

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Richard Council #788 Newsletter

June 2019

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Grand Knights Message

Jay G. Corey

As I write my last message as your Grand Knight, and last issue as the Newsletter Editor, I want to thank everyone for this truly great experience and for allowing me to be a part of the legacy of Council #788. It has been quite an experience since I joined the Knights 19 years ago this coming October. I thank the late John Powers for sponsoring me in, and together with the late R. Jay Kussmaul, got me involved with the LCA and our council and the Knights of Columbus.

It's hard to believe that 24 months have passed so quickly, though less than half a dozen members probably thought it was 14 dog years. The critics, boo birds, garage and back yard conversation fests, gloom and doom boys, and all the other adjectives, are only a memory and were non-effective to the progress that our council has made in the last 24 months.

Our council now is stronger financially than it has ever been since I became a Knight, and our LCA is in the same condition, thanks to our LCA President Bill Schaner. Never in 19 years have both of these entities been in the same condition at the same time. Both Bill and I thank you the members, Officers, LCA Board, and Trustees of the Council for making this all happen. We both have money in savings, our bills are paid, and thanks to a Building Fund request to the membership, have monies available for on-going repairs to our building without at this time having to go to financial institutions for support.

My officers and I inherited a financially sound council in July of 2017 and have been able to build on it ever since, increasing our membership this fraternal year by 40% of our goal, despite losing many members to attrition. I attended the Big Man For Christ program in February 2017 and happened to sit with Bill Schaner. He and I talked and he agreed to take over the vacant position of LCA President at the time to which I appointed him to. This has led to a great friendship both personal and business and together we went "outside the box" and found Monica Bergstrom who became our Club Manager. Monica and her great enthusiasm and cooking skills has brought much to our council hall and I thank her and her husband Drew for all of their help and promotion of Council #788 and Columbus Hall.

I am proud to say that Council #788 is one of the best councils in the State of Michigan, and you the membership made this happen. In my first meeting with my officers in July of 2017 we created our Mission Statement which is on our entrance bulletin board. My pledge to those officers and the membership in July 2017 was to continue to keep Council #788 on a forward path and always put our council first. Mission Accomplished. We have continued that quest always completing the requirements imposed by Supreme and State on forms and requests in a timely manner. Our officers attended every meeting in the District and we have always tried to comply with programs introduced. I am also proud to have worked with such a great group of officers the last 24 months.

I welcome Corey Livingston who will be our next Grand Knight. I have pledged to Corey any assistance that he needs but will do it from the wings of the stage. Corey and his officers are set to continue the progress of our council and I know he and his wife Alana will do a great job, as will his officer corp. I also welcome your new Newsletter Editor Dave Schulte to our Council #788 staff. Dave is eager to get started and you can find information to contact Dave elsewhere in this newsletter.

I ask that you continue to support our many programs, events, officers, and LCA, throughout this next year as I will also continue to do. Again, *Thank you, Jay*

Richard Council 788 Honor Roll

State Officials



State Deputy
Former Supreme Director
Senior Adviser
District Deputy District 54
State Web Technologies Director &
State Deputy Assistant
State Development Director
District 54 Warden &
Assistant to State Deputy for Special Projects & Athletics
District 54 Warden
Major Degree Staff Captain
State Special Olympics Director

Bill Chasse'
Thomas M. Wegener, PSD
Richard F. McCloy, Sr. PSD
Paul Kelsey, PGK

Dane M. Jurković PGK
Mike Wegener PGK

Mike Schaefer PGK
Brian Peacock PGK
Dave Luedtke PGK
Rick McCloy, Jr. PGK

RICHARD COUNCIL #788 OFFICERS

Officers Meeting First Tuesday Of The Month @ 7:00 pm
Business Meeting Second Tuesday Of The Month @ 7:00 pm

