



# GOOD KNIGHT NEWS

Monsignor James H Willet Council #7847 Hopkinsville Kentucky

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From the Desk of Grand Knight  
Bart Hulsmeyer



July meetings on the 9th and 23rd  
Meetings start at 7 PM in the St Vincent De Paul  
Building

## July is here!

### Happy New Year

The new Fraternal Year started on July 1, 2008 and will end on June 30, 2008. As with all New Years, we all wish our Fraternal New Year to be a very successful one. We have strong expectations. July is also the month of the Birthday of our Nation.



### Officers for the Council

Grand Knight	Bart Hulsemeyer
Deputy Grand Knight	Franco Cincotti
Chancellor	Tony Esposito
Warden	Gary Harden
Financial Secretary	Rich Narkevic
Recorder	Jim Creighton
Treasurer	Tim Barnes
Advocate	Chas Mowen
Trustee 3 Year	Bob Marco
Trustee 2 Year	Dick Dymek
Trustee 1 Year	Bill Chaudoin
Inside Guard	Larry Puckett
Outside Guard	Dave Allard

Thanks to all who have stepped forward to take a position as an Officer of the Council.



### 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Upcoming



There will be a Second and Third Degree at Bowling Green on Sunday, July 13, 2008. We have many members in need of these degrees. They build on what was exemplified during the First Degree. Bowling Green is only about an hour from here and we can car pool. All Third Degree members are welcome. The Second Degree will start at 12:00 (noon) and the Thrid Degree will follow. We can arrange to meet someplace and go as a group. It is important that all members attain their Third Degree.

## Brief History of the Declaration of Independence

### The vote for Independence was on July 2, 1776

Acting under the instruction of the Virginia Convention, Richard Henry Lee on June 7, 1776, introduced a resolution in the Second Continental Congress proposing independence for the colonies. The Lee Resolution contained three parts: a declaration of independence, a call to form foreign alliances, and "a plan for confederation."

Although the section of the Lee Resolution dealing with independence was not adopted until July 2, Congress appointed on June 10 a committee of five to draft a statement of independence for the colonies. The committee included Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Robert R. Livingston, and Roger Sherman, with the actual writing delegated to Jefferson.

Jefferson drafted the statement between June 11 and 28, submitted drafts to Adams and Franklin who made some changes, and then presented the draft to the Congress following the **July 2nd adoption of the Independence** section of the Lee Resolution. The congressional revision process took all of July 3rd and most of July 4th. Finally, in the afternoon of July 4th, the Declaration was adopted.

Under the supervision of the Jefferson committee, the approved Declaration was printed on July 5th and a copy was attached to the "rough journal of the Continental Congress for July 4th." These printed copies, bearing only the names of John Hancock, President, and Charles Thomson, secretary, were distributed to state assemblies, conventions, committees of safety, and commanding officers of the Continental troops.

On July 19th, Congress ordered that the Declaration be engrossed on parchment with a new title, "the unanimous declaration of the thirteen united states of America," and "that the same, when engrossed, be signed by every member of Congress." Engrossing is the process of copying an official document in a large hand. The engrosser of the Declaration was probably Timothy Matlock, an assistant to Charles Thomson, secretary to the Congress.

On August 2nd John Hancock, the President of the Congress, signed the engrossed copy with a bold signature. The other delegates, following custom, signed beginning at the right with the signatures arranged by states from northernmost New Hampshire to southernmost Georgia. Although all delegates were not present on August 2nd, 56 delegates eventually signed the document.



**Bart Hulsmeyer Grand Knight Elect  
and Bob Marco Retiring Grand  
Knight**

**Request Your Presence At  
Monsignor Willett 27<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Installation of Officers**



**August 3, 2008  
At the Oakland Manor  
9210 Newstead Rd  
(Hwy 272 South)**



**3:00 PM  
Cost is \$14.00 PP  
Buffet Meal  
Drinks Included**



**Join Us**



**Call Dick Dymek with your reservations  
885-5754**

**Baseball with the Stars**



Dick Dymek is working on getting about 50 tickets for the "Stars" through the Tootsie Roll Drive Funds. It will be the Tidewater Pirates at Dawson Springs. He will be looking for help. The proposed date, so far, is either July 19<sup>th</sup>, or July 26<sup>th</sup>. More information will be forthcoming at the next regular business meeting on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Look for a phone call from Dick requesting your help. This is an extremely worthwhile cause and all members should step up when asked.

**General Insurance  
Agent  
Dan Turnwald  
Office 859-331-0249  
Cell 859-630-6942**



For the 33rd consecutive year, A.M. Best Company has given the Knights of Columbus its highest financial strength rating, A++ (Superior). A.M. Best is a worldwide rating and information agency, which conducts in-depth analyses and issues reports about the fiscal stability of insurance companies.

