

September - October



St. Francis Council
13958 Newsletter

Grand Knight Report

Brother Knights –

It seems like we wait a long time for summer to come and just when you get used to the nice weather it is over. This truly was a warm summer and I hope everyone enjoyed it because we all know what is coming. Before winter however comes my favorite time of the year and that is fall. There is something special about this season as the trees change colors and the harvest is gathered. God truly blesses us here in Northwest Lower Michigan.

I would like to congratulate our newest Knight, Thomas Danz. Tom took his 1st Degree on August 29th. at Christ the King in Acme. Congratulations Tom and welcome to our K of C Family, we look forward to your involvement and hope you find your service rewarding.

Most of you know I am involved with the Boy Scouts of America and this past month of August together with past Grand Knight Jim Hanes and Chris Stein, we have been involved in a adult leader training program (Wood Badge) for the area Boy Scout Council. Jim, myself and Chris worked on staff for this event. While it was a very beneficial program for the Boy Scouts it took a lot of our spare time away from other activities. I appreciate your understanding and hope to get back on track soon.

Looking ahead to September and October we have many opportunities to serve as Knights. The most important of all is our MI drive on October 8, 9 and 10. I expect all Knights to take part in this activity. To volunteer you may contact our MI chairman Jim Hanes at 946-1382 or 590-9205 and he will direct you to one of the site captains for a 2 hour commitment. All you have to do is stand and smile and collect whatever monetary donations people are willing to give. If you do not want to stand alone please ask the captains for a shift assignment with a fellow Knight. He would appreciate the company. All this money we collect goes to help the mentally impaired (MI) in Northern Michigan. I know I am grateful that God has given me this opportunity to make a difference by giving me the ability to do this service. Please find time to do so yourself, because *"It's The Right Thing To Do!"* Remember, you did not join the Knights for a

membership card, you joined to make a difference, this is a chance to do that.

It will soon be fall clean-up time and I would like a Knight to take charge and organize the church yard clean-up. We will get word from Father Ken after the leaves have fallen. I am hoping that Boy Scout Troop 31 will assist us this year.

Since my last newsletter several members after had serious health issues: John Roeser (heart attack and heart bypass surgery), Gary Hiatt (Heart bypass surgery) and Pat McLaughlin (Hip surgery). I am happy to report that all are doing well and have received "Care Bears" from our Council. They would like to thank you for the bears and all your prayers during these difficult situations.

Last but not least, we have several members (Howard Super, Skip DeMarsh and Dave Schuelter), that will be taking their 4th Degree the end of October, please pray for these members as they deepen their commitment to the church and the Knights of Columbus. The church and our Council need them and I am proud of them for their willingness to take this important step.....

Vivat Jesus,
Brother Dave Ski



Special Notes –

- We have a **New Council** in Our District Bay Council. Grand Knight Bob Crocker 271-3207 cell 944-4060. rc6sb@charter.net They meet at St Michael's Sutton's Bay. Be sure to welcome him and the Council!

- **Lake Leelanau Council** is having a Golf outing Sept. 11 at Sugar Loaf (the old Course) Time 8:00 am Shotgun start Price \$28.00/person Lunch included at St Marys (Fish Boil) Contact Denny Morio 256-7266, Jim Hogan 271-4327 or Brad Saxton 271-3324.

- **4th Degree members** have a Steak BBQ at St Francis on Sept. 11 @ 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$12 Call FN Greg Moe 218-6253

-**Catholic Radio** On Wed Sept. 8 at 6:30 Tom McMann will be having a meeting at St. Francis School. He would like as many Knights as possible to attend. They need help getting the Catholic radio station off the ground and this will be a real asset to our church, community and the Knights.

Upcoming Events

September 11	Lake Leelanau Council Golf Outing Sugarloaf 8 a.m.
	4th Degree Steak Fry St. Francis 5:30 p.m.
September 12	Pancake Breakfast 9 and 11 Masses
September 18	Major Degree @ St. Mary's in Hannah It begins 8:30 a.m.
September 20	Council Business Mtg. 7 p.m.
September 25	Corporate Communion 4 p.m. Mass
October 4	Council Social Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Family Ctr. "October Fest"
October 8, 9 & 10	MI Drive
October 10	Pancake Breakfast 9 & 11 Masses
October 18	Council Business Mtg. 7 p.m.
October 30	4th Degree in Cheboygan



Corporate Communion

On September 25 our K of C Council will be hosting a Corporate Communion at the 4 p.m. Saturday service.

