

SPRING TRAINING BASEBALL HAS A SUCCESSFUL SECOND YEAR

Incarnation Council 15332 and St. Thomas More Council #7826 second "March Tradition" of operating a concession stand at Ed Smith Stadium during the Spring Training Baseball Season was a success once again. As new Councils last year, we joined forces to operate the concession stand. As small Councils, we realized that it would require many staff resources to operate the stand. The two Councils agreed to share commissions and tips based upon the number of Council Brothers and their Ladies who worked the stand during the Spring Training Season.

This was an unusual concession stand for Ed Smith Stadium. It was a "Seafood Stand," which served Grilled Crab Cake Sandwich, Grilled Salmon Cake Sandwich, Fried Soft Shell Crab Sandwich, Fried Grouper Bites, Fried Clam Strips, Fried Oysters and Fried Shrimp. In addition, the concession stand served the normal ball park fare of peanuts, Cracker Jacks, soda, bottled water and cold beer.

For 17 Baltimore Orioles games, 35 Brother Knights and their Ladies from Incarnation and St. Thomas More Councils spent many long hours cooking, serving and ringing up sales. Thank you Steve Christie, Mike Clayton, Charlie and Cindi Culkin, Gabe Febbraio, Jerry Hayes, Dennis Kennedy, Louis Kolupa, Jose Matos, Joe O'Donnell, Jason and Tammi Peters, Art and Rebecca Reilly, Jim Reynolds and Rusty Wainwright from Incarnation Council. And thank you Joe Avellino, Alec Berardinelli, Dan Bulinski, Rob Carver, John Cesare, Gerhard Glaesel, Al Klammert, Ron McCluskey, Paul McClusky, Steve McElroy, Tony Picozzi, Dick Schwehr, Carol and Stan Szafranski, Joe Sommer, Johnnie Turner, John Wojtyna and Fred Zava from St. Thomas More Council.

Special thanks to those who worked five or more games – Charlie Culkin (17), Cindi Culkin (17), Ron McCluskey (11), Dick Schwehr (10), Gabe Febbraio (9), Art Reilly (9), Dan Bulinski (7), Paul McClusky (7), Rebecca Reilly (6), Jim Reynolds (6), Steve Christie (5), Lou Kolupa (5) and Johnnie Turner (5). These 13 individuals accounted for 72 percent of the staff days worked at the concession stand. Thank you for your dedication.

So who worked where? The main jobs were Cashiers, Grill and Fry Chefs and Counter Servers. For the second straight year, Dan Bulinski, Mike Clayton, Cindi Culkin, Lou Kolupa and Paul McClusky handled all the cash register duties. The main Grill Chef was Dick Schwehr along with John Cesare, Joe O'Donnell, Rusty Wainwright, John Wojtyna and Fred Zava. They were responsible for grilling the Crab Cake and Salmon Sandwiches. It took three Fry Chefs to fry the Soft Shell Crab Sandwiches, Grouper Bites, Clam Strips, Oysters, Shrimp and French Fries. The main Fry Chefs were Steve Christie, Gabe Febbraio, Ron McCluskey, Art Reilly, Joe Sommer and Johnnie Turner. The main Counter Servers, who took and served all the food orders, were Peggy Christie, Rebecca Reilly and Jim Reynolds.

So how did we do? At the April 8th and April 10th Business Meetings of the Incarnation Council and St. Thomas More Councils, I will report the results of this year's concession stand operations. I can tell you that we exceeded last year's results.

The Incarnation Council and St. Thomas More Council partnership to operate the Spring Training Concession Stand was a huge success. It was an excellent example of Knights working together for the greater good. I look forward to working together next season.

Charlie Culkin
Ball Park Director



The "Seafood Concession Stand" Main Counter



The "Seafood Concession Stand" Grill Area



The "Seafood Concession Stand" Fry Area



Great view from "Seafood Concession Stand"



Cindi Culkin (INC) and Paul McClusky (STM)
Working the Concession Stand Cash Registers



Ron McCluskey (STM), Gabe Febbraio (INC),
Stan Szafranski (STM) and Art Reilly (INC)
Getting Ready To Fry Some Fish



Dick Schwehr (STM) Working the Grill



Jim Reynolds (INC) Is Ready to Serve a Fan



Steve Christie (INC), Charlie Culkin (INC), Mike Clayton (INC), Cindi Culkin (INC), John Cesare (STM) Rob Craver (STM) and Ron McCluskey (STM) with the Orioles "Big Bird"