



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 13958

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Grand Knight Report

Brother Knights -

As we approach the busy Thanksgiving/Christmas Season let us try to remember what is truly important in our lives. Stop, take a deep breath, try to enjoy it a little bit.. We all seem to get caught up in trying to make everything as perfect as we can but we all know that no matter how hard we try, it will not be perfect. It is the time with family that is most important, this year let us concentrate on that.. As a Council this year we celebrated our 5th anniversary. A milestone that should be noted and also a measure of success. We have accomplished many things and have made an positive impact on the parish of St. Francis. Something we can all be proud of.

There will be many chances for Knights to serve in the upcoming months. In November we will serve a meal for the GIFT program, help with the church yard clean-up and placement of the Christmas lights and have a pancake breakfast.. In December we will help with the Christmas Festival, begin our annual raffle and have pancakes with Santa. Please make yourself available to help! I know that not everyone wants to be chairman of an activity but please make it easier for those who take on this responsibility. Volunteer yourself and your time, don't make them call you before you commit, call them and volunteer. Everyone has taken the First Degree of Charity, let's make good on our commitment. We will be a better Council if you do!

Brother Howard Super has decided to step down from his positions within our Council. Like many of us he is active doing several things besides the Knights of Columbus and he has children that live in Wisconsin and New York that he wants to spend more time with. He has done an excellent job while he served the Council and his leadership will be missed. The good news is he will remain a Knight in our Council and help whenever he can. I will be looking for someone else to step up and accept the responsibilities of Deputy Grand Knight and Membership Director. If you are interested please call me at 645-0730.

Vivat Jesus!

Dave Sliwinski

Wine Tasting at the Chateau Chantal (November Social Meeting)



You are Invited! To a special wine tasting event at the Chateau Chantal on Old Mission Peninsula. The event will be hosted by Al Svec. If you have never experienced this, I suggest you try to find the time to join in. This is an adult only event and will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, November 7th. There is no admission charge but wine and merchandise will be available for purchase. Please RSVP to Al Svec at 223-4575 if you plan to attend. Space is limited so call early to secure your spot. You will be glad you did!



Christmas Party at the ELKS (December Social Meeting)

Once again Brother Howard has planned an incredible Christmas Party at the ELKS Club in Traverse City. It is scheduled for December 10. Christmas music and a sing-a-long by our own Mr. Fred. This is an adult gathering and the cost is \$20 each. There will also be a \$10 Chinese Gift exchange for all those that would like to participate. Social Hour at 5:30 & Dinner at 6:15. Come join the fun! Please RSVP Howard at 275-7649 if you plan to attend.

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CALENDAR

- November 7 Wine Tasting @ Chateau Chantal 6:30 p.m.
- November 12 St. Francis Church Yard Clean-up / Christmas Lights 8 a.m. till done
- November 13 Pancake Breakfast 9 & 11 a.m. masses FC
- November 20 GIFT
- November 21 K of C Business Meeting 7 p.m. CFA
- November 21 BLOOD Drive 1p.m. - 7 p.m. FC
- November 24 "Thanksgiving"
- December 3 - 4 St. Francis Church Christmas Festival
- December 6 - 8 Devotion at St. Francis Parish
- December 10 K of C Christmas Party at the ELKS Club.
- December 11 "Pancakes with Santa" 9 & 11 a.m. Masses FC
- December 19 K of C Business Meeting 7 p.m. CFA
- December 25 "Christmas"

Calendar Keys:

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



Happy Birthday Knights

- Nov 3 Joe Spitzley
- Nov 13 Tom Danz
- Nov 29 Don Gauthier
- Nov 30 Al Clous
- Dec 8 John McLaughlin
- Dec 12 Tim McGrath
- Dec 16 John Rodes
- Dec 25 Nicholas Beagle
- Dec 26 Steve McKolay
- Dec 28 Peter Zenz

Christmas Festival

Will be here before you know it. The weekend of December 3 & 4. Once again the Knights will be assisting with set-up on Friday and Saturday evenings and Clean-up on Sunday. This year Larry Herman Jr. 944-2170 and John Morse 218-1113 are hosting tables.

