

May - June



St. Francis Council 13958 Newsletter

Grand Knight Report

Brother Knights –

Well Spring is here and I'm hoping we all feel renewed. I know I am ready for some warm weather and for this snow to finally find its way out of here. Lent teaches us many things and I believe that the older I get the more I realize just how special this season is. It really isn't about giving up candy, T.V., alcohol or going out to dinner.....it is about self discovery and understanding. I hope everyone feels like they are ready to begin again.....Jesus gave up his life to forgive ours sins.....what a gift that was! Happy beginnings!

You all may have noticed Howard Super has decided to continue in the Deputy Grand Knight position. He was wrestling with his involvement and trying to work his schedule out so he could stay in his Officer position with our Council. Howard is involved in many other things and always wants to fulfill his commitments. You may remember, he stated at a membership meeting in March that he was stepping down. Well, lucky for us he has decided that he can work it in his schedule to stay as Deputy Grand Knight. I couldn't be happier, he is a good leader and his enthusiasm for the K of C is contagious!

Finally, as we head into the end of the K of C calendar year, let us all re-evaluate our commitment and look to step up our participation. You joined for a reason and I need you to take on more responsibility. I would like everyone to consider being the Chairman for at least one event or pancake breakfast in the upcoming fraternal year. What does a Chairman do? Basically, he takes ownership of whatever function he is in charge of and makes sure that we do the very best job we can. I have found that planning is the key and the amount of time you devote to your event is a direct reflection on its success. A Chairman is expected to be at the event from start to finish. If more Brother Knights step forward to help, we will continue to grow and improve our impact on the parish of St. Francis. I think we all want to make a difference, that is why we joined, but sometimes you need a little push to get to the next level. We will help you get it done! Together!

Vivat Jesus,
Dave Sliwinski

Calendar of Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
May 2	K of C Social Mtg. FC @ 6:30 p.m. Right to Life
May 6	Baraga Broadcasting Fundraiser 6:30 p.m. @ Treetops
May 7	Council Raffle Ends
May 8	MOTHER'S DAY "Thanks Mom's"
May 14	Charles Harty Chalice Presentation 4 p.m. Mass
May 15	Council Scholarship Presentation @ 11 a.m. Mass
May 15	Corporate Communion Lake Leelanau St. Mary's 9:15 a.m.
May 16	K of C Business Mtg. 7 p.m. CRA
May 20	"CLERGY DINNER" 6 p.m. @ Christ the King ACME
May 21	4th. Degree in the U.P. in Gardens
May 26 – 28	Mackinaw Island K of C State Convention
May 30	MEMORIAL DAY
June 2	<i>Feast of the Ascension</i>
June 4	Golf Outing Council 11664 @ Sugarloaf
June 5	<i>St. Francis Graduation</i>
June 6	K of C Social Mtg 6:30 p.m. FC
June 11	K of C Officer training @ Grayling St. Mary's
June 12	Pancake Breakfast 9 a.m. Mass only
June 19	FATHER'S DAY "Thanks Dad's"
June 20	K of C Business Mtg. 7 p.m. CRA

Calendar Keys:

FC – Family Center
CRA – Conference Room A



Knights Birthday List

<i>Don Rosinski</i>	<i>May 2</i>
<i>David Jodway</i>	<i>May 3</i>
<i>Art Clark</i>	<i>May 4</i>
<i>John Kerridge</i>	<i>May 8</i>
<i>Joe Sclafani</i>	<i>May 10</i>
<i>David Michelin</i>	<i>May 16</i>
<i>Thomas Weber</i>	<i>May 16</i>
<i>Marvin Weber</i>	<i>May 22</i>
<i>William Bunek</i>	<i>May 29</i>
<i>Jerry Morse</i>	<i>June 2</i>
<i>Michael Mawby</i>	<i>June 11</i>
<i>Ray Plamondon</i>	<i>June 13</i>
<i>Jim Frick</i>	<i>June 13</i>
<i>William Barton</i>	<i>June 17</i>
<i>Dean DeWilder</i>	<i>June 26</i>
<i>SK Jim Veda</i>	<i>June 29</i>
<i>Tom Wyant Jr.</i>	<i>June 29</i>

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 Dave Sliwinski at 645-0730.

2011 Council Raffle

Our Council Raffle is now almost history this year and when you receive this newsletter we will be approaching our final weekend drawings on May 7. A special thank you to Fr. Ken for helping us promote our raffle and for being available to pick most of our lucky winners and to Mr. Fred who sold the most tickets and winners this year. Fred sold 119 tickets! Finally, a very, very special thank you to Mrs. Grand Knight "Linda" Ski for doing the spread sheet and keeping our raffle in order. Of course, thank you to everyone who sold or purchased tickets in support of our raffle, without you it would not be successful.

