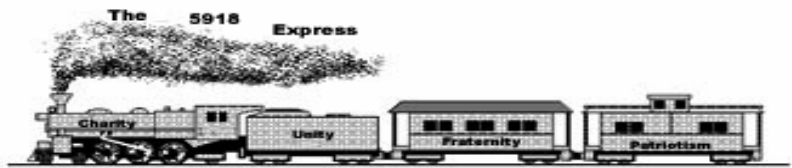




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July 2015

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Brothers:

Hearty congratulations to our new officers for the 2015-2016 year. I am honored to be representing our council as Grand Knight. Special thanks to Jim Leifel, Past Grand Knight, for a fantastic two years leading our council and also for helping to organize the Installation Ceremony that was held July 12 after the 12:00 Mass at St. Scholastica. We were honored to have our new District Deputy, Mike Blackburn, perform the ceremony for us, and thanks to Brother Ed Full for serving as District Warden at the ceremony. We had a great turnout. Also, I would like to send a special thanks to Ken Luczynski, Lecturer, and his wife for supplying us all with an excellent meal for the new officers, spouses, families and our special high school guests who received one of our scholarships and their families.

Our council will be hosting a Major Degree on Sunday, July 25, with First Degree beginning at 1:30 p.m. and Second Degree at about 2:30 p.m. Anyone looking to take their Second or Third Degrees please let me know as soon as possible so that the degree teams have all the necessary supplies. Anyone wishing to assist please let me know.

The ID candy sales will begin on Aug. 7 and 8 at Ultra Foods. Sign up at the meeting on Wednesday, July 22, or by contacting Rick Eskey at 630-783-0243 or reskey@comcast.net. Also, we will be selling Tootsie Rolls on the street corners on Friday, Sept. 18, and Saturday, Sept. 19. Sign up at the meeting, too, or contact Rick to help out. Remember the more on the street the more we can help those in need.

Lastly, I would like to thank all the past year's officers for their hard work and dedication and for making my time as Deputy Grand Knight enjoyable and rewarding. I look forward to continue serving our council as your next Grand Knight

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Notice
Our next meeting will be held
Wednesday, July 22
At St. Scholastica
Starting At 7:00 p.m.



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I was looking over my records and realized that it has been 5 years in writing this column for the 5918 Express. It has been a joy and I hope they have been informative and enriching for everyone.

The number one principal of our order is Charity and the number one charity in the state of Illinois is the Newman Apostolate. Some of you may ask what the Newman Apostolate is. Our duty as Christians is to evangelize as portrayed to us by the Magisterium to bring the good news of Jesus into every human situation.

Named in honor of Cardinal John Henry Newman, the Newman Centers are residences and Catholic ministry centers at non-Catholic universities throughout the world. They were inspired by Newman's writings encouraging societies for Catholic students attending secular universities.

The centers provide pastoral services and ministries to their Catholic communities. A variety of university and parish related meetings and social events take place at the centers as well as personal events including weddings, anniversary celebrations, baptisms, Masses and funeral receptions.

The largest Newman Center is in the United States is located here in Illinois. The St. John's Catholic Center in Champaign is home to thousands of Catholic students at the University of Illinois. There are seven other Newman Centers at other universities and colleges in the state. On other campuses the Newman Apostolate is in action.

These Newman Centers need our financial support to continue their work. You will hear more about evangelizing and promoting the faith among our college students later in the year.

The theme for August *Building the Domestic Church* is "Because no one should be isolated, remember that the parish is a family of families."

"Just as we are called to be faithful Catholics, we are also called on to be good citizens. Our faith makes us better citizens and our society is a better place for the love and concern we have for neighbors.

"We must show the world that it is love that motivates us to help and protect the poor, the widow, the orphan, people with intellectual disabilities, the cold

and the hungry. And it is that same love that motivates us to protect families and individuals in need. The motivation of our service to others is our Lord's call to love neighbor. Recall the sacrifice and generosity of St. Joseph as faithful and loving guardian and protector of the Holy Family." (*Knights of Columbus The Family Fully Alive*)

Vivat Jesus!
Deacon Tom

Grand Knight letter (cont. from p. 1)

(even though I have tough shoes to fill following Jim's excellent lead). Together we can make this a great year. I am looking for program directors and appreciate any volunteers willing to help out. Just let me know. I want to thank Jim Swidergal for his many years of service as Membership Director and am looking for someone to take this crucial position over this year. Please let me know if interested. I can be reached at 630-901-5952 or joe.testolin@ameritech.net.