You might ask "**What is a Corporate Communion**"? It's just a Knights expression coined by Supreme for Knights and their families sitting and praying together in Church at Mass. These are not for 4th Degree members..... a corporate communion is for all Knights. We are doing it at the 4 p.m. mass this time to share this event with more of our St. Francis Congregation. The Knights of Columbus Color guard will attend. There will be a potluck for all the members that attend immediately following the mass in the

St. Francis Family Center. Please contact me at 645-0730 if you plan on attending so we can be sure to have enough food.

The Knights will provide pulled pork sandwiches for the main course and I would like members to bring side dishes to share (potato salad, tossed salad, baked beans, coleslaw and deserts).

MI Drive

This years MI (Mentally Impaired) Drive will be held the weekend October 8, 9 & 10. On the 8th and 9th we will stand at several locations with canisters collecting donations and a handing out tootsie rolls. On Sunday October 10th we will stand at each of the doors and collect after each of our Sunday masses. I expect **All Knights** to take part in this effort. Please contact Jim Hanes @ 946-1382 or 590-9205 for a list of captains that can provide you your assignment.

Officer Instillation

This past August 10th the new Officers for each K of C Council in our District celebrated Mass and were officially installed to their new positions with their respective Councils. The Mass was celebrated by Fr. Wayne and the instillation was performed by our District Deputy Terry Hardwick at the Christ the King church in Acme. Good fellowship was shared by all following the ceremony.



Father Ken turns the big 5 0

I would like to thank all the Knights that took the time to help set-up and clean-up for Father Ken's 50th Birthday celebration on August 13th. This was supposed to be a surprise party but because it is so hard to keep such things secret in a parish as large as St. Francis it simply was just a day to celebrate Fr. Ken's special Day. I would like to thank Deputy Grand Knight Howard Super for representing our Council and presenting Fr. Ken with our Council gift. It was a special day for a very special Knight! Happy Birthday Father Ken from all your brother Knights!



Pancake Breakfast

I would like to have a group of Knights take a good look at our pancake breakfasts. We have some things that need to be addressed so that we are all on the same page. The purpose of these breakfasts is first of all to provide fellowship for our parishioners in a friendly, Knightly manner. Hopefully, if we do a good job with the food and the friendly.....our fellow parishioners will see the value in supporting our service to the church. I am very proud of our efforts with these breakfasts and only hope to make them better for all concerned. Thanks again to Dennis and Carol Davidson for organizing our three summer pancake breakfasts. Carol you do a beautiful job with the decorations. You both are truly missed during the winter months.....

“My Fair Lady”

Everyone who took the time to travel to Northport to see “My Fair Lady” was treated to a truly excellent experience. Both Mr. Fred and Cat Hall were simply amazing in their roles. This was our first venture to an event like this as a social meeting and although I wish more Knights could have attended. Those of us who did had a very special evening. The orchestra was larger than expected and sounded excellent. Thanks to Skip DeMarsh for arranging the tickets and this event. That Mr. Fred just has so much talent, we are so lucky to have him as our Music Minister at St. Francis.

Welcome Father Tony!

Please take a minute a share a thought or two with our new priest Father Tony. We are very lucky and blessed to have another outstanding priest at our parish. Father Tony will bring some much needed relief to Father Ken. Father Tony already is a member of the Knights of Columbus and he has assured me he will transfer and become part of our K of C Council.



Knights Birthday List

September

7	Worthy Carstensen
9	Michael Garvon
12	Jim Hanes
14	Randy Wheelock
15	Mike Heuss
	Fred Szczepanski
17	Ray Duell
19	Mike Putman
22	Chuck Grahl II
27	Jeff Niewiadomski
	Jim Schueller
28	Anthony Jankowiak

October

1	Gerald Kovarik
4	Howard Super
10	Gary Hiatt
19	Al DeWilder



Knight of the Month July, 2010

We would like to congratulate Larry Herman Jr. for being selected the Knight of the month for July. This past month Larry worked together with Roger Sladek to plan the 1st. annual K of C Pig Roast for our Council. Larry did a lot of work securing a location to hold the event and donations to help make the event a financial success. Larry also is an Usher and Eucharistic Minister for the 9 a.m. Sunday Service. Please thank Larry for his efforts both in the K of C and parish of St. Francis.

