



**KNIGHTLAND ECHO**  
**P. J. CASEY COUNCIL #2029**

**July 2018**

**CHAPLAIN..... FR. Jeff Horejsi**  
**GRAND KNIGHT ..... Eric Mathwig**  
**DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT..... Dennis Caron**  
**CHANCELLOR..... Mike Stenger**  
**RECORDING SECRETARY..... Tony Lorber**  
**FINANCIAL SECRETARY. .... Greg Kaizer**  
**DISTRICT DEPUTY ..... Kal Torkelson**  
**EDITOR..... Tony Lorber**

**TREASURER..... Jeff Atkinson**  
**LECTURER..... Les Young**  
**ADVOCATE..... Matt Johnson**  
**WARDEN..... Dale Yungk**  
**INSIDE GUARD..... Douglas Kerr**  
**OUTSIDE GUARD..... Gerald Rohde**  
**TRUSTEE..3 YEAR. .... Matt Johnson**  
**TRUSTEE..2YEAR..... Dave Keeling**  
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**Dates to Remember**

**July 10: 7:00 PM** Regular Meeting at KC Hall  
**July 14:** Watercade Parade  
**July 22:** KC Family Picnic, Prairie Park  
**July 23:** District Deputy Meeting, in Spicer  
**Aug 1:** Father Jeff's Installation  
**Aug 10:** Litchfield August Bash, Civic Arena  
**Aug 14: 7:00 PM** Regular Meeting at KC Hall

**July Birthdays/ Lunch chairmen**

**Dave Eichens , David Stottrupp**

Mike Boerner, Dean Schwagel, Ron Larson, Ed Konietzko, Ken Ludvigson, Vern Loch, Philip Homer, Mike Connor, Charles Finch

**Sick or in Distress**

**Don Putney, Bob and Gretchen Condon, Bill Huhner, Ricky Lawler, Bruce Christie, Ron Nistler, Steve Dufresne, Ann Nonweiler, Mike Brooks, Karla Wolter**

**Grand Knights Message** by Eric Mathwig

Brother Knights.

I hope summer is off to a good start for everyone

As a Council – we have a very active summer. We have had several events in June. We have the Watercade Parade on July 14th. If any Knights are interested in riding on the float for the parade – let me know. August 10th is the Litchfield August Bash and we will be a vender at the event, cooking hamburgers. The event this year is at the Civic Arena and we will need help setting up there by 4:00 pm.

## Chairman Needed

Ray Wolters as asked to step down from Chairing the Vocations Breakfast which is held the first Sunday in October each year. This position needs to be filled before August 1st so that the chairman has time to plan and organize the event. If anyone is interested, please let me know.

Below (printed with permission) is an email sent to me by Dave Keeling. It is Empowering to see what one committed person can accomplish in volunteerism and still maintain a full time work schedule. We have approx. 210 members in our Council. There is nothing we couldn't do for our Church, Families or Community if we were all as driven and committed as Dave is. Even after stepping down from Chairmanships, he will continue to carry a load most of our members would never even consider. We have a lot of very talented people in our Council, however, if we don't have chairman to plan and organize for an event, we will have to let the event go by the wayside. Please consider stepping up and chairing one of the positions that Dave has to give up.

“Eric, After a long discussion with my cardiologist I have decided to make a few lifestyle changes. I will be lightening up my load with Council 2029. After this calendar year I will NO LONGER be Chair or Co Chair of the (1) Area Ministerial Fundraiser (2) Relay for Life (3) Bazar Hamburger Stand and (4) Fish Fry. I have fairly good notes for the next chair(s) of these fundraisers and plan on volunteering to help but not chair. I will assist the incoming chairs of these activities for their first year if needed. I WILL CONTINUE to be on the: (1) Council's building committee and stay on as it's treasurer: which entails doing the epostcard filing, handling all the 300 club gambling permit, ticket printing, keeping track of ticket sales, ticket winners, reporting back to the state gambling board, etc.. Shoveling the sidewalk at the Hall in the winter, maintaining the furnace, keeping track of the checkbook with Mid Country Bank, (2) be the purser for Assembly 3604 (3) be the team leader for the fish fry's dining room (4) pick up and return the float for the Watercade Parade if needed (5) take care of ordering and picking up the plaques for the corporate breakfast if needed (6) stay on as a judge for the senior scholarship program (7) continue to be the contact person when ordering shirts for our assembly and council. The Knights and Council 2029 are a great organization and our Council of 200 plus members have a lot of men capable of stepping up to the plate and becoming more active by chairing one of these events or have two Brother Knights team up to chair, Looking at the list above I see why my plate was TOO full and I need to slow down a gear or two for my health. My old aortic heart valve was doing so good until the past three years when the gradient number of that valve got out of control ... and when the cardiologist and I look at any significant lifestyle changes I made during that time I realized that that was when I become VERY active with the Council 2029. This new valve will need MORE care as it is a biological valve and will calcify faster and need replacing in the future. To help prolong this next surgical procedure I will be making OTHER lifestyle changes other than the changes with the Knights so as to get more than 10 years out of this new valve. This was a hard decision for me. Dale Johnson and I visited about it a few times these past two months and I know it will be better for my heart and health ... I am the only person that can keep me "heart healthy". Brother Knight Dave Keeling”

