



Saint Mary Queen of the Universe Council 8196 Newsletter June 2013

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2012- 2013 ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

- April** **2 Council Meeting**
16 First Degree
21 Corporate Communion
Breakfast
- May** **3-5 State Convention @ Olathe**
7 Council Meeting
- June** **4 Family Picnic @ Lakewood**
Park
18 First Degree
- July** **2 Council Meeting**
- August** **6 Council Meeting**
11 Corporate Communion
Breakfast
- Sept** **3 Council Meeting**
8 Parish Picnic
10 Silver Rose
17 First Degree
22 Breakfast-Council

Knight of the Month

March: Jerry Schumaker
April: Tom Katafiasz
May: John Ourada

Family of the Month

March: Gage Cranmers
April: Jerry Schumakers
May: N/A

RECENT ACTIVITIES

State Convention

The annual State convention was held May 3-5 in Olathe. Our Grand Knight Doug Mergen and Deputy Grand Knight Tom Katafiasz were in attendance this year as all of the Kansas councils learn the results of their programs and charitable activities across the state, and decide any matters that may come before them.

Also, at this year convention our very own Charlie Rhein was presented with the "Salina Diocese Knight of the Year" award. **Congratulations Charlie!!**



Family Picnic

June 4 was our annual family picnic held this year at Lakewood Park. The weather may have been muggy but the food and atmosphere were terrific. Dinner consisted of hamburgers and hot dogs cooked by our council's expert grill masters. Also, there were several different tasty side dishes and desserts prepared by our council member families.



Here are our expert grill masters hard at work



Picnic goes sitting and enjoying each other's company



handicapped, and the elderly. Our council donated and prepared the food for dinners on the 11th and 25th.



Members of the Prayer and Action team with Father Brian Lager saying grace before the meal.



Council member Charlie Rhein is seen here enlightening our youth with his wisdom.

Prayer and Action BBQ

On June 11th and then again on June 25th, Council 8196 hosted a BBQ for the Prayer and Action team at Lakewood Park. The Prayer and Action program of the Salina Diocese provides meaningful opportunities to high school aged students and their adult leaders to do mission work right here within the boundaries of our own diocese. Prayer and Action sessions last five days, with students arriving on a Sunday evening and then staying until the next Friday morning. Throughout the week the students will paint, clean, do yard work, and perform other meaningful tasks, for the poor,



Here are some of the members of Council 8196 enjoying a quick bite after serving the Prayer and Action team.

First Degree

On June 18th our council hosted a 1st degree for 4 new members to our order. Those initiated at the degree were Bob Novotny, Neil Krajicek, Tyler Krajicek and Ryan Krajicek.

Bob recently became a full Catholic this past Easter through our Parish RCIA program. Welcome Bob!

Neil, Tyler and Ryan are the sons of Sacred Heart principal John Krajicek. John recently transfer his Knights membership to our council and enlisted his three sons to join our order. Welcome Neil, Tyler and Ryan!



Our newest 1st degree members (l to r) Bob Novotny, Neil Krajicek, Ryan Krajicek and Tyler Krajicek pose with Grand Knight Doug Mergen

Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

Where does the time go? It seems impossible to think that my 2 years as Grand Knight of Council 8196 will soon come to an end! I had hoped to involve all our members in at least one of our activities in the last 24 months and regret that I didn't accomplish this goal. However, I want to thank everyone who did take the opportunity to actively participate in our programs.

I want to take this last occasion to invite all members of Council 8196 to continue to support our officers and directors and not hesitate to offer to help with our activities. Consider attending our next meeting and make your interests known. Offer to help with an activity or assist one of our program directors. Our council has accomplished many great achievements. Just think what we can do with one more new idea, one more new member, one more new activity and (I hate to admit it) a new Grand Knight.

Finally, I want all to know how grateful I am for the support and encouragement you have given me during my tenure as Grand Knight. I appreciate your efforts and hope that I have made you proud to be a member of Knights of Columbus Council 8196!

**Fraternally,
Doug Mergen, Grand Knight 8196**

Insurance

Don't wait, act today

When your family is hungry, you see that this need is taken care of quickly. You don't put it off until tomorrow; you act immediately to the best of your ability. As a provider to your wife and children, your responsibilities are great and your time is spread thin. It is easy to forget important tasks or let them slip to the backburner for later.

Everything, including your health, can change in the blink of an eye. Don't put off today what can't wait until tomorrow. As your professional Knights of Columbus agent, I urge you to make securing life insurance for you and your family a top priority.

It is my fraternal obligation to make sure that every member has the opportunity to protect his family with the Order's top-rated insurance products. I'll work with you to put a plan in place that will help your family when that help is what they needed the most.

Your Knights of Columbus insurance program is second to none. As the premier safety net for Catholic families for more than 126 years, our insurance program makes me proud. But I'm also concerned that too many of our brother Knights have not yet looked into the needs of their family. I suspect that, for many of them, life insurance has drifted to the backburner until tomorrow. Don't be one of them; move your insurance needs to the forefront today.

I'm at 785 820-7486. Call me – let's talk. Or drop me a note at terry.patry@kofc.org



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Chaplain's Corner

Knights:

All I can say is **THANK YOU** for all your support, friendship AND good work. You are a very active group. Every time the parish or I asked something from you, you were there to respond. You truly fulfill your mission of being support to the life of the Church and to its priests. I will always remember you and treasure you. As Fr. Barry Brinkman begins, I know you will honor us both by extending the same warm welcome to him and offer the same work force. May God always bless you and St. Mary's.

Father Kerry Ninemire

As of July 1st Father Kerry's new address will be

St. Francis Xavier Parish,
PO Box 399,
Junction City, KS 66441.

His new email address will be:
pastorknine@gmail.com

Father Brian Lager will be pastor of the parishes of Concordia, Belleville, Munden and Cuba.

Please keep Father Kerry and Father Brian in your thoughts and prayers during the transition to their new assignments

Knights News

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