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**THIS ADDENDUM**

Over the years, there probably have not been many Addenda, Special Editions, Extras, or even After-Thoughts for the News of the Knights. Well, we have one now. There are several items included, but the most extraordinary items are:

**ADDENDUM ITEM 1 – BOB REARDON**

The GK and I agreed that a chance discussion held between 8 to 10 Knights and Bob Reardon after the chair set up of July 3rd certainly qualifies to justify this Addendum. Bob was in a particularly gregarious mood. A few of his comments were of sufficient import to pass on to the Knights, particularly in that they have an impact on our relationship with Bob.

**ADDENDUM ITEM 2 – A GREAT SOURCE OF KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING**

It is with a great degree of humility that we, as representatives of the Knights, admit to a grievous oversight in this newsletter – we have not acknowledged the availability of a tremendous source of knowledge and understanding available from our wives. I am fairly certain that all Knights are married, so there is quite a pool of intelligent young ladies that could ready and willing to create a segment for this newsletter or, if they were extremely creative, their own newsletter.

**ADDENDUM ITEM 3 – A GROUP PHOTO OF THE OFFICERS**

A group photo that was sort of overlooked on the first go-around.

**ADDENDUM ITEM 4 – A FEW CORRECTIONS**

More humility is in order. A few corrections to my first effort as editor of the News of the Knights.

**ADDENDUM ITEM 1 -- BOB REARDON**

**INTENTION**

Who is this guy that keeps STMM running smoothly. He takes care of all the inane but necessary nuances associated with the school and church. So, a few words might be appropriate to introduce Bob Reardon to the newer members of the parish. First, a few background items concerning Bob, particularly for the individuals not familiar with St. Mary Magdalene Church.

**BACKGROUND**

The church was started in 1997 with Father Staib as the Parish Priest. Initially comprised of 40 families, it used the Apex Middle School. During the early years, it became obvious to Bob that Fr. Staib could not function as a priest and simultaneously take care of the mundane necessities of normal parish operations. In that respect, about 9 years ago, Bob stepped forward to assume control of the keys to the building, coordinates access to the buildings, puts the buildings to bed at night, and was the point of contact for any security problems. He helps with the Mass by taking care of the collections, directing people (mostly kids) where necessary, and handled the coordination between groups (Knights, choir, cub scouts, etc.) that use the buildings for meetings.

**PURPOSE**

Well, the purpose of this editorial and addendum is to note that Bob recently had an MRI and a CTscan. Yes, the Bob that runs to all parts of the buildings during the week with emphasis on the three Masses has had a wake-up call. Well, it blew my socks off when he mentioned these ‘minor’ personal items to several Knights. It occurred after our business meeting of July 3rd when about 12 Knights helped Bob set up the chairs for the weekend. I guess Bob wanted to talk about STMM, chairs, and things in general – he sat down with 8 of us to talk about his personal situation. He later told me that he has had 23 bone breaks and about 250 stitches. At one point, he set up the chairs while one arm was in a sling (he had a rotator cuff replaced). That is worth repeating -- please note that he did the set up of all 600 chairs solo while wearing a sling. It took him about 5 hours. Yes, he was too proud to call for help. He hasn’t changed. He has needed your help in the past and he really needs it now, but he just doesn’t make too many waves about it.

He works a full shift as a mail man and then puts in 20 or so hours a week at STMM. His dedication to STMM is commendable. He does take Sunday afternoons to work as a carpenter, but he is finding it difficult to move things around so that hobby has suffered. Thus, the four organizations mentioned above should take note that Bob is not getting any younger. He needs help on every Friday at 5:45 PM. He has to rely on the prior committment of the groups that use the facilities and by word of mouth for advertisement.

