



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 13958 NEWSLETTER

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January - February

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Grand Knight Report

Brother Knights -

Happy New Year! I hope everyone has had a blessed Christmas Season with your families. It seems like we wait all year for the Christmas Season and it is over before you know it. As we start the new calendar year we will have many opportunities for Knights to serve our Council. We will not be able to have a Social Meeting in January because the New Year's Day Holiday is celebrated on January 2nd this year (the first Monday of the month).

Our K of C Schedule will begin with SAFE HARBOR on January 7th. There are many chances to take part in the SAFE HARBOR program, see the article on page 2 for details. On January 14th we will work together with Council 1213 to sponsor a Free Throw Contest at St. Francis Gym beginning at 8 a.m. and on January 15th we will be putting on a pancake breakfast for the GIFT program beginning at 12:30 p.m. Please call me at 645-0730 if you can help with either of these events.

K of C business meeting for January will be held at St. Francis High School on Monday, January 16th beginning at 7 p.m. This is because of SAFE HARBOR being held in the Family Center of St. Francis Church. I know this is an inconvenience for members but please try and be understanding. We do not have a choice.

We have also begun selling our annual K of C raffle tickets. We will have our early bird drawing on January 28th and all tickets sold before then should be turned in to me so that they get into the drawing. If you do not have raffle tickets to sell and would like to help please let me know.

Finally, I still need someone to step forward and accept the Deputy Grand Knight and the Membership Director positions vacated when Brother Howard Super decided to step down. If you are interested in knowing what is involved call me and we can talk.

This is a new year, a new beginning, there are many things we can do as a Council but I need each and everyone of you to step forward so we can do them. Make this year the year you take on just a little bit more responsibility to help our Council continue the good work we are noted for. You joined the Knights for a reason, during your First Degree you made Charity something you committed to as a Knight. We are in this together, that is what a Council is, working together to do good things for our community. Lou Holtz the former Notre Dame coach once said, "If you don't make a total commitment to whatever you're doing, then you start looking to bail out the first time the boat starts leaking. It's tough enough getting the boat back to shore with everybody rowing, let alone when a guy stands up and starts putting his life jacket on."

Vivat Jesus!

Dave Sliwinski

Calendar

- **January 2**
NO SOCIAL MEETING
- **January 7 - 21**
SAFE HARBOR FC
- **January 14 Free Throw Contest**
8 a.m. @ St. Francis Gym
- **January 15 GIFT Program**
K of C to prepare Meal SFHS
- **January 16 K of C Business Meeting** 7 p.m. SFHS
- **January 28 K of C Raffle**
"Early Bird Drawing" FC
- **February 4 Father Fred Frost Bite Food Drive** 9 - 11 a.m.
- **February 5 Boy Scout Sunday at St. Francis Church** 11 a.m. Mass
- **February 6 Blood Drive** 1 - 7 p.m. FC
- **February 6 K of C Social Meeting** 6 p.m. CRA
- **February 12 GIFT** SFHS
- **February 19 K of C Pancake Breakfast** after 9 & 11 Masses FC
- **February 20 K of C Business Meeting** 7 p.m. CFA
- **February 22 Ash Wednesday** LENT Begins

Calendar Keys:

FC Family Center
CRA Conference Room A
SFHS St. Francis High School



Our K of C Council will be working together with Council 1213 to sponsor a Free Throw Contest on Saturday, January 14th. We will meet at the St. Francis Gym at 8 a.m. to get set-up and begin registration at 8:45 a.m. The Contest will begin at 9:30 a.m. If you are interested in helping call Dave Sliwinski at 645-0730.