Family of the Month July, 2010

For July we would like to recognize the family of Roger and Gean Sladek as our “Family of the Month.” This past month Roger and Gean helped plan and cook the Pigs for our 1st. Annual K of C Pig Roast. The event raised over \$1000 for a new ultrasound machine for the Pregnancy Care Center in Traverse City. Roger has the expertise to plan and cook for large groups. He is also active with the parish as a Eucharistic Minister and Gean gives support to the Ushers at the 9 a.m. Sunday services. Please thank Roger and Gean the next time you see them for all the good work they do for the K of C and the parish of St. Francis.

Knight of the Month August, 2010

The Knight of the month for August is Gary Van Raalte. Gary has been very active in the council by bringing in many new members. He is a co-chairman of the MI drive. He along with other Knights helps clean up the church yard each fall. He is active in our St. Francis Church as a Eucharistic Minister. Please thank Gary for all he does for our parish and the Knights of Columbus.

Family of the Month August, 2010

The Family of the month for August is the Family of Skip DeMarsh. Skip and his wife Julie help out at almost every K of C function for our Council. At our pancake breakfasts they set tables, serve food, coffee and clean-up. They recently made arrangements for our August social event by arranging tickets and transportation to see Mr. Fred and Cat Hall in "My Fair Lady" at the Northport Community Arts center. Skip recently accepted the position of Warden in our K of C Council. Please thank Skip and Julie the next time you see them at church or out and about

Pancake Breakfasts September 12 after the 9 and 11 a.m. Sunday services

Contact Al Svec @ 223-4575 (home) or Dave Sliwinski @645-0730 if you can help.

MI Drive October 8, 9 & 10

Contact Jim Hanes at 946-1382 (home) or 590-9205 (cell) and he will put you in touch with a location captain.

Corporate Communion September 25 @ the 4 p.m. Saturday Mass.

Contact Dave Sliwinski @ 645-0730 or Jim Hanes @ 590-9205. We are having a pot luck for all Knights and family's attending so we need a head count for the food. Help will be needed in the kitchen ,serving and with clean-up. Side dishes will be needed also, our K of C Council is providing the main course (pulled pork sandwiches).

Pancake Breakfasts Captains

Looking for someone to step forward and be captain for the October, November and December pancake breakfasts. You do not have to take them all but I do not want to do them all either.....please contact Dave Sliwinski at 645-0730 if you can help.

Fall Parish yard Clean-up

This will happen with not much notice so please remember this is one of our things to help the parish. I hope to request Troop 31 to send Scouts to assist this year. I will let you know as soon as possible on the date.....

Spelling Bee

We will be sponsoring a spelling bee contest in November again. Volunteers will be needed to assist Al Svec with this event. Please contact Al at 223-4575 if you want to help. It will be held at Kohler Auditorium with the date to be determined.

Just For Your Information

On November 1st we will once again be treated to a special personal wine tasting at the Chateau Chantel hosted by our very own Al Svec. Al is a wealth of information about the winery and shares many of his experiences from his travels around the globe. Each year we do a short tour of the facility and then sample a few of the wines and enjoy some quality fellowship. Wines and items will be available for your purchase. This will be limited to the first 30 that commit so don't miss out. If we do not get enough from our Council we will be offering this experience to the Fourth Degree Assembly 499. Contact Al Svec @ 223-4575 or Dave Sliwinski @ 645-0730 to reserve your spot. I know you will enjoy this event!

The Final Thought

We all need to do a better job communicating! By this I mean that I need you to let me know what you can or can't do. When we ask for volunteers I need you to give me a yes or a no. It is very hard planning anything when you do not return e-mail or phone messages. We all need to work on this! Everyone is busy, please be considerate of whoever is asking for your assistance and let them know as soon as possible that you can or cannot help. This may interfere with your personal schedule sometimes but we can't plan events without enough volunteers.

Please take a moment and try to figure a way you can give more time to your K of C Council. Make it a priority this year! If you haven't been active for awhile now is the time to step up to the plate. I hear Knights complaining about the job other Knights are doing. Some of it is valid but I also know that the best way to be heard is to get involved. Your complaints will carry more weight that way.

We need you, your parish needs you! When you volunteer, you will make us a better Council and you will feel good about yourself for doing it! Be the difference!