Pancake Breakfasts

Help will be needed with the pancake breakfasts on Sundays, November 13 and "Pancakes with Santa" on December 11. If you can help please call Dick Scott at 421-5578

Church Yard Fall Clean-up November 12

This year the Knights of Columbus will once again be assisting with the Fall clean-up of the St. Francis Church yard. We will gather at 8a.m. on Saturday, November 12 and rake leaves, trim trees and in general get the church grounds ready for Winter. Pat Lints 218-6978 and Gary VanRaalte 883-3532 are Co-Chairing the clean-up and have asked that you call and let them know that you can help. They want you to bring: gloves, rakes, pruning tools, leaf blowers, tarps, trailers to haul the leaves away if you have one and any other useful tool you may have to make the work go smoother. Lunch will be provided!

MI / Tootsie Roll Drive

The Tootsie Roll Drive was a big success this year because we had great participation. We had 45 Knights help with this event. Thank you to Past Grand Knight Jim Hanes for being Chairman and organizing this fundraiser. We raised \$3,514.66 and after expenses and Supreme takes 20% for the Special Olympics we will be able to present Mrs. Lorraine Lairds Class with a check for \$2,452.93.

Thank you to our Captains: Gary VanRaalte (Wal-Mart), Pat Lints (Olesons), Al Svec (Glens) and Russ Marshall (Kmart) and all the Knights that sacrificed their personal time to help this worthy cause!

GIFT Program

The Knights of Columbus will be preparing and serving a meal for the GIFT program on Sunday, November 20th. I will be chairing this event. So far: Jim Hanes, Dick Scott, Skip DeMarsh, Gary VanRaalte, Brent Manthei and Al Svec have already offered to help. If you would like to help please call me at 645-0730

K of C Art Contest

This month Dick Scott 421-5578 & Brent Manthei 935-4580 will introduce a new youth art contest. See the church bulletin for details.

Fourth Degree Exemplification



Congratulations New Sir Knights! On Saturday, October 22, 2011 seven members of our St. Francis Knights of Columbus Council became Sir Knights in a ceremony held at Kohler Auditorium at St. Francis High School. Justin Ames, Anthony Glaza, Al Henning, Gary Hiatt, Jerry Morse, Samuel Pratt and Donald Rosinski all joined Class Honoree Bishop Bernard Hebda by receiving the honors of the Fourth Degree of "Patriotism". I couldn't be prouder of the new Sir Knights in our Council for this commitment!

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Father Ken's 25th. Celebration

What a tribute to a truly remarkable priest! He is an inspiration to all of us for everything he does for our parish and the Knights of Columbus! It was an incredible show of support and an absolutely beautiful mass and celebration as we all honored our very own Father Ken! Thank you to all the Knights who worked so hard to make this happen for Fr. Ken & the parish of St. Francis.

Membership / Retention

Membership is a topic that is discussed in many ways and I feel it is time we all take a long look at it. This year we still have 14 Knights that have not paid their dues. I sure each and everyone has what they consider a very good reason for this but the bottom line is that it is your basic responsibility as a member. If you have a hardship please call me at 645-0730 or John Morse 218-1113 and we will try to work out something out. 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. Please get your dues up to date! If you no longer want to be a member you must write a short note requesting your removal from the Council roster, sign it and send it to John Morse at 6588 Ann St., Lake Ann, MI 49650. He will then forward your note to Supreme. 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.

Final Thought

Try to remember why you joined the Knights of Columbus, what you hoped to gain or accomplish. Think about the effort you have made. Have you been critical of others? Can you step forward to try and make a difference? We are all volunteers, trying to help our parish and the surrounding community. We should be working together, helping and encouraging each other to be the best we can be! Be the difference!