**4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting  
July 13<sup>th</sup> at Oak Grove  
Sts Michael's time change  
to start meeting at 5PM**



**The Installation of the  
Officers will take place  
at this meeting.**

There will be a Flag Retirement Ceremony also.

Installation and Flag Retirement 5:00 PM  
Repast at 6:00 PM  
Meeting at 7:00 PM

See you there.

**Our Future**



Our council continues to grow and expand its activities. Consider asking some one to become a Knight. Please call Bob Marko (886-0921) or Bart Hulsmeyer (498-3202). We'll be glad to answer your questions.



**There will be a First Degree on July 23<sup>rd</sup> at the PADD Building. Officers and Team Members should be at a short meeting on July 21<sup>st</sup> at PADD at 7PM to go over the layout of the room and procedures.**

## The Knight of the Month



Franco Cincotti, he is the Deputy Grand Knight - Elect for our council. He is on the Knight's Adoration Team. He is the Engineering Director for the HVAC division of Comefri USA. Franco was born in Calasetta, Sardinia, Italy. He returns home annually with his wife Rosella and his two daughters. Franco has been involved in many Knight's functions and always has a smile on his face. He is one that can be counted on to help out.



## Family of the Month

Kelly King Family is the family of the Month. Kelly and his wife Kelly have 4 children, Andrew (3rd grade), Anna (1st grade), Amelia (pre-school) and Aden (2 years old). Kelly and his family can be found at the ball park most nights. He assists his wife with Adoration and they have a garden plot at Saints Peter and Paul Church to keep them busy. Kelly was found last week helping relocate Brother Ted Rideout from Crofton to the big city of Hopkinsville.



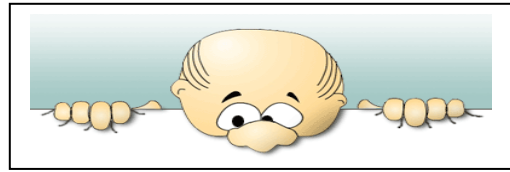
## Senior Knight of the Month

Phil Carstone is the Senior Knight of the Month. Phil is a transplant from Rochester, NY. He came to Hopkinsville in 1953 with the Army. His brother says he was once a Yankee, but now a true Southerner. He has three children, 2 girls and a boy, with 4 grandchildren, 2 boys and 2 girls. He and his wife enjoy Adoration time together and Phil has been a Lector for a number of years in service to the Saints Peter and Paul Church.



**If you are receiving your Newsletter by mail it is costing the council a lot of needed funds**

If you have an email address and receive the newsletter by mail please let me know what the email is. At the current mailing and printing rates it is costing about \$1,000.00 a year. We are mailing 65 copies each month. Email cost us nothing. Send you email address to [johnrdunham@yahoo.com](mailto:johnrdunham@yahoo.com).



## UPCOMING EVENTS



## JULY

4	Independence Day	
9	Business Meeting	
13	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree at Bowling Green All First Degree Brothers should attend.	
13	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting with the Installation of Officers. Time change to 5PM.	
19-20	State Seminar at Frankfort	
19 or 26	Baseball with the Stars at Dawson Springs	
20	Football Sweepstakes Sale Starts	
21	Officers and First Degree Team to meet at PADD	
23	Social Meeting First Degree at PADD. All Brothers should attend	

## AUGUST

3	Installation of Officers	
10	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting in Madisonville	
13	Business Meeting	
27	Social Meeting	

Attend the meetings, especially the Business Meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month We are looking into running a Carnival. Purchasing an Event Tent and Trailer. Obtaining a Texas Hold em license. Holding a Turkey Shoot. Doing a Poker Run. Also our regular stuff, like the Tootsie Roll Drive, Softball for the Stars, Thanksgiving and Christmas and many, many more. Get involved in your Council.



**Interesting Facts**  
Did you know that.....

The Eisenhower interstate system requires that one-mile in every five must be straight. These straight sections are usable as airstrips in times of war or other emergencies.

St. Paul, Minnesota, was originally called Pig's Eye after a man named Pierre "Pig's Eye" Parrant who set up the first business there

**Laws of Reality**



Anything, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.

The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich landing face down on a floor covering are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet/rug.

**CHURCH ACTIVITIES**

Remember to keep our Seminarians in your prayers, especially Josh and Byron

**Bingo Schedule**



Arrive for Bingo before 7PM on Thursday and stay until closing. If you can not work on your scheduled night call another Knight or Chuck Pucket. Bingo is **important** to the Parish and if it is **important** to the Parish it is **VERY important** to the Knights of Columbus.

