

Words from our Chaplain

Dear Brother Knights:

Its summer time, the price of gasoline is down slightly and we who live in this awesome community have the itch to want to get away for a few days. Knights, I have a suggestion: Travel to the Upper Peninsula. Why? As you recall the official magazine of the Knights, the Columbia, had an article on Bishop Frederic Baraga. He is the Snowshoe Priest, given that name by his parishioners because he walked hundreds of miles in the freezing winters of the Upper Peninsula and even walked to his missions in Harbor Springs to be with his people and to witness to the Native Americans. His cause for Sainthood is in Rome and hopefully this year he will be name Venerable which means we are able to publicly venerate him.

Now more about my suggestion to visit the UP. In the magnificent Cathedral of St. Peters in Marquette is the body of Bishop Baraga. It is presently in the Cathedral crypt where you can kneel and pray before his body. When he is named Venerable his body will be removed from the crypt brought up to the Cathedral floor in a special chapel. Thousands and thousands of people from around the world will be visiting his grave. At this point one miracle is being attributed to Bishop Baraga and two more are needed before he can be named Saint Frederic Baraga. So those who are in need of a miracle will be praying before the tomb of this holy man interceding for his help in bringing about a healing grace.

If all continues at the Vatican as we hope, Bishop Baraga will be the first person to be named a Saint in our area. I invite you to drive north to the upper peninsula, enjoy all the beauty on the way and then make a visit to St. Peter's Cathedral and visit the tomb of this venerable, spiritual and most holy man of God. And if you have any special requests, make them as you kneel before his tomb in the crypt.

As Knights we too are called to holiness. We too desire the intercession of those who are already with God and we who have experienced the severe winters of the north right here in Traverse City also know how difficult it must have been for Bishop Baraga to travel hundreds, yes hundreds of miles only in snow shoes to serve his people. To me that alone is miraculous. Thus, brother Knights, I encourage you to add Bishop Baraga along with Father McGivney, the founder of the KC, to your prayers and ask that God raise both of them to the highest of all honors, that of Saint.

I continue to thank each of you for your hard work, your willingness to cooperate fully and not only cooperate but even preempt me when it comes to things which need to be done for the good of St. Francis Parish. In other words, you do valuable things for all of us without me even having to ask. You are the best. Enjoy the summer, hug your kids no matter how old they are and know that you are loved.

Brother Knight Fr. Ken



Knights Birthday List

<i>Al Henning</i>	<i>July 3</i>	<i>Jerry Marsh</i>	<i>July 26</i>
<i>America</i>	<i>July 4</i>	<i>Rich Dunnebacke</i>	<i>July 27</i>
<i>Gerald Jankowiak</i>	<i>July 4</i>	<i>Mark Fisher</i>	<i>July 28</i>
<i>Douglas Izard</i>	<i>July 6</i>	<i>David Sliwinski</i>	<i>July 30</i>
<i>Mark Anderson</i>	<i>July 8</i>	<i>Jon Wall</i>	<i>August 8</i>
<i>William Smith</i>	<i>July 9</i>	<i>Pat Hinds</i>	<i>August 9</i>
<i>James Josselym</i>	<i>July 10</i>	<i>Dale Stielor</i>	<i>August 9</i>
<i>Jeff Hendricks</i>	<i>July 12</i>	<i>Pat Lints</i>	<i>August 9</i>
<i>Steve Peacock</i>	<i>July 12</i>	<i>Rev. Ken Stachnik</i>	<i>August 15</i>
<i>Paul Bandrowski</i>	<i>July 14</i>	<i>Greg Harrand</i>	<i>August 17</i>
<i>Brent Manthei</i>	<i>July 15</i>	<i>Ken Kleinrichert</i>	<i>August 22</i>
<i>Robert Hicks</i>	<i>July 15</i>	<i>John Bufka</i>	<i>August 22</i>
<i>Paul Kociemba</i>	<i>July 18</i>	<i>Larry Herman Jr.</i>	<i>August 27</i>
<i>Michael Harris</i>	<i>July 20</i>	<i>Larry Herman</i>	<i>August 28</i>
<i>Sam Pratt</i>	<i>July 23</i>	<i>Eric DeNoyer</i>	<i>August 29</i>
<i>John Wejrowski</i>	<i>July 23</i>		

Knight of the Month May, 2011
Daniel Shoup

Family of the Month May, 2011
Brent Manthei



Fourth Degree Meetings

As a general rule, fourth degree meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the K of C Hall on M-22 in Greilickville. Faithful Navigator Greg Moe invites all Fourth Degree Knights to attend. Questions on the Fourth Degree Assembly #499 can be referred to Larry Herman Jr. at 231-944-2170.

Membership dues are now being collected.
Please be prompt and get your dues up to date!
If you have a hardship and cannot pay contact
Grand Knight Dave Sliwinski at 645-0730.