K of C Polo Shirts

The Council shirts have been distributed; they are navy blue with the third degree emblem and our Council name "St. Francis Council 13958" embroidered on them. They are \$15. If you ordered one see me or call me 645-0730 and we will arrange to get them to you. If you did not order one this time, do not worry, we will order some more when we get enough commitments.

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Pancake Breakfasts

We will not be having a pancake breakfast in May. There are simply too many conflicts with Mother's Day, First Communion and the CSA collection. So take a break! As the summer months (June, July & August) draw near our pancake breakfasts will follow only the 9 a.m. Sunday mass. In the past we have found that in the summer people want to be outdoors and the attendance in low after the 11 a.m. Mass. We have also found that on Mother's Day our attendance is down. If you are lucky enough to still have your Mom, spend that day with her! Thank you to everyone on the Pancake Breakfast Team for doing such an outstanding job!

Chalice Presentation for Charles Harty

On May 14th. at the 4 p.m. Saturday mass Faithful Navigator Greg Moe from Fourth Degree Assembly #499 will present a chalice to the widow of Sir Knight Charles Harty. This is an honor to which all Fourth Degree Sir Knights are entitled. Charles was a long time member of Council #1213 and transferred into our Council when it was formed at St. Francis. He was active with the Color Core for many years. This will be a Corporate Communion and all Knights are invited to attend and celebrate the Eucharist together.

New Knights

Congratulations go out to Brent Manthei who took his First Degree at Christ the King Church in Acme on March 27. It was a very nice ceremony followed by some great fellowship with Knights from several Councils. I would also like to welcome Larry Lassaline who just recently transferred into our Council and is a 4th. Degree Sir Knight.

Clergy Dinner

On May 20th. at Christ the King Church in Acme, Council 9979 will be hosting the annual Clergy Dinner. Tickets are \$25 each and will sell fast. The event sold out last year and we did not even get tickets. I have been given 10 and have already sold 7. Call me at 645-0730 if you would like to attend. So far Howard Super and his wife Judi, Skip DeMarsh and his wife Julie, me and my wife Linda and Al Svec have purchased tickets. It would be nice to fill a table (10 seats) from our Council. It is a surf & turf (Steak & Lobster) dinner prepared by Dave Tiffany and for anyone that knows Dave, knows that he does and excellent job! Come and join us and support our Clergy!

Knight of the Month February, 2011

In February we recognized Fred Szczepanski as the Knight of the month. Fred once again was our leading ticket seller for our Council Raffle. This year he sold 119 tickets! He is also our parish Music Minister and bulletin organizer. Just a few of the many hats he wears. Please thank Mr. Fred for all his good work. Our parish and our Council simply would not be the same without him.

Family of the Month February, 2011

In February we recognized the family of Raja Asava as Family of the month. Even though Raja just joined our Council, he has wasted no time getting his family involved in our pancake breakfasts and other events. Raja and his wife Dawn have five children: Ryan, Laurie, Jon, James and Rani. We congratulate and thank them for their commitment to the Knights of Columbus and the parish of St. Francis.

Knight of the Month March, 2011

The Knight of the month for March is Sam Pratt. Sam has made himself available to help at several events: pancake breakfasts, parish mission, Living Last Supper, business and social meetings. Although he has been in our Council for only one year, he has shown his enthusiasm for the Knights of Columbus. Please thank Sam for all he does for our Council and the parish of St. Francis.

Family of the Month March, 2011

Our Family of the month for March is the Family of Gary VanRaalte. Gary makes himself available for as much as he can. He is always willing to help on a moments notice if he is available. He currently is our Chancellor and acting Program Director for our Council. Gary and his wife Beverly continue to help with the St. Francis youth group. Please thank them the next time you see them and let them know how much they are appreciated.

Knight and Family of the Year

It is that time to think about which Knight and which Family have made the biggest impact on our Council this Year. This is the second time I have had this in the newsletter and I have only had a few votes cast. Everyone is entitled to one vote for each, Knight & Family. Please respond by e-mail or call me with your choices by May 15th. Of course, you can always send it U.S. Postal too. Send it to David Sliwinski at: 3418 Autumn Leaf Dr., Traverse City, MI 49686.