Each year the Knights of Columbus Councils from the area work together to help the Father Fred Organization with the winter food drive called the "Father Fred Frost Bite Food Drive. This year we will be helping on Saturday, February 4th from 9 - 11 a.m. by collecting the food people donate, boxing it and stacking it in semi - trailers. If you can help call Gary VanRaalte at 883-3532



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Birthday List

- Jan 3 Richard Shumsky
- Jan 10 Anthony Glaza
- Jan 14 Dan Shoup
- Jan 17 Justin Ames
- Jan 21 Russ Marshall
- Jan 25 Al Svec
- Jan 30 Gerald VanHuystee
- Feb 10 Fr. Tony Cureton
- Feb 10 Thomas VanSipe
- Feb 12 Roger Sladek
- Feb 13 Bryan Boettcher
- Feb 13 Dennis Davidson
- Feb 14 Francis DeMarsh
- Feb 18 John Roeser
- Feb 20 Don Schopieray
- Feb 21 Fred Dittrich
- Feb 28 Joseph Lamie

Prayer List

Please keep these Knights in your thoughts & prayers!

- Al Clous
- Richard Shumsky
- Francis Nachazel
- Russ Marshall
- Peter Zenz



GIFT Program

The Knights of Columbus will be preparing and serving a meal for the GIFT program on Sunday, January 15th. Dave Sliwinski will be chairing this event. We will be serving our pancake breakfast for lunch. If you would like to help please call him @ 645-0730.



Offering love to the homeless through emergency shelter, meals, encouragement to move forward in a positive direction in their lives.

What is SAFE HARBOR you may ask?

It is a shelter program in the Traverse City Michigan area that attempts to create community between those in need and those who are able to help. This is what they do:

- Rotating locations through the cold months.
- Providing evening and morning meals & a warm place to sleep
- Organizing volunteers who make themselves available to talk to, socialize with, and serve meals
- Always working to improve the organization and base of support.

Each year the parish of St. Francis has opened it's doors to help with this program for two weeks. This year that commitment will begin on Saturday, January 7th and end on Saturday, January 21st. This year once again our K of C Council at St. Francis will help with:

Saturday, January 7th

- Unload truck & Set-up facility at St. Francis
- Serve dinner
- Spend the night and visit

Sunday, January 8th

- Serve breakfast and help prepare carry-out lunches

Friday, January 20th

- Serve dinner
- Spend the night and visit

Saturday, January 21st

- Serve breakfast and help with clean-up of church facilities & load truck .

Chairman for this event is Larry Herman Jr., if you can help with any of these activities please call Larry at 944-2170. Help is also needed during the rest of the days that SAFE HARBOR will be at St. Francis and sign-up sheets will be at the Welcome Center counter.

Pancake Breakfasts

Help will be needed with the pancake breakfast on Sunday, February 12th after both the 9 & 11 a.m. Masses. If you can help please call Dick Scott at 421-5578. Dick would like to thank all the Knights that helped make our "Pancakes with Santa" a big success

K of C Art Contest

The excitement is building! We have now have had 2 K of C Art Contests. Please call Dick Scott 421-5578 or Brent Manthei 935-4580 for information or see the church bulletin for details. A contestant form can be downloaded from our website www.kofc13958.org. The rules are listed on the form.



K of C Fourth Degree

Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:30 at the K of C Hall located at 13424 West Bay Shore Dr (M-22) in Greilickville. All Fourth Degree members are invited to attend.

Membership / Retention



Membership notices have been mailed out and you should be receiving them in the mail. Please return your payment as soon as possible so we can get our membership dues in order. Paying your dues is your basic responsibility as a member. If you have a hardship please call Dave Sliwinski at 645-0730 or John Morse at 218-1113 and we will try to work out something out. Please be courteous and return phone calls and e-mails in a timely manner. It is a waste of time to have Knights e-mail, mail and call you only to have you ignore the messages. Our Council still has to pay Supreme to keep you on the roster even if you don't. Please get your dues up to date! Dues should be sent to the Financial Secretary John Morse at 6588 Ann St., Lake Ann, MI 49650. Has your address, phone number, e-mail or your zip code changed? Is so please send your updated information to John also. Alternatively, you can email your change to him at John.Morse.CPA@gmail.com

K of C Insurance

Your K of C Insurance agent is Larry Blasius. You can contact Larry at (989)-614-6580 or larry.blasius@kofc.org for all your insurance needs.