July 3	Larry Puckett	886-6440
July 10	John Dunham	885-3341
July 17	Joe Whitfill	886-5391
July 24	Richard Narkevic	885-1684
July 31	Pat Covington	885-3055
Aug 7	Bill Chaudoin	885-3774
Aug 14	Steve Keel	707-0316



**JULY Adoration**



1-Jul	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Carl Schmidt	886-1824	22-Jul	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Bruce Wilcox	484-0523
1-Jul	2:00 - 3:00 a.m.	John Soldo	889-9695	22-Jul	2:00 - 3:00 a.m.	Karl Prunitsch	886-8617
3-Jul	12:00-1:00 a.m.	Doyle Shelton	886-3560	24-Jul	12:00-1:00 a.m.	Franco Cincotti	886-2241
3-Jul	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Marvin Mahoney	886-2569	24-Jul	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Tim Barnes	885-6606
8-Jul	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Chris Stevens	886-0050	29-Jul	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Carl Schmidt	886-1824
8-Jul	2:00 - 3:00 a.m.	Ron Lee	886-5504	29-Jul	2:00 - 3:00 a.m.	John Soldo	889-9695
10-Jul	12:00-1:00 a.m.	Dick Dymek	885-5754	31-Jul	12:00-1:00 a.m.	Doyle Shelton	886-3560
10-Jul	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Chris Thomas	424-2461	31-Jul	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Marvin Mahoney	886-2569
15-Jul	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Don McCowan	886-4605	5-Aug	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Chris Stevens	886-0050
15-Jul	2:00 - 3:00 a.m.	Jim Creighton	886-0454	5-Aug	2:00 - 3:00 a.m.	Ron Lee	886-5504
17-Jul	12:00-1:00 a.m.	Gary Harden	886-6382	7-Aug	12:00-1:00 a.m.	Dick Dymek	885-5754
17-Jul	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Chas Mowan	305-4330	7-Aug	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Chris Thomas	424-2461

## 15,000 Take Part in Eucharistic Procession in Quebec



A 20-member honor guard of Quebec-area Knights led the procession of the Blessed Sacrament through the streets of Quebec City on June 19. They marched alongside the Ark of the New Covenant, which Canadian Knights helped transport throughout the country this past year in advance of the International Eucharistic Congress.



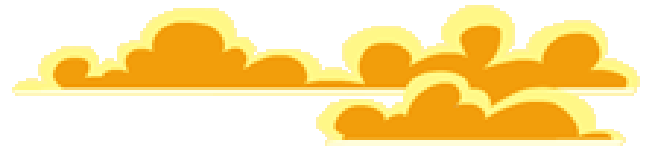
### Eucharistic Congress Closes with Mass, Homily from Pope

Quebec City's historic Plains of Abraham was the setting for the closing Mass of the 49th International Eucharistic Congress (IEC) June 22. Thousands of the faithful filled the former battlefield turned national park and cheered the procession of hundreds of priests and members of the hierarchy, and applauded.

### State Deputies Meeting focuses On Membership Growth, New Initiatives



State deputies gathered in New Haven for seminars and workshops focusing on the fraternal year beginning July 1. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson announced the results of the [Fraternal Survey](#), which shows that the Order set new all-time records for charitable donations (\$144,911,781) and volunteer hours (68,695,768).



### From our Kentucky State Executive Secretary Ron Todd

The question that was asked was, "What does the Executive Secretary to the State Deputy do?"

What is an Executive Secretary to the State Deputy of the Kentucky Knights of Columbus? It can be many things. You're a publisher, you are responsible for putting together 3 booklets, the State Directory, the Program Guide and the Annual Report. You are a buyer, you purchase the jewels for the State Officers and any new District Deputies. You help set up the many meetings of the State Council, regional meetings with councils, and many other meetings throughout the year. This is just a partial listing of the many things that you are responsible for.

Personally, it is a chance for me to give back to my brother Knights, throughout the state of Kentucky, in some way for what they have given and meant to me over the many years that I have been a Knight of Columbus. The first office I was elected to was Inside Guard. Since then I have been elected to just about every other office there is at the council level. I served as a District Deputy for four years and have served in various capacities at the state level.

To my brother Knights, when you are asked to serve at any level, don't be afraid to step up and say yes. When I was first asked to serve, I had my doubts. Even in later years as I continued to serve in various capacities, I still had doubts. Now I wouldn't trade it for anything. I guarantee that when you look back over what you have been involved in, you will have that good feeling about yourself and you will be able to say "Yes, I did good".

If someone had said to me fifty years ago that I would one day be serving as the Executive Secretary to the State Deputy of a State Council, I would have told them they were crazy. I would have said, "What qualifications do I have to serve in that position." I am still not sure what qualifications that I have for this position, but I am going to give it my best shot and so far it is working out just fine.

So, when asked, don't be afraid to say yes. Give it your best shot and I am sure you will not be disappointed.