May Social Meeting

Our next Social Meeting is next Monday, May 2 at 6:30 p.m. Our last Social meeting was a tremendous success with an excellent presentation by Roger Deemer about his new book, "Godly Personalities." This month we will have are representative from the Right to Life group come and speak. Our dinner will be pizza and Ceasar salad. If you can please bring a desert to share. Call Dave Sliwinski at 645-0730 to let him know you are coming and if you will be bringing a desert. The Council will provide the pizza & salad. We do need a head count so we can have enough for everyone.



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.



Lenten Soup Friday April 15th

Our Council provided a Lenten soup after the Noon Stations of the Cross on Friday, April 15. Dave & Linda Sliwinski and Sam Pratt provided the chili and service for this event. Almost 70 parishioners and guests came and enjoyed the Vegetarian Chili that was cooked up by Linda Sliwinski.

Living Last Supper

This was a first for our parish and actually the first time that St. Patrick's performed outside their parish. I was proud that our Council was involved in the set-up and removal of the temporary stage that was installed on the altar of St. Francis parish. Thank you to Sam Pratt and Gary VanRaalte for making this happen. A special thank you to Brian Vos and all the men from St. Patrick's for their passionate performance of the Last Supper when Jesus confronted his apostles saying, "One Of You Will Betray Me." Each apostle then spoke his mind to himself, to each other and to the Lord in the light of the words which they just heard Jesus speak.

MAJOR DEGREE in Grayling April 30

There is a Major Degree held at St. Mary's in Grayling on Saturday, April 30 and we have four members that have committed to attend. Please keep: William Bunek, Raja Asava, Brent Manthei and Justin Ames in your prayers as they prepare to receive their Second & Third Degrees of Unity and Fraternity. We are proud of them for taking this important step in their journey to Knighthood.



Father Fred Collection

This past weekend, April 28 – 29, the local Councils in our District collected funds for Father Fred. We did this at Walmarts, Kmarts (Cherryland) and Oleson's (3 mile & Hammond). Although we were able to fill all the time slots it was surprising that it took so long. With a Council of our size we should be able to do this easily and in fact we should be able to have two Knights standing together. I also did not have anyone step forward as Captain's of these locations so that duty fell back on me. I would like to thank all the Knights that did volunteer, many of you doing two shifts. Without you we could not have raised the funds for Father Fred. I do not have the totals yet but expect that our Council alone collected about \$1500.



Financial Secretary Update

Has your address or your zip code changed?
If so please send me your updated information.

You can use the form below and mail to:
John Morse
6588 Ann Street
Lake Ann, MI 49650

Address Change

Name _____

New Address _____

New City/State _____

New Zip Code _____

New Phone # _____

Alternatively, you can email your change to me at:
John.Morse.CPA@gmail.com

John Morse
Financial Secretary

The Final Thought

I need to address something that really bothers me. Membership dues.....Why are we having so much trouble collecting our dues? To all of you that have paid your dues, Thank You! To the rest of you please get this done!

As this newsletter comes to your home we still have 22 Knights that are delinquent with their dues. I know for some this is an oversight but not for this many. Let me explain a few things that may help you understand why this is upsetting. First, membership dues are your basic responsibility to the Council. It gives us operating funds and supports the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus. Our Council has to pay Supreme about half of your \$45 dues even if you don't, just to keep you on the roster. If you have a financial hardship, you need to let me know and we can work something out. If you are disabled your fees can be forgiven by Supreme but we have to fill out a form and it requires signatures from you and a certification from Health & Human Services, I.R.S., V.A. or your attending physician. Please take care of this ASAP. Don't make extra work for everyone else trying to track you down. Just like you, most of us are busy!

2011 Raffle Winners as of Easter

Drawing	Ticket#	Winner
"Early Bird" 1/29/2011	345	Rosemary Kennedy
#1 3/5/2011	059	Julie DeMarsh
#2 3/5/2011	217	Larry Herman Jr.
#3 3/12/2011	426	Denise O'Halloran
#4 3/12/2011	306	Ellen Rapson
#5 3/19/2011	267	George Kuhn
#6 3/19/2011	309	Mary Winowiecki
#7 3/25/2011	083	Mary Gauthier
#8 3/25/2011	053	J&J DeMarsh
#9 4/2/2011	290	Dawn Asava
#10 4/2/2011	259	Sam Worden
#11 4/9/2011	164	Brian Bush
#12 4/9/2011	366	Ray Maxbauer
#13 4/16/2011	374	John Hartl
#14 4/16/2011	036	Dar Belanger
#15 4/23/2011	056	Danielle Owen
#16 4/23/2011	119	Dave Michelin
#17 4/30/2011	359	Ron Gloss
#18 4/30/2011	033	Marilyn Selby

***There are still 2 drawings to go!
Good Luck!***