August Social Meeting will be on Saturday August 20th

Dennis and Carol Davidson will once again host our summer picnic at their home on Long Lake. It will be a pot luck with the Council providing the main course. This is always a good time for Knights and their families to share together. Come enjoy the picnic, kids can swim and Dennis has been known to give a boat ride sometimes. It will begin in the early afternoon and finish around 6 p.m. Please call Dennis or Carol at 941-9432 and let them know you are coming and what dish you will bring to share. This is important so we can plan enough food. It would be nice to have a good turn-out this year. Hope to see you there!



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Traverse City St. Francis
Knights of Columbus
Council #13958



2011 – 2012 Council Officers

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Calendar of Events

July 4	No Social Meeting
July 10	Pancake Breakfast / FC St. Francis / 9a.m. Mass
July 16	“Mass for the Unborn” Oakwood Cemetery / 9:30 a.m.
July 16	“Pig Roast” / St. Francis High School Cafeteria / 4 – 7 p.m.
July 18	K of C Business Meeting St. Francis / CFA / 7 p.m.
July 20	K of C District Meeting CTK / 7.p.m.
July 26	Instillation of Officers CTK / 7 p.m. Mass
August 6	K of C Beach Bums Game 7 p.m.
August 14	Pancake Breakfast / FC St. Francis / 9 a.m. Mass
August 15	K of C Business Meeting* CFA / 7 p.m.
August 20	Social Meeting is picnic at Davidson’s on Long Lake. Noon – 6p.m.

Calendar Keys:

- FC - Family Center
- CRA - Conference Room A
- CTK - Christ the King Church

Newsletter

July - August 2011
Charity Unity Fraternity

Grand Knight Report –

Brother Knights, well I think summer is finally here! As we end one Fraternal Year and begin another I want to thank everyone for the support I have received my first year as Grand Knight, it has been very rewarding and also challenging. My hope is to try and continue to improve the things we are doing already and also explore some new ideas to raise funds.

As we move into the new calendar year there will be several opportunities to serve the Council. Mark your calendars because on Sunday, July 10th & August 14th we will have a pancake breakfast after the 9 a.m. mass only and on July 16th. we have a “Mass for the Unborn” at 9:30 a.m. at Oakwood Catholic Cemetery and in the afternoon our Council is sponsoring a “Pig Roast” to raise funds for the Grand Traverse Area Right to Life and the Pregnancy Care Center which will be held at St. Francis High School Cafeteria from 4 – 7 p.m. Knights will be needed to help at all of these events. **There will be NO SOCIAL MEETING in July because of the Holiday and the Cherry Festival.**

The K of C District Meeting will be held on July 20th at Christ the King Church in Acme. The Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Program Director, Retention Director and Membership Director from each Council should attend. Also in July on the 26th will be the Installation of Officers at Christ the King Church beginning with a 7 p.m. Mass and followed by the Instillation Ceremony. All Council Officers should attend and families are welcome, social time will follow the Ceremony.

I want to welcome new Knights William Strong and Richard Scott! Both received the First Degree at Christ the King Church on June 26th. When you see them, please welcome them into our Council. We look forward to working together with both of you.

The trip to Mackinaw Island for the annual K of C State Convention was once again very inspirational. I attended with John Morse and along with the beauty of the Island there were many opportunities for prayer and fellowship. I am truly inspired by the dedication of many of the Councils and the Leadership of our State Officials. When they list the hours of voluntary service the K of C provides it makes you proud you are a member. Of course we also realize that many of the acts the Knights do reported or recorded. Each year they have the K of C Color Corp line up on the lawn of the Grand Hotel in the shape of a rosary and then everyone prays the rosary together.....the Island is truly filled with prayer! Finally, it is nice to see so many Clergy together at one time sharing the liturgy and enjoying some much needed time away from their busy schedules. We cannot thank them enough for what they do for us.....

Vivat Jesus,
Brother Dave Ski



Pancake Breakfasts

Our Pancake Breakfast to support “Catholic Radio” was a huge success! We collected over \$683.00 and rounded that off to \$700.00 for our contribution. I want to thank all the Knights who made this successful! You guys are the best and have set the bar high for all the other fundraisers. I would also like to thank Dick Scott who came to help and has since joined our Council. Dick you did a great job and it was nice having you aboard. A special thank you to Al Svec, Randy Wheelock and another anonymous source for financially covering the cost of the breakfast. Great job Knights!

We have a pancake breakfast coming up on July 12th & August 14th, call Dave Sliwinski at 645-0730 if you can help!

“Mass for the Unborn” & Pig Roast

Knights needed to help with the “Mass for the Unborn” at Oakwood Cemetery in the Old Catholic Section on July 16th. at 9:30 a.m. The mass will be followed later in the day by a “Pig Roast” sponsored by our Knights of Columbus Council at St. Francis Cafeteria from 4 – 7 p.m. We will be asking for a \$5 donation, kids 5 and under eat free. Of course larger donations will be accepted! The menu will feature roast pig, potato salad, baked beans, dinner roll and beverage. All proceeds will be given to the Pregnancy Care Center and the Grand Traverse Area Right to Life.

Call Larry Herman Jr. at 944-2170 or 217-6646 if you can help!