LANSING COLUMBIAN ASSOCIATION

Meets Third Wednesday Of Every Month @ 7:00 pm

Grand Knight	Jay G. Corey	517-974-6501
Chaplain	Rev. John P. Klein	517-323-2379
Dep. Grand Knight	Corey Livingston	810-334-5451
Chancellor	Tom Kalchik	517-256-7968
Recorder	Dennis Becht	517-449-8824
Financial Secretary	Richard Bierwagen	314-540-1726
Treasurer	John Suckow	517-285-4702
Advocate	Luis Velasquez	517-930-4660
Warden	Jake Chasse	517-712-7678
Inside Guard	Mike Shepard	517-331-4154
Inside Guard	Josh Lyman	517-215-5220
Outside Guard	Scott Chalmers	517-377-5818
1 Year Trustee	PGK Ken Morrison	517-719-4047
2 Year Trustee	PGK Mike Schaefer	517-242-4961
3 Year Trustee	PGK Dave Luedtke	517-303-5555

President	Bill Schaner	517-285-2669
V. President	Brian Peacock, PGK	517-214-9730
Secretary	Rich Rybicki	517-663-1854
Treasurer	Jon Jackinchuk	517-303-1464
Director	Vacant	
Director	Dave Schertzing	517-204-4959
Director	Scott Cole	517-256-5592
Dir. G K	Jay Corey	517-974-6501
Dir. Council	Scott Chalmers	517-377-5818
Dir. Council	Corey Livingston	810-334-5451
Dir. Council	Luis Velasquez	517-930-4660

COUNCIL DIRECTORS & CHAIRMAN

Membership Director	Corey Livingston	810-334-5451
Recruitment	All Officers & Members	
First Degree Captain	PGK David Luedtke	517-303-5555
Retention Captain	DGK Corey Livingston	810-334-5451
	PGK David Luedtke	517-303-5555
	PGK Mike Schaefer	517-242-4961
	PGK Ken Morrison	517-719-4047
Insurance Agent	Mike Du Mont	517-327-0177
Program Director	Corey Livingston	810-334-5451
Church Director	Tom Kalchik	517-256-7968
Vocations Director	John Drzik	517-881-2391
Community Director	Chris Wegener	517-862-9373
Pro-Life Couple	Mike & Pattie Schaefer	517-242-4961
Family Director	Mike Shepard	517-331-4154
Youth Director	Mike Shepard	517-331-4154
M.I. Drive Chairman	Jake Chasse	517-712-7678
Francis O'Donnell	PGK David Luedtke	517-303-5555
Council Director	PGK David Luedtke	517-303-5555
Eucharistic Ministry	Jay G. Corey	517-974-6501
Fish Fry Chairmen	Mike Schaefer	517-242-4961
	Ken Morrison	517-719-4047
Public Relations Dir.	John Drzik	517-881-2391
Newsletter Editor	Jay G. Corey	517-974-6501

LADIES AUXILIARY

Meets First Wednesday Of Every Month @ 7:00 pm

President	Angie Rademacher	517-388-3229
V President	Pattie Schaefer	517-242-1830
Secretary	Nancy Luedtke	517-974-5468
Treasurer	Denise Kelsey	517-622-0365


As I write my last newsletter article, I think of the saying from Gretchen Ruben, “The days are long, but the years are short”. These words describe the last 28 months as LCA President, I took over an empty seat in March 2017 and was officially elected to the board in July 2017, and now my 2-year term has come to an end. This term has flown by and it is hard to believe that the time has come for me to turn the reigns over to the next member.

When I started on the board, we were \$17,000 in debt, with less than \$10,000 in the operating bank account, and now we have over \$40,000 in the operating and lottery accounts, along with over \$20,000 in the building fund which is a testament to your dedication and generosity to the club. At the last meeting the board talked about addressing the next big project for the building, whether it is the heating and cooling system or replacing the roof.

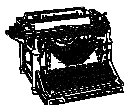
Over the last 28 months I have heard from many of the members. A lot of you were very complimentary with your comments, thanking me for the hard work, of course I was not alone in running the events around the club, I had the whole board behind me. For those members who voiced their displeasure with the direction the LCA board was heading I want you to know I listened to all your comments. I tried to separate the rhetoric from your message to understand your concerns and tried to incorporate any good ideas into the direction the board was heading.

