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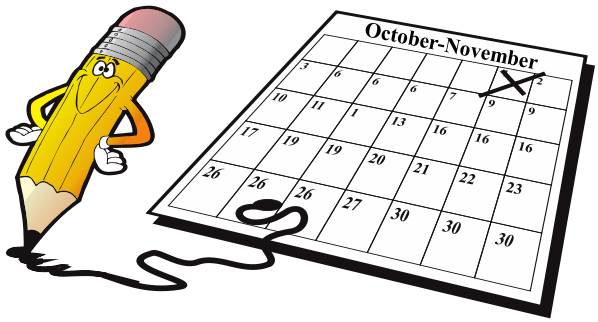
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Monthly Honors

KNIGHT of the MONTH — Steve Driscoll

This honor is bestowed with sincere appreciation for his service to our Parish and our Council.



All meetings begin at 7:00PM at Parish Hall unless noted:

German Fest Meal-6:00 PM	October 20
Business Meeting	October 20
Officers Meeting	November 3
Nativity Set-up-8:30 AM	November 7
Business Meeting	November 17

Read on for more details on these and other activities check the church bulletin and our www.epkof.org website and look for Flock Note updates. If you know of any member in need of assistance contact or e-mail the Grand Knight at grand-knight@epkofc.org

Join Us Online... More activity pictures are located at the Council's website. Take a look at: http://www.epkofc.org/

The Grand Knight's Column

September 25th and 26th was another successful year for the Tootsie Roll Drive. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to make this a success. See page 2 for this years total.

October 3rd was our last pork chop fry of the season. Thank you, Bill Rogers and everyone who volunteered this year. Come to this month's meeting to hear the totals for the year.

Tuesday October 20th is our Membership Meeting. We will again be having a German Fest dinner made by Tim Houston at 6:00pm followed by our monthly meeting at 7:00pm. Good food and good reason to come to our meeting Tuesday evening.

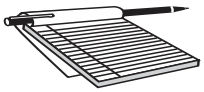
The time is here, save the date! We will be raising the Nativity on Saturday, November 7th. If you have the time and can help, it would be greatly appreciated. Bring a friend. We will start at 8:30 am. If you are late, still come. We will work until approximately 1:00pm. There will be coffee and doughnuts in the morning and lunch provided in the afternoon. Tear down will be January 9th.

Knight of the Month is Steve Driscoll.

God Bless to you and all of your families,

Roberto Avina, GK

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Notes & Things

Thank You

Another year is in the books for the annual tootsie roll drive. As stated on illinoisknights.org, The Intellectual Disabilities or "Tootsie Roll" Fund Drive is one of the most recognizable activities that the Knights of Columbus do. The funds generated from this drive are used to support local programs which help people with special learning and life needs.

We did very well again this year. We raised a total of **$8,479.09.** This success was made possible by the support of all the volunteers who stepped up to help. We would like to say thank you to all of our brother Knight's, their wives, children, grandchildren, and friends who volunteered their time and effort to make this years drive a success. Also a big thank you to Tim Houston for his most excellent Chili and keeping the kitchen well stocked with other food items. On behalf of all who benefit from this fundraiser, thank you.

Jim Wygle





Spiritual Reflection…

From:St Monica's Church Bulletin
Live The Liturgy-Inspiration

Dorothy Day, the great Catholic activist, doubted God's existence. At least in her early adult years. But something changed when after giving birth to her daughter, she experienced an overwhelming gratitude. She later described how, as she held her daughter, the only appropriate response was a kind of unlimited gratitude. She had done nothing to deserve such a gift - this tiny, miraculous life - but there she was, flooded with gratitude, completely undone by the love of such a Giver.

Something similar occurs in Luke 17:19 when Jesus tells a healed leper, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." This man had already received physical healing through his faith. But the moment of even deeper transformation came when he turned back, fell at Jesus' feet, and gave thanks. Like Dorothy, this man's gratitude led him to encounter the Giver.

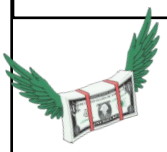
Isn't that what we want, too? Gratitude to God has the power to break our chains of sadness, bitterness, and disenchantment. It empowers us to step out of the prison of self-pity and into the reality of God's abundant love. It shifts our focus from what we lack to what we have received, from what wounds us to what heals us.

Where do we learn this? The Mass. The priest prays: "It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks." Always. Everywhere. Not just when life is easy. Not just when prayers are answered as we expect. Gratitude is not a passive feeling; it is an act of faith. In the Eucharist, we remember that Christ himself has given everything for us. And in this act of gratitude, we are healed. — Father John Muir



October Birthdays

These Brother Knights celebrate their birthday in October: Anthony Bieneman, John Dickerson, Keith Duffey, Bill Durham, Tim Houston, Gene Howard, Ivan Martin, Phillip Michael, Martin Palmer, Tom Schatsiek, Tom Shaughnessy, and Adam Vestal. May the coming year bless them with happiness, health and grace.



Attend & *Earn*

Join us at the monthly business meeting at St. Monica's Parish Hall and win some money. The September Meeting 50 cent winner was Steve Driscoll. He donated his winnings to St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry. Joe Lenac name was drawn for the "must attend" pot. He was not in attendance. The pot will grow by $5 in October. It will grow $5 each month until someone wins. You must attend the meeting to win!

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October Pork Chop Fry















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