



July/August

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You will notice that this newsletter is a combined July/August Summer edition and more condensed version vs the normal monthly newsletter. Many of our authors and contributors are on summer recess for July and August and I felt a condensed version of our newsletter was appropriate. We will resume our full newsletter content in September.

Also be reminded that there are no formal Council meetings in July and August. I will schedule an officer/trustee meeting in August. Formal Council meetings will resume in September.

So here we are more than 1/2 way thru summer. What happened? Time really does fly. Though the August "Dog days of Summer" are upon us and the memories of Family, vacations, trips, barbecues, the Knights Family picnic, baseball games, Family get togethers, or just relaxing and taking a breather from the normal day to day are part of our summer experience, I would like to also reflect on July and the middle of summer.

One of our core values is "Patriotism" and July, especially the 4th of July is a special time of thanks and remembrance. This is a special time for celebration, reflection, gratitude and remembrance. And while we fire up our grills and make preparations for our barbecues and parties while getting our invitations and supplies in order, it is often too easy to overlook our country's journey to this point in time. Let us not forget about the men and women of our military who have and continue to put their lives on the line to defend our way of life. In school we study about past wars and military actions and we are reminded daily of our present struggles to preserve our future.

This is a perfect time too reflect on our military and the sacrifices that our service men and women undergo every day. Let us also remember the families of our military that have sent sons and daughters to defend our nation. A wise man once said "Freedom is not free." This has never been more evident in our history than our daily war against terror and the sacrifices made by our service men and women.

While we continue on with our summer activities it gives me pause to think about the service men and women that are stuck in some of the worst places on earth and under constant threat. No holiday for them, no summer vacation, no burnt hot dogs, baked beans or summer fun. only the willingness to accept the call of duty, survive and come home. Some will come home. Some will not. Many will not be the same person in coming home.

We can never take their sacrifices for granted. Let us all reach out to our military. Help to make their lives just a little bit better. Let them know how much they are appreciated, loved and welcomed back home.

Whenever I see a veteran I always stop and thank them for their service to our country, shake their hand and chat for a while. But there is more that I and we can do for our veterans.

- Visit one of the veterans hospitals
- Send cards and letters
- Organize drives for food, clothing and housing
- Donations to veterans organizations
- Support our veterans and participate in the Knights day after veterans day celebration
- Give a veteran a ride
- Volunteer your time in support of our veterans

In closing I would offer two points to ponder:

Let every nation know, either it wishes us well or ill, we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, to assure the survival and success of liberty - John F. Kennedy

Fraternally,

Jack

Jack Baraczek
Grand Knight
Council 207

Have you done your part daily in helping to make a positive difference in someone's life. How about helping to make a positive difference in the life of a veteran ?

So, enjoy the rest of your summer. Safe travels. Continue to make and cherish those summer memories that will last a lifetime. See you in September

Thanks also to all of our Council members and the Ladies Auxiliary for your continued donations of time, money and support of our many causes. Your unconditional efforts do not go unnoticed. I can truly say that we as a Council are making an important and positive difference in the lives of so many.

Thank you again.

As always with a commitment to our core principles ~ Charity - Unity - Fraternity - Patriotism
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DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT CORNER.....

Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped make our successful events happen these last couple of months, notably the Memorial Day Open House and the St. Baldrick's Event at Council 207. The Charitable Contributions Committee did not meet in June due to the low number of requested donations. Have a great and healthy summer!

Thank you for all your continued support.

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Please feel free to contact me should you have questions or just to talk. I would welcome your input.

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LADIES AUXILIARY UPDATE FROM SANDY JORGENSEN.....

Summer is here and with that the Ladies Auxiliary is taking the summer off to enjoy family and the beautiful weather.

Our last meeting for the 2017-2018 year was held on Monday, June 11th with 30 women attending. Our thanks to Janet Weston for her role as Treasurer for the last 5 years on our Executive Board. She will now fill the position of Director at Large for the next two years. Chris Carter will now take over the job as Treasurer of the Ladies Auxiliary and we welcome her to the new position.

Last year I started a Volunteer of the Year award. The plaque, with the recipients names engraved on it, is posted on the front wall of the club directly above our mailbox. We have so many wonderful members of the auxiliary that are worthy of receiving this award. When making my decision I tried to take into account all of the activities that we sponsor during the year. Obviously, success of any event is due to the volunteers that make the day or night run smoothly. However, many times we don't take into account the work that goes on behind the scenes in preparation for the actual event. Chris Carter, goes above and beyond as a volunteer. She works out of town Monday thru Friday and still gives 150% to the success of the Ladies Auxiliary. At the soup kitchen she showed compassion to those who visited each week to receive a warm meal. At Christmas time she helped deliver food and gifts to those less fortunate than we are. She has been present at every function that I can think of, unless her family needed her, and if not at the event itself has worked tirelessly behind the scenes to help with anything I asked her to do. I have only known Chris on a personal level for two years but over those two years we have formed a friendship and working relationship that I am truly blessed to have. I recently read a quote by Terri Guillems which goes "Volunteers wear working boots but leave a trail of angel footsteps." Thank you Chris for leaving your footsteps on so many. You are appreciated so much more than you know.

SAVE the DATES:

GET YOUR PINK ON PARTY Saturday October 6, 2018 Music by "PINKY" Details are still in the works but the date and music are secured. The money raised will go toward Carol Baldwin Breast Cancer Foundation. Rumor has it that a special guest will be attending the evening.

FEBRUARY 2019 - Chris Carter and busy working on organizing an AUCTION NIGHT. I am not going to give away any of the details but I can assure you that this will be an event you won't want to miss, Keep watching for more details.

During the last year we have added over 20 new members to our group. What an honor it is to serve as President of our Ladies Auxiliary and I am looking forward to the next two years working with such an amazing group of ladies and the brothers of the Knights of Columbus. Thanks to all of our wonderful auxiliary members for a great year. Have a safe and relaxing summer. See you at the club and remember bring a friend.

Sandy Jorgensen

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BAR UPDATE FROM JIM LAMAY....

As always, thanks for your continued support, loyalty and patronage of Council 207. Our Brothers as well as Ladies Auxiliary are truly making a difference thru your participation and attendance at the Knights.



Though we are busy, we are beginning our slower season (July, August) We will be closed on Sunday's during July and August and will reopen Sunday's beginning in September. Should there be an event scheduled for July/August on Sunday we will provide the required support at the bar as needed. Always important to book early with Don Pole to secure a date. Memorial Day was a big hit with record revenue. Year over year monthly revenues and margins continue to be positive. May revenue was a little low vs last year. Spending in June as a % is in line vs gross receipts and continues to be better vs industry standards. Our spend vs gross avg. over the past 3 month = 36% vs an industry standard of 41%. Each % below 41% = additional margin.

We will continue to offer happy hour pricing each Friday - pizza etc. will also be provided. We are still looking to set up a bourbon and wine club in the fall. Minimal annual membership with quarterly tastings by local merchants and suppliers. Special wine and bourbon glasses for each individual joining. Additional ideas are welcome.

The St Baldrick's event on June 10 was a Big Hit. Very good revenue at the bar + the bartenders donated their time in support of St Baldrick's.

Summer is here !!!! When it is hot outside or raining, the beer and other refreshments are cold here at Council. Stop by and have cold beer or beverage of your choice. You can't beat the stories, laughs and memories made. I look forward to seeing you soon and don't forget to bring a friend. Any recommendations or ideas you may have are always welcome. Please see me at the bar.

Thanks,
Jim

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