**CHAIRS**

Concerning the chair set up, the gym is used as temporary quarters for Mass at 5 PM on Saturday and on Sunday at 9 AM and 10:45 AM. After the 10:45 Mass, Bob supervises the conversion of the ‘church’ back to a gym when he directs the removal and storage of the chairs. Bob knows the most efficient means of removing the chairs, where they are stored and where to put the altar accutruments. The good folks attending the 10:45 Mass remove and store the chairs. To get them set up takes some coordination. For the first three years, he did the setup solo. Now, the following parish organizations help him with the duty on a monthly basis:

1st Friday	Knights of Columbus
2nd Friday	Cub Scouts
3rd Friday	Girl Scouts
4th Friday	Mens Basketball
5th Friday	Volunteers (from the Knights, Cubs, GS, BB groups and anyone else)

At some point after the gym functions cease and before the next Mass (commonly on Friday night), Bob supervises these groups in the set up of the chairs and altar.

**BOB’S PET PEEVES**

Yes, Bob does have a Pet Peeve or two:

1. Without order, there would be chaos. This would include a place for everything and everything in its place as well as some person being responsible for the items. He would like to see more order around STMM.
2. If a group is scheduled to set up chairs, there should be a suitable crowd present. As it takes about 5 man-hours to complete the setup, at least 10 people should be present to complete it in 30 minutes. With 15 people, it would take about 20 minutes if it is coordinated properly. Bob prefers the 30 minute setup period.
3. Communications, once sent, are assumed by the sender to have been received, read, and motivated people to react accordingly. On numerous occassions, the sequence is broken and the communication fails. Bob would hope that emails are not used solo.
4. All parish members must take care of the buildings and equipment. You know exactly what he means.
5. A lack of respect for the Mass by wearing inappropriate clothing. In any combination, the wearing of shorts, jeans, sandals and shirts without a collar definitely do not respect the sanctity of the Mass. Women generally know how to dress nicely. Business casual clothing is suggested for men.

**ANECDOTE**

As an indication of his dedication, Bob told us about the a problem with the the building security system. As the ‘man to go to’, his name is at the top of the call list for security issues with the buildings. Soon after the building

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was occupied, he received a call at 10 PM or so from the security company – there was an intruder in the admin area. Well, Bob told us he drove to the building, entered quietly and proceeded to look around. On finding nothing out of the ordinary, he locked up and went home. Of course, he got a second call at 1 AM or so. He went through the same procedure with the same results. At 4 AM, he was getting frustrated. Again, nothing, but he decided to stick around. He found a soft chair and settled in. It wasn't long that his cell phone woke him up. His wife was calling to advise him of another intruder alarm. Luckily, his wife's call came very soon after the security company received the alarm, quickly enough for Bob to connect the activation of the air conditioning system with the timing of the alarm. Well, it turns out that the motion of balloons left over from a party triggered the alarm. It didn't take long for Bob to ensure that all balloons would be removed from the building after any and all future parties before the building was locked up.

**PHOTOS**

The following photos were taken during the chair set up after the business meeting on July 3rd. In the large photo, Bob is seated on the right, obviously the focus of attention by all present. In the smaller photos, he is the guy with the red hat. His hands are perpetually in motion, probably even when he is sleeping.



**ADDENDUM ITEM 2 – A GREAT SOURCE OF KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING**

Kathy Strednak came up with the fantastic idea that the ladies might possibly be interested in the having a forum to communicate seems to have been foreign to us thick-headed guys. Well, at least to me.

So, other than the LADIES AUXILIARY title (which I personally do not like), perhaps the ladies would take up the cause as outlined by Kathy in her initial email to me:

Mr. Leinbach:

First I want to tell you what a nice newsletter this is. My husband shares it with me every time and I really like the format and the photos etc. The only problem I found was with your page numbering. It showed that total of pages both times instead of the page you were on.

Two additional suggestions:

1. The wives would like to be able to have info included also. We are a large force of support for this council and there are times that we would like to get the word out to all quicker, plus let our husbands know what we are doing.
2. Since this council likes to get together a lot, we have found that we wives would like to be able to share recipes from function to function. Can we have a space for this?

I feel that the addition of these two items to the newsletter would make it better for all Knights and wives. I also feel that the state council would recognize these additions as an added bonus. I am amazed at the inclusion and respect that all of our Knights give to the wives by including them.

Just something to think about.  
Kathy

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I am sure we all concur with Kathy. The addition of these items to the newsletter definitely would make it better for all Knights and wives. Perhaps we should note that the ladies may not have a corner on an interest in the recipes, as guys have been known to cook on occasion. Therefore, they may be equally interested in the goings on of the ladies.