A HUGE thank you to all the board members, past and present, who I served with over the last 28 months. Being part of this great board has been very rewarding, we had some great times working the events together and working to make the club a better place. I had the greatest board anyone could ask to work with for my term and I feel we have made some great strides. I was able to serve with many great board members, some of whom would work the front lines, or work in the kitchen, or work the administrative tasks or work doing repairs around the club. Also, I had a great club manager in Monica Bergstrom, who has become part of the Council family.

Now is time for the next set of members to step up and lead the club. The LCA board is looking for new board members, we have our annual meeting in July where we will hold our elections, and we have some openings on the board. This is a very rewarding experience and you get to work with a great group of brother Knights. Contact Jay Corey, Corey Livingston or myself for information on becoming a board member.

The Knights of Columbus is now on acebook. Follow us on Facebook and share our events with your friends. A lot of our events are open to the public, so bring a friend down to the Columbus Hall. Look for us under **Knights of Columbus Richard Council 788**.

From The Newsletter Desk



Jay G. Corey

This is my last edition as your Council Newsletter Editor. I have enjoyed putting our newsletter together for many years since receiving the duties from LCA Board member Rich Rybicki. I have received many accolades from not only our members, but members from other councils, as well as State Officers and others on the presentation of our newsletter and the information it contains. Though sometimes it is a chore as anything in life can be, I personally get great satisfaction out of putting together each month the news around our council, state, and all of the events that we have. It is very rewarding.

But, it is time to hand over the reins and keyboard to another member who will do a very good job and put his own touch onto our newsletter. He is Dave Schulte and Dave is looking forward to getting started. He has done other newsletters before so he has the experience and enthusiasm and will be putting out the July 2019 Newsletter edition. Best of luck to you Dave, and I thank the members for all of their contributions over the years.

THE 15TH OF THE PRECEEDING MONTH is still the deadline for submitting material for consideration into each newsletter. Anything that you may have for the newsletter, in the way of articles, events etc. needs to be sent directly to Dave at dschulte1113@gmail.com. You may also contact Dave directly at his cell of 517-980-0083. If you would like to view the newsletter on line, please go to our website location which is the following: www.788.councilnet.us.

Charity is Key to Council Recruitment ! Recruitment is Key to Council Charity !

VOLUNTEER

Volunteers continue to be needed for every event that we have at Council #788. No one should feel that they cannot be part of an event in volunteering their time and talent. It's our own members that are needed to keep our programs, dinners, and other events going. Please consider this and contact our Grand Knight Jay G. Corey at 517-974-6501 if you can help



Humanity Always Needs Your Help

Habitat For Humanity needs your help to build a better tomorrow in the Lansing, East Lansing, Haslett, and Okemos areas. This is done through the **ReStore** which has two area locations. One is at 1605 Haslett Road, Haslett, MI 48840. (517) 999-0488. The other location is at 1941 Benjamin Dr., Lansing, Michigan 48906. (517) 374-6235. Their hours vary from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm depending on which store you choose, and they are all closed Sunday & Monday.

For a quick response, you can call (517) 575-8152 for the pickup hotline. At the **ReStore** you can Shop, Donate, or Volunteer to help. Everything is always needed and you can call them on the hotline number, the stores individual numbers, or access them on line at: www.habitatlansing.org. Help them help those less fortunate and please tell all your friends about them.

Sickness & Distress

Prayers and recovery intentions continue to be needed for members PGK Tom Getzmeyer, PGK Ray Plunkett, Frank Brandell, Dick Thelen, Ginger Book, Richard Nickoff, Jack Pratt, Joe Kobus, Chris Fox, Robert Nelson, Charles Stickney, Delores Tabor surviving widow of Larry Tabor, Nicholas D'Anna, Patricia Humpsch, Ann Killian, Joann Klein wife of Thomas Klein, Lewis McKenna, Wanda Hicks wife of member Richard Hicks, Cindy Leveque wife of Bill Leveque, Francis Donohue and Terri Corder wife of member Deacon Jim Corder.

If you know of someone that is ill and recovering, or has passed away, please contact our Grand Knight, Jay Corey, at jgc2400@comcast.net or at 517-974-6501. You can reach our Financial Secretary, Richard Bierwagen at 314-540-1726 or via email at: fs788@mikofc.org or rjbierwagen@hotmail.com.