Vivat Jesus!
Joe Testolin
Grand Knight



Brother Knights and spouses enjoy fellowship at the Memorial Mass dinner May 31 in St. Scholastica's Activity Center.



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Knights of Columbus**

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**ANNOUNCING THE
1st, 2nd & 3rd MAJOR DEGREE
SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2015
ROBERT P. CONNELLY COUNCIL #5918
AT
ST. SCHOLASTICA PARISH ACTIVITY CENTER
7800 S. JANES AVENUE
WOODRIDGE, IL 60517**

**CANDIDATE REGISTRATION: 1:00 PM
1st DEGREE AT: 1:30 PM
2nd DEGREE AT: 2:30 PM
3RD DEGREE FOLLOWING 2ND DEGREE**

**Dinner will be served after the 3rd Degree
Candidate Cost of the Degree \$15.00 (includes dinner)
Sponsor/Observer/Guest Cost of Dinner \$15.00
FOR RESERVATIONS OR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT**

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FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS, CHECK OUR WEBSITE: <http://www.illinoisknights.org>

**REMEMBER, IF YOU ARE A SPONSOR OF A CANDIDATE, YOU
SHOULD BRING HIM TO THE DEGREE**

Lead Me, Guide Me, Lord



Dear Knights of Columbus Friends:

This September, Carol and I have committed to test our will to be a Raging Bull (and our stomachs) as part of the 2nd Annual Coaster Challenge for Special Olympics Illinois. We will ride the distance of a Marathon (27 Rides) on the amazing roller coasters at Six Flags Great America. While we look forward to this exciting and exclusive experience, we need your help to reach our fundraising goals.

Through the support of Special Olympics Illinois, individuals with intellectual disabilities are provided the opportunity to participate in year-round sports training and competition. These programs allow athletes to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and most importantly, reveal their inner champion!

We have each set a personal fundraising goal of at least \$1000.00 and hope that you'll join us in supporting this most worthwhile movement. Please visit our online fundraising page [send us an e-mail at GameGuru09@aol.com for the direct link] and click the "Support Me" button. From here, you can make a secure donation via credit or debit card. Or if you'd prefer to make an offline donation, please make your check payable to "Special Olympics Illinois" and mail it directly to us at 201 Pamela Drive, Bolingbrook, IL 60440. Please note Coaster Challenge in the memo portion of your check.

If you want to learn more about this twirling, rolling, fast and furious fundraiser, visit www.coasterchallenge.com for all of the details.

If you wish to participate with us, we would love you to join our team and come out and enjoy the day with us. Let us know if you are interested and we can tell you how to join our team and start to raise funds for this great cause. Minimum amount to raise is \$100.00 and ride 4 Roller Coasters to participate.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Jerry and Carol

Jerry and Carol Bevignani
Membership Conservation and Forms Chairman



COUNCIL 5918 CALENDAR

AUGUST 2015

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
						1 Bingo Team 1
2	3	4	5	6	7 ID candy sales at Ultra Foods	8 Bingo Team 2B ID candy sales at Ultra Foods
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Bingo Team 3 Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Bingo Team 1
23	24	25	26 Council Meeting 7 p.m. St. Scholastica	27	28	29 Bingo Team 2A
30 St. Scholastica Parish Picnic 1-6 p.m. Castaldo Park	31	Bingo Team 1: Steve Wagner, John Claussen, Mike Kutilek, Mike Wagner, Mark Meaden, Eric Wood Bingo Team 2A: Chris Lickteig, Frank Stock, Mike H Bingo Team 2B: Chris Lickteig, Bob Miller, Mary & Joe Testolin, Bobbi & Rick Esky, John & Kim Walsh Bingo Team 3: Al Apanavicius, Larry Kubacki, Phil Labak, Mike Mihelich, Jim Swidergal, Jim Sheppard, John Walsh, Ron Samoska				



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