There definitely would be space in the News of the Knights for the ladies. Toward that end, we should hear the opinions of the everyone. If you have a comment or two, please email it to any or all of the following: [skal4@doc.state.nc.us](mailto:skal4@doc.state.nc.us) , [ccmmp04@nc.rr.com](mailto:ccmmp04@nc.rr.com) , [leinbach@borg.com](mailto:leinbach@borg.com). All comments will be included in future newsletters, unless a request is included to pass on that honor.

**ADDENDUM ITEM 3 – A GROUP PHOTO OF THE OFFICERS**

In the first go-around, a group photo of the new officers with District Deputy Rick Scherer that was sort of overlooked in favor of the individual photos. Frank DeMaria, Financial Secretary and Bob Konkel, Trustee – 1<sup>st</sup> Year, were absent for the following photo.



OUTSIDE GUARD Dick Leinbach	ADVOCATE John Sherland	RECORDER Paul Thromann	TREASURER John Rutigliano	WARDEN Umbereto Norigenna	GRAND KNIGHT Patrick Caporale	TRUSTEE- 3RD YEAR Steve Loeschorn	DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT Chris Losack	CHANCELLOR Scott Strednak	TRUSTEE- 2ND YEAR Tom Harmon	INSIDE GUARD Danny Lynch	DISTRICT #5 DEPUTY Rick Scherer
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**ADDENDUM ITEM 4 – A FEW CORRECTIONS**

My first effort as editor of the News of the Knights was not perfect. Imagine that. Hopefully, I spelled all the names correctly. In any respect, a few errata items follow:

- 1 Perhaps the sharper eyes of one or two member Knights noticed that the Apex Harold as referenced in the minutes of June 5th should have been identified as Apex Herald. Then again, perhaps the sharp eyes that should have taken note were just skimming at that point and thus missed this interesting faux pas. If, in fact, you did notice this misspelling (or you do so now), please so advise me by email. In atonement for the Apex Herald error and in acknowledgement thereof, it will be my pleasure to deliver a relatively crisp five dollar bill at the next business meeting to the sender of the third email to me concerning this item. Please note there is no gender/membership specific requirement for anyone to enter this challenge. If only two responses properly identify the boo-boo, then I get to keep my five dollars. Incidentally, this will be the only offer of financial reward for similar occurrences in the future.
- 2 For some reason, the total number of pages in the newsletter is incremented along with the page number. How strange! The value displays correctly in the original Word document but in normal printing and the creation of the PDF, something is lost in the translation wherein the page number and total magically become equal. I will force the total number of pages in the future. Does anyone have a suggestion about this?

**1. CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Aug 1 <sup>st</sup>	5:45pm	Monthly Chair Setup for Mass
Aug 1 <sup>st</sup>	8:30am-9:00pm	Monthly First Friday Adoration & Rosary
Aug 1 <sup>st</sup>		Deadline for returning Read-a-Thon pledges and forms
Aug 7 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	No meeting -- Officer and Director Meeting Only
Aug 10 <sup>th</sup>	10:45am	Read-A-Thon award ceremony
Aug 17 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Usher opportunity
Aug 16 <sup>th</sup> /17 <sup>th</sup>	All Masses	Hospitality Ministry

**2. GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE**

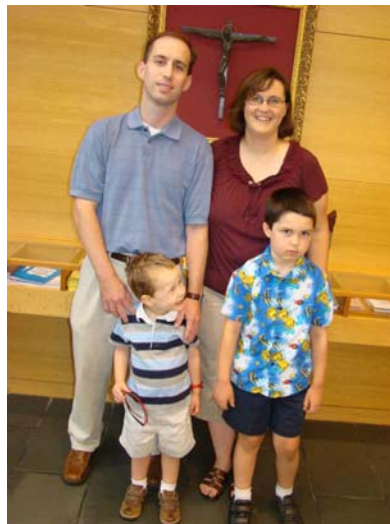
As this newsletter is presented as an addendum, there is no message from our GK

