www.kofc6165.org.
- If you have any ideas on fundraiser events please feel free to email me your ideas.

Thank you God for our Blessings,
Keith Renner, Grand Knight