Speaking of Volunteerism and accomplishments – I need to put a plug in for the Litchfield Rotary Club (My wife is the Treasurer). In approx. March of 2017, an idea surfaced in a Rotary Club meeting that the community could use a splash pad. Whether you are for or against the idea is your personal choice. What I wanted to point out is that the Rotary Club consists of 23 members. They decided to run with the idea of building a splash pad. They organized and planned with the City of Litchfield and overcame numerous hurdles. Their goals was to fund raise \$150,000 to go towards this idea. Now, 15 months later, they have reach 120% of their goal. **120%!!!!** My hat goes off to them for being an outstanding example of volunteerism and service and showing such great commitment to our Community.

Hope to see you at one of our many events!

Eric Mathwig

**Knights Family Picnic:** Our Council will be holding our annual family picnic on Sunday, July 22, at Prairie Park located on South Butler St, starting at 12:00. This is for all Knights and their families. It will be a pot-luck picnic, so bring a dish of your choice. The Knights will be providing the burgers, hot dogs, and buns. Come join us for some good food and fellowship!

**Meeker Area Ministries:** Members of the Council grilled hamburgers for the Meeker Area Ministries fundraiser in Central Park on June 7<sup>th</sup>. We sold 318 burgers with a net profit of \$1036. At the June meeting the Council voted to donate \$1500 to the Meeker Area Ministries.

**Relay for Life:** Our Council also grilled burgers for the Relay for Life fundraiser in Central Park on June 22. We sold 333 burgers for a net profit of \$1053. At the July Council meeting we will discuss how much we want to donate in addition to the burger profits.

**Burger Bonanza:** To top off the busy grilling for the month of June, we also grilled 500 burgers for Father Joe's Farewell party on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all who helped with these events, especially Dave Keeling and Sy Baune for organizing these events and making them happen!!!

**Ditch Cleanup:** The ditch cleanup that was scheduled prior to the June meeting was canceled due to the heavy rain the day before. We will re-schedule this in the fall, or if mowing of the ditches would allow it before then. Information on this will be forthcoming.

**Knights/Masons Dinner:** 43 people attended this event at Butch Schulte's place on June 1<sup>st</sup>. A great meal and fellowship was enjoyed by all. The dinner resulted in a profit of \$250. There will be a discussion at the July meeting on where to donate this money.

**Mobile Sign:** For several years, Les Young has been taking care of the mobile sign that the Council owns. Les would like a couple of people to work with him to help with the sign, and to be available when he's not here. If you are interested in helping, contact Les at 320-290-6502.

**District Deputy Meeting:** Kal Torkelson will be hosting the annual district meeting on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, at Our Lady of the Lakes church in Spicer. The social hour is at 6:00. Kal will be covering news and changes from the state convention. If you are interested in attending, contact Eric Mathwig at 320-221-3890.

**Building Hope & Dignity:** Our Lady of the Lakes Council in New London/Spicer has initiated a project in the New Ulm Diocese for the Knights of the diocese to raise money to build a home a year in San Lucas Toliman, Guatemala. Our Council has voted to donate \$500 to this project, but we are asking individuals to donate so we can do even more. Donations can be sent to Greg Kaizer at 713 Pleasant View Lane, Litchfield.

**Centennial Celebration:** September of 2019 will be the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Council. A committee has been formed to plan the celebration of this occasion. Butch Schulte is the chair of the committee. If you have any pictures, letters, documents, or anything associated with the history of the Council that your father or grandfather may have had, the committee would like to use it. If you have any ideas for the celebration, or would like to help, please contact Butch at 320-693-2241.

**KC Hall Rental:** The KC Hall can be rented for family or social events or just the tables and chairs can be rented. Rental is just \$40 for the hall, and \$20 for tables and chairs. If you are interested in renting the hall, or tables and chairs, contact Les Young at 320-290-6502.

**Address Changes:** If you have a change of address please let the Financial Secretary know of your changes. Greg Kaiser, financial secretary email is [gkaizer@willowcreekconcrete.com](mailto:gkaizer@willowcreekconcrete.com) and his mailing address is 713 Pleasant View Ln, Litchfield, MN 55355.

**Sick and Distressed:** Please let Eric Mathwig (320-221-3890) know if you know of someone who is sick or distressed.

**Deceased:** The Knights will say the Rosary at funerals if requested. Let Father know the request during planning or contact any of the Knights' leadership.

**Web Site:** <http://www.shepherdofsouls.org/kclitch>

**Treasurer's Report:** The Financial Report is available at every monthly meeting .... Come and join us!

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