REACH OUT AND ASK SOMEONE TO JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #788 !



**Propose A New
Member Today !!**

**Help Us Meet Our Goals This Year !!
Contact Membership Chairman
Corey Livingston 810-334-5451**



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MICHAEL.DUMONT@KOFC.ORG



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**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
SUNDAY – JUNE 9, 2019**



JAY COREY – CAPT.
Dan Beachnau
John Burns

Dan Stump
Dave Luedtke
Ed Wawiernia

Brian Killian
Mary Corey
John Drzik

Bob Whyte
Dave Williams
Hilary Goerge

Officers Nominations Committee

By PGK Mike Wegener

My Brother Knights All, Vivat Jesus !!

The first Nomination of Officers was held at the Council Meeting held on Tuesday, May 14, 2019. Nominated for the office of Grand Knight was Corey Livingston. For Deputy Grand Knight Brian Killian, for Chancellor Mike Shepard, for Recorder Dennis Becht, for Treasurer John Suckow, for Advocate Luis Velasquez, for Warden, Jake chasse, for Inside Guard Scott Chalmers, for Outside Guard Paul Rojas, for Trustee for one year PGK Thomas Wegener, for Trustee for two years PGK Ken Morrison, and for Trustee for three years PGK Mike Wegener.

At the June 11th council meeting final nominations will be made and the election of officers will take place. If you are interested in running for a position, a list of all positions is on our Council Honor Roll page which is page two of this newsletter. You may reach me direct at 517-331-3959. I thank you for your consideration.

Dues Are Overdue

By FS Richard Bierwagen

We still are in need of dues from about 50 members, so along with your Grand Knight I am asking that you send them in please at this time. For many of you the regular dues are \$45.00 but some are less due to Honorary or Life Members. Added to this are **OPTIONAL DONATIONS** you can make with the suggested amounts listed with your dues notice. All of these optional donations are for the charities that we support so you are asked to pray fully consider these when paying your dues. For those who have not returned your dues yet, please do so as quickly as possible to keep your membership up to date.

The final and Third Knight Alert letter has gone out to those who have not paid so please forward in your dues. Council #788 does not want to lose one member of our council for the lack of paying their dues. Every one of you is important as a member to our council and your Grand Knight wants you to stay that way.

If for any reason you need help, or have questions about your dues, please call me direct at (314) 540-1726.

***CONSIDER COMING TO A COUNCIL MEETING THE SECOND TUESDAY OF
EACH MONTH AT 7:00 PM. YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU DID.
NEXT MEETING JUNE 11TH***

Grand Knight Appreciation Dinner - June 15th

The annual Grand Knight Appreciation dinner will be held on Saturday, June 15, 2019 starting with cocktails at 5:30 pm then dinner around 6:15 pm followed by the program. As always this dinner is **FREE** and is **open to all members and their wives.** A great meal is being prepared by our Club Manager Monica Bergstrom and everything is in ready for this fun filled evening.

This is where awards, plaques, and a few surprises are given out for Knight of the Year, Family of the Year, Knights of the Month, Families of the Month and a general review of the year. Come for some Fun !!!!!

