

St. Philomena Parish

Men's Club

2011-12 Officers

- President - Don Fiddes, 472-6010
- Vice President - Andy Miller, 453-7807
- Secretary - Mark Reynolds, 657-1368
- Treasurer - Pat Smarjesse, 635-5620

August 2011 Newsletter

Fall Steak Fry - September 7th @ 6 pm

The grills have been cleaned and the coolers are stocked with beverages so make plans to join us for the St. Philomena Men's Club Annual Fall Steak Fry. Weather permitting we will kick off the new year outside the Sacred Heart Room on **Wed., Sept. 7**. If the weather doesn't cooperate we will move indoors, but either way it will be a fun evening. Our guests for the evening will be several members of the Peoria Notre Dame High School coaching staff

who will provide us with some insights about this year's players, schedules and conference rivalries. We'll also hear from Mike Breitbach, about the various sports programs that St. Phil's has planned for the coming school year. Our menu will once again be tasty ribeye steaks with all the "fixins" and, of course, some cold refreshments, **all for just \$12**. Last year we served 150 guests so please RSVP in advance by contacting one of this year's officers

whose contact information is located above. Better yet, simply return the enclosed envelope with your dinner payment (\$12) and your 2011 membership dues (\$10). As an alternative, you can save yourself a stamp and just drop the envelope in the collection basket at any Mass. We hope you can make it, and **"For God's sake, bring a friend"**.

2011-12 Schedule of Meetings & Events

Date	Time	Event
Wednesday, September 7	6:00 p.m.	Fall Steak Fry - outside Sacred Heart Room
Wednesday, October 5	6:00 p.m.	Speaker—BU Athletic Director Mike Cross—Sacred Heart Room
Friday, October 14	TBA	Bowling - St. Ann's Parish Hall
Wednesday, November 2	6:00 p.m.	Wild Game Feed & Craft Beer Tasting - Sacred Heart Room
Monday, December 19	5:30 p.m.	Decorate Church for Christmas
Wednesday, January 11	5:30 p.m.	Take down church decorations / stuff envelopes for Smoker
Sunday, February 19	1:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Smoker - St. Philomena Gym
Wednesday, March 14	6:00 p.m.	St. Patty's Day Warmup - Charity Fundraiser - Jimmy's Bar
Monday, April 2	TBD	NCAA Men's Basketball Finals - Chili Cookoff - Kouri's Pub
Friday, May 4	11:00 a.m.	Golf Outing - Pine Lakes Golf Course
Wednesday, May 16	6:00 p.m.	End of the year Steak Fry - outside Sacred Heart Room

We've Been Busy!!

Our calendar was full of events during the 2010-2011 school year. Some of our activities were planned for fellowship, while others were dedicated to raising the money necessary for the grants we provided throughout our parish. Our income for the year was generated from four events: our membership

dues, the always popular Smoker, the spring golf outing (our most successful year ever!) and the proceeds from staffing the kitchen at the annual Jaycees International Beefest. Many of the contributions our members make were gifts of time and talent. The list to the right provides a summary.

Last year more than \$26,000 in grants were distributed throughout the parish by the Men's Club.



Men's Club members Tim Fehl, Mark Reynolds, Mark Brooks and Doug "Donut Boy" Heuermann make some adjustments in the school kitchen under the direction of Tom Smith and Fr. Dave.

Grants

PTO - new folding tables SPS Endowment Adoration Chapel Scrip for SPS families in need Faculty/Staff Christmas Party SPS Athletics Food & Bev Fr Don's Reception Sisters' Retirement Fund	Class of 2011 Class Trip Benefit for John Fairley Crawfish Boil for PTO Auction St. Philomena School St. Philomena Church
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Gifts of Time & Talent

Rectory bathroom remodel Demolition of Grotto Staffed bar at PTO Auction Church Christmas decorations	Staff grill at Fall Festival School kitchen remodel Hosted reception for Fr. Don Repair kneelers in church
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This is what it's all about.....

Financial grants during 2010 -11 were some of the most significant on record for St. Philomena's Men's Club. Thanks to the dedication of many Men's Club members we distributed over \$26,000 to worthy projects and causes throughout the parish. One of the largest grants was provided directly to our school. St. Philomena Principal Jodi Peine used the money to kick start a new program titled "Staff Stipends for School Improvements." This new program will

provide salaries to various teachers who work over the summer months to refine the curriculum for our students. The remainder of the grant was applied towards the renovation of the front office and the kitchen at the school. Another sizable financial grant, along with a lot of man hours, was provided to our church to replace the supports on the kneelers throughout the church. Maybe you've noticed that you no longer see the rubber stoppers scattered on the floor under the pews!!

14 Lifetime Members - Why aren't you?

Last year we decided to offer Lifetime Memberships for the first time ever. Instead of paying the annual \$10 membership fee to the Men's Club, **fourteen of our fellow parishioners paid a onetime membership fee of \$125.** Members are recognized on a large plaque, soon to be located in the Sacred Heart Room. It's a great deal – why are you waiting??

Lifetime Members

Mark Brooks Ron Budzinski Gene Doubleday Dan Heinz John Klohr Dennis Koch Andrew Lay	Patrick O'Leary Dick Schifeling Tony Shadid Pat Smarjesse Don Traicoff Dana Wagner Howard Wiles
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