**3. MINUTES FROM BUSINESS MEETING** – July 3rd, 2008

**FIRST DEGREE CEREMONY**

Worthy Brothers (and wives), be sure to say "Hello" to our newest First Degree Knight. Wes Jackson joined us during the First Degree Ceremony on July 3rd. The following are a few words about Wes and his family:

My wife, Sarah, two boys, Sean (6) and Ben (3) and I live in Holly Springs. I am a lab manager for Covidien, a pharmaceutical company. I graduated from Campbell University where Sarah and I met. Sean will be in 1st grade at STMM and Ben will be starting preschool at St. Andrew's ECC next month. We have been members of STMM for almost 2 years and look forward to many more years here.



Wes and his family commonly attend 9 AM Mass at STMM.

**DISTRICT DEPUTY**

Our Business Meeting was honored by the presence of District #5 Deputy Rick Scherer. He acknowledge to efforts required for the Installation and Awards Banquet, commented on the presence of the State Deputy and reminded us of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree to be held on Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup> in the North Raleigh Hilton.

**COMMENTS BY PATRICK CAPORALE, GRAND KNIGHT**



Pat received the appreciation for an excellent Installation and Awards Banquet from Steve Loeschorn, PGK. Steve particularly noted the outstanding Power Point presentation assembled by Pat.

Pat praised Past Grand Knight Steve Loeschorn for his efforts in ensuring Council 7186 received the State Advocate Award. This is highest award that a council can receive from the state. The award was passed around the meeting.



Pat announced the Program Directors for 2008/2009:

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| Membership     | Joe Mills    |
| Church         | Steve Vano   |
| Council        | Tim McComb   |
| Youth Director | Bob Ledger   |
| Community      | Bob Judge    |
| Retention      | Jeff Russell |
| Family         | open         |

There will be no business meeting in August. Officers will meet on August 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at Pat's house.

Welcome back to Steve Vano and Danny Lynch from their medical leaves.

The Soccer Challenge is coming up.

The Wii party will be on July 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at Chris and Kori Losack's house.

Scott Strednak was nominated and voted as Chancellor. The vote was unanimous.

As Bob Konkel has left Council #7186, the First Year Trustee position is open. Jim Piasecki was nominated and voted as First Year Trustee. The vote was unanimous.

The position of Lecturer is appointed. It is currently open.

**RECOGNITION**

**Knight of the Month** Bob Judge

**Family of the Month** Mike and Diane Snyder

Jim Piasecki receives the **Knight of the Year** award from GK Steve Loeschorn.



Frank DeMaria receives the **Family of the Year** award from GK Steve Loeschorn.





**FOURTH DEGREE COMMENTS** by Scott Strednak

The installation will be on July 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM at the NC State Faculty Club. Cost is \$25.

Tom Spaminato has been elected as the Faithful Navigator.

Chris will be the Fourth Degree Honor Guard Commander with 12 Knights.

**TREASURER’S COMMENTS** by Frank DeMaria, Treasurer

The Read-A-thon wind up at noon on Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>

50-50 Raffle – Wes picked Jim Piasecki

The budget was accepted as presented in the May Newsletter.

**4. COUNCIL 7186 ITEMS**

**UPCOMING DEGREES** by Patrick Caporale, GK

- 1<sup>st</sup> Degree** none
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree** Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup> in the North Raleigh Hilton
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree** none
- 4<sup>th</sup> Degree** none

**CHAIR MINISTRY**

The next KofC chair setup for weekend Mass is scheduled for Friday night, August 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:45 PM. Please sign up on the Council 7186 website.

If you are available at 5:45 PM on any Friday night, please consider volunteering to help with the chair setup for the following groups:

- 1st Friday Knights of Columbus
- 2nd Friday Cub Scouts
- 3rd Friday Girl Scouts
- 4th Friday Mens Basketball
- 5th Friday Volunteers (from the Knights, Cubs, GS, BB groups and anyone else).

**DISPLAY CASE**

The display case provided by Council #7186 has arrived. It has been placed in the niche on the elevated landing:



**THE Wii PARTY**

A group of the Knights and wives attended a Wii party at Chris and Kori Losack's home on Saturday.





End of Addendum