OUR COLUMBIAN PATRONS

<i>Albright</i>	<i>Chris</i>	<i>Garcia</i>	<i>Joseph</i>	<i>Ryzek</i>	<i>Richard</i>
<i>Beachnau</i>	<i>PGK Dan</i>	<i>Goerge</i>	<i>Hilary</i>	<i>Schaefer</i>	<i>PGK Mike</i>
<i>Berry</i>	<i>Michael</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>James</i>	<i>Schaner</i>	<i>William</i>
<i>Bollman</i>	<i>James & Janice</i>	<i>Hanlon</i>	<i>Michael</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Richard</i>
<i>Brandel</i>	<i>David</i>	<i>Headley</i>	<i>Don</i>	<i>Stump</i>	<i>Michael</i>
<i>Brickner</i>	<i>Robert</i>	<i>Hull</i>	<i>Horace</i>	<i>Suckow</i>	<i>John</i>
<i>Bruner</i>	<i>Ronald</i>	<i>Jay</i>	<i>Gary</i>	<i>Wegener</i>	<i>PGK Mike</i>
<i>Caporale</i>	<i>Vince</i>	<i>Luedtke</i>	<i>PGK David</i>	<i>Wegener</i>	<i>PSD Thomas</i>
<i>Carey</i>	<i>Matthew</i>	<i>McCrackin</i>	<i>Richard</i>	<i>Wegener</i>	<i>Chris</i>
<i>Claeys</i>	<i>Joseph</i>	<i>McDonald</i>	<i>Robert</i>	<i>Zerfas</i>	<i>Ronald</i>
<i>Costigan</i>	<i>Christopher</i>	<i>Noirot</i>	<i>George</i>		
<i>Curley</i>	<i>Mike</i>	<i>Pollack</i>	<i>Bernard</i>		
<i>Dalimonte II</i>	<i>Lawrence</i>	<i>Potoczny</i>	<i>John</i>		
<i>Downey</i>	<i>Frank</i>	<i>Reyes</i>	<i>Rosendo</i>		
<i>Ellsworth</i>	<i>Mike</i>	<i>Robitaille</i>	<i>Robert</i>		
<i>Fedewa</i>	<i>Duane</i>	<i>Roznowski</i>	<i>Francis</i>		

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An Easy Way To Help Our Council

Volunteers are needed to help on Eucharistic Adoration at St. Gerard on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. People are asked to come and spend time with our Lord Jesus Christ.

To assure that someone is always present during the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Council 788 has volunteered to provide as least one Knight for the 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm hour. On the second Tuesday of the month which is our council meeting night, the time is from 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm.

Members and families of Richard Council 788 are encouraged to volunteer for this simple way to serve the council as well as improve our spiritual lives. Please contact our Chancellor Tom Kalchik at 517-256-7968 or his email address of kalchikt@comcast.net for more information about how you can help. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING GRASS IS GREENER WINNERS

APRIL 19TH WINNERS

1ST Place \$150.00 Jim McCloy – 2ND Place \$50.00 Mark Cherniawski – 3RD Place \$25.00 Jan Cherniawski

APRIL 26TH WINNERS

1ST Place \$150.00 Heather Martin – 2ND Place \$50.00 Stella O'Brien – 3RD Place \$25.00 Matt Smith

MAY 3RD WINNERS

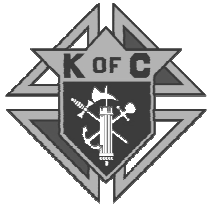
1ST Place \$150.00 Bill Leveque – 2ND Place \$50.00 Stella O'Brien – 3RD Place \$25.00 Gary Ernest

MAY 10TH WINNERS

1ST Place \$150.00 Ed Timpf – 2ND Place \$50.00 Paul Cardwell – 3RD Place \$25.00 Evah Cole

MAY 17TH WINNERS

1ST Place \$150.00 Corey Livingston – 2ND Place \$50.00 Karlee Peacock – 3RD Place \$25.00 Arnie Rios

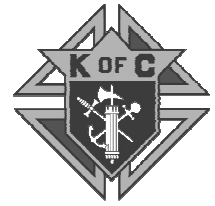


KNIGHT OF THE MONTH - JUNE 2019

Mike Shepard

FAMILY OF THE MONTH – JUNE 2019

John & Sherrie Drzik



Flag Day Ceremony June 14th

As we do every year, the Knights of Columbus celebrate Flag Day in a ceremony put on by the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus. This year it falls on Friday, June 14th and the traditional burning of torn and tattered flags will be burned during the program ceremony.

If you have not seen this before, it is very impressive and solemn event and many knights attend this every year. The ceremony begins at 8:00 pm right at Columbus Hall at 5300 N. Grand River, Lansing, Michigan and lasts about 15 minutes. Families are especially welcomed along with members and guests and anyone who wants to witness this account. Ice cream and treats follow the ceremony for the kids and adult kids. Plan on attending this event as we honor our flag on this special day.

