



The Banner

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Brothers,

I hope you and your families are having a fun and safe summer. It is hard to believe but August is already here! September's business meeting is going to be a very important meeting and I would like everyone that is able to, to come to the meeting. I will be rolling out how I would like to see the council progress for the next 2 years. The meeting will be a little bit longer than my normal meetings. The new finance committee has already met and a preliminary plan is in place to stabilize our financial situation. In the next couple of weeks you will be receiving your COAL booklets. There will also be a letter from me with more details about the committees that need help. Please remember you do not have to come to all of the meetings to be active and participate. There are lots of things that can be done "behind the scenes" that are extremely important for us as a council to thrive.

The planning meeting is scheduled for August 18th, please come and give your input on when things should be scheduled. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me!

Have a safe and happy rest of the summer and God Bless!

Vivat Jesus,
Clint Snyder
Grand Knight



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Please submit all articles for the Banner by the **15th of the month.**

ACTIVITIES FOR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

AUGUST

6 - Supreme Convention
 13 - Business Meeting
 18 - Planning Meeting
 20 - Home Association Meeting
 27 - Officers Meeting

SEPTEMBER

3 - Business Meeting
 7 - Labor Day
 10 - Home Association Meeting
 17 - Social
 24 - Officers Meeting

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR ILL BROTHER KNIGHTS & LADIES

Bill Wagenborg, Frank Boyle, Josephine Pistilli, Veronica Kovacik, George Fecik, Sophie Fecik, Gus Larizzio, George Diaz, Richard L. Girkin, Giuseppe Innamorato, Bro. Jerry Sweeney, Paul Marizy, PGK, Joe Efkwitz, Domenic Marzullo, PGK

Please call in the names of all ill Brother Knights

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL WHO WERE BORN IN AUGUST

Emilio Agresti	John Carroll
Anthony Catanzaro	Thomas M. Crouthers
Joseph M. Janite	Antonio DiSandro
Edwin Eden	Joseph Efkwitz
Richard Girkin	Thomas Kurtz, Sr.
Walter Meredith	Samuel Parente
Francis Pileggi	Alexander Rigney
Stanley Rimdzius	Patrick Smith
Cornelius Walsh	

Happy Birthday!

FOOTBALL CRAZR

formally Football Sweepstakes

It's that time of year once more, to dust off the helmets and shoulder pads and get down to business. The tickets are printed by a new company 'fundcrazr.com', and is run the same way as previous years.

The game is \$10 per ticket and is run for the last 10 weeks of the NFL season, beginning November 1. You have four teams listed for each of those weeks and the total scores are combined for your score. There are 25 prizes given each week (17 highest scores and 8 lowest scores) are winners. Prizes total \$2500 each week.

The tickets are sold at \$10 each and the Council profits \$2 for each ticket sold plus we will receive a bonus after the game concludes, following the distribution of funds, up to \$3 per ticket sold. This is a state wide project where proceeds are donated to Special Olympics.

Please feel free to take several tickets, located at the bar area of the Council, and sell as many as you can. Moneys and ticket stubs can be turned in to Bill Meyers.

K of C Christian Refugee Relief Fund provides desperately needed aid

Having already donated more than \$3 million in humanitarian aid to persecuted Christians and other religious minorities in the Middle East, the Knights of Columbus will expand its efforts even further with a national campaign to raise funds and foster awareness of the terrible suffering of Christians and others in the Middle East.

As part of the K of C effort, a new commercial on the issue will be airing nationally beginning this weekend. It can be viewed at. (Please see article at KofC.org)

The Knights will also announce additional details of its program to aid Christian refugees at its international convention being held August 4-6 in Philadelphia. In attendance will be archbishops from Iraq and Syria, where the violence against Christians has been particularly severe.

An exposé on the deafening silence of the international community on this issue was published in the July 26 edition of *The New York Times Magazine*: "Is This the End of Christianity in the Middle East?" It reported that extremist groups "are enslaving, killing and uprooting Christians, with no aid in sight."

In the article, which was featured on the magazine's cover, author Eliza Griswold reported that, "according to a Pew study, more Christians are now faced with religious persecution than at any time since their early history."

The Knights began its Christian Refugee Relief Fund in August 2014 with \$1 million in matching funds that was quickly met and exceeded by its members and the public. The humanitarian assistance provided has included new housing for those who have had to flee their homes, as well as support for medical facilities in areas flooded with Christian and other refugees.

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