Family Mass At St. Gerard - June 30th At 9:00 am



Come Join Us For Family Mass At St. Gerard On Sunday, June 30, 2019 At The 9:00 am Mass. All Knights And Their Families Are Invited To Attend This Mass Sitting Wherever They Want And Stand To Be Recognized At The End Of Mass Together As A Knights Of Columbus Family.

COMING EVENTS

June 14th	Flag Day Ceremony 8 pm
June 15th	Grand Knights Appreciation Dinner 5:30 pm
June 22nd	FaithFest 19 in DeWitt – 10:00 am Start
July 9th	Council & LCA Annual Meeting 7:00 pm
July 13th	Surf – Turf – Smurf Dinner 4:30 pm
August 10th	Council Golf Outing at Royal Scot 8:00 am
September 19th	Car Show - 9:00 am

**Happy
4th of July!**



Knights of Columbus #788 Lansing Columbian Assn.

5300 N. Grand River, Lansing, Michigan 48906
(517) 321-2209

SURF – TURF – SMURF DINNER

Saturday – July 13, 2019

4:30 – 7:00 pm



Walleye

Blue Gill

Crappie

4 Oz New York Strip

Dinner Includes

**Roasted Red Potatoes – Fresh Grilled Asparagus
Fresh Tossed Salad - Garlic Dinner Biscuits**

Blueberry Dessert

\$20.00 Per Person

**Proceeds Split to LCA Building Fund
&**

Council Bibles & Flowers For Deceased Member Families

Limited To 150 Tickets



Bar Specials on "Blue Motorcycles"

Karaoke To Follow Dinner !!!

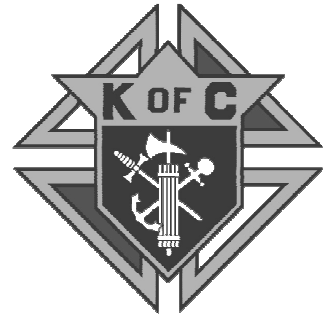




Council #788

JUNE 2019

Activities



JUNE 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 MAY Club Closed For Memorial Day	27 Club Closed For Memorial Day	28 Club Opens 4 pm	29 Club Opens 4 pm	30 Club Opens 4 pm	31 Club Opens 4 pm	1 Club Opens 4 pm
2 Club Closed	3 Club Opens 4 pm Build A Burger 5 – 8:30 pm Men's Golf 4:30 pm	4 Club Opens 4 pm Officers Meeting 7:00 pm	5 Club Opens 4 pm Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm	6 Club Opens 4 pm	7 Club Opens 4 pm	8 Club Opens 4 pm
9 Club Closed	10 Club Opens 4 pm Build A Burger 5 – 8:30 pm Men's Golf 4:30 pm	11 Club Opens 4 pm Council Meeting Meeting 7 pm Election of Officers	12 Club Opens 4 pm	13 Club Opens 4 pm	14 Club Opens 4 pm Flag Day Ceremony 8:00 pm	15 Club Opens 4 pm Grand Knight Appreciation Dinner 5:30 pm
16 Club Closed	17 Club Opens 4 pm Build A Burger 5 – 8:30 pm Men's Golf 4:30 pm	18 Club Opens 4 pm Fourth Degree Meeting 7 pm	19 Club Opens 4 pm LCA MEETING 7:00 pm	20 Club Opens 4 pm	21 Club Opens 4 pm	22 Club Opens 4 pm FaithFest 19 In DeWitt 10:00 am Start All Day With Fireworks
23 Club Closed	24 Club Opens 4 pm Build A Burger 5 – 8:30 pm Men's Golf 4:30 pm	25 Club Opens 4 pm	26 Club Opens 4 pm	27 Club Opens 4 pm	28 Club Opens 4 pm	29 Club Opens 4 pm
30 Club Closed Family Mass at St. Gerard 9:00 am	1 JULY Club Opens 4 pm Build A Burger 5 – 8:30 pm Men's Golf 4:30 pm	2 Club Opens 4 pm Officers Meeting 7:00 pm	3 Club Opens 4 pm	4 Club Closed For July 4 th Weekend 	5 Club Closed For July 4 th Weekend	6 Club Closed For July 4 th Weekend