



July - August

St. Francis Council
13958 Newsletter

Grand Knight Report

Brother Knights -

I want to thank Grand Knight Jim Hanes for his leadership the past two years. He has accomplished many things during his time in office. We have earned "Double Star" Council for both of those years. This means that we have increased our membership, retained existing members, supported the insurance program and have been very active with Council and Parish activities. He also helped establish our scholarship program which for the past two years has awarded a \$1000 scholarship to a graduating senior from the parish of St. Francis. Jim made a huge effort to increase communication within the Council and to try to find ways that members could become involved. We now have a directory and calendar established which I think we have all found very helpful. I could go on and on but the bottom line is Jim has sacrificed a lot to get our Council to this point. Please thank him for all his efforts!

I want to take this time apologize to each and every one of you that have not received your membership cards yet. We have had some issues with getting the notices out and hopefully have those resolved now. Please, be proactive and return your dues as soon as possible, do not use this as an opportunity to procrastinate. This will be resolved, I promise!

As we head into the new calendar year we all should have many goals in mind both personal and as a Council. Number one should be to continue the good work of the Knights of Columbus and in doing so everyone should look at ways they can get involved more. Thank you to everyone that has taken the time and made the effort this past year! You have made a difference in our parish community and in the community at large.

I know many of you are active in other ministries: ushers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, parish council etc., for this our Council and parish is grateful. That is what makes a parish strong, when people get involved. There are many opportunities coming up for each of us to be active, don't sit on your hands and wait for someone to call, pick up the phone, come to a meeting, get on a committee, be a chairman of an activity or just plain make yourself available for the different events we sponsor. I have to ask you all a favor, please respond when a message is left for you or an e-mail requires a response. This is only courteous to the one requesting the response. The reason you should do this is the same reason that you joined, *"Because it's the right thing to do!"*

Vivat Jesus,
Brother Dave Ski

Upcoming Events

- July 5 No Social Meeting
- July 11 Pancake Breakfast after 9 am Mass only.
- July 11 K of C District Meeting Noon in Grayling at St. Mary's.
- July 17 Right to Life Outdoor Mass @ Oakwood Cemetery 9 am
- July 17 K of C Pig Roast to benefit Pregnancy Care Center 3 -7pm @ St. Francis HS Cafeteria
- July 19 K of C Business Meeting 7 p.m. Conference Room A
- July 25 First Degree @ Christ the King Church in Acme 5:30 pm
- August 1 K of C Social Event Northport Auditorium 2 pm. Mr. Fred in "My Fair Lady"
- August 7 K of C Summer Picnic @ The Davidson on Long Lake
- August 10 Installation of Officers @ Christ the King in Acme 7 pm. Mass
- August 15 Pancake Breakfast after 9 a.m.
- August 16 K of C Business Meeting 7 p.m. Conference Room A

Mackinaw Island Conference

This was my first experience going to Mackinaw Island for the annual Michigan K of C Convention. I was impressed with the tradition and fraternity that was shown by all the Knights and Clergy that attended. Many of the meetings were very long but they were very well organized and followed very strict protocol. It was very inspiring to see so many Catholic men pray and express their faith in such a respectful way. Together with Jim Hanes we attended every meeting that was available, most required and some optional but all very well organized. They squeeze a lot of information into each session. They also have a mass each day and that is also very inspiring to see so many clergy celebrate in one location. Several Bishops, an Arch Bishop and many Priests and Deacons were present. I witnessed my first living rosary. What is that you might ask? On the lawn of the Grand Hotel they set up a rosary and at each and every Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be they had a member of the Knights of Columbus Color Guard. Very beautiful to witness! All in all, I hope someday you all may get to attend; it was great learning experience and very inspiring to know that our faith is still so strong in Michigan!

Officer Training

On June 19th. Jim Hanes, Dave Sliwinski, Howard Super and John Morse attended officer training in Grayling. Several sessions take place providing training for Grand Knight/Deputy Grand Knight, Financial Secretary/Treasurer, Trustees, and Advocate. Anyone considering an officer position in the future should become a Third Degree Knight and then try and attend one of these sessions. They provide some basic knowledge about the functions of these officer positions. It is also a great place to meet other K of C Council members.



K of C Social at Silver Lake Park

On June 7 our Council held its monthly social event at the Silver lake Park. The event was well attended and many awards were presented. We honored the 2010 K of C Scholarship recipient Josh Kurtz, the Knight of the Year Jim Hanes and the Family of the Year Denise and Larry Herman Jr. A good time was had by all and the weather was simply perfect. Thank you to Brother Jim Hanes for organizing this wonderful Social event!

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Knights Birthday List

July

- 3 Al Henning
- 4 Gerald Jankowiak
- 6 Doug Izard
- 8 Mark Anderson
- 9 William Smith
- 12 Steve Peacock
- 12 Jeff Hendricks
- 14 Paul Bandrowski
- 15 Bob Hicks
- 18 Paul Kociemba
- 20 Mike Harris
- 23 Sam Pratt
- 23 Simon Wolf
- 26 Jerry Marsh
- 27 Rich Dunnebacke
- 28 Mark Fisher
- 30 Dave Sliwinski

August

- 3 Charles Harty
- 8 Jon Wall
- 9 Pat Hinds
- 9 Pat Lints
- 15 Fr. Ken
- 17 Greg Harrand
- 22 Ken Kleinrichert
- 22 John Bufka
- 27 Larry Herman Jr.
- 28 Larry Herman
- 29 Eric DeNoyer

Knight of the Month June, 2010

For the month of June we would like to honor Howard Super as our Knight of the month. Howard has been instrumental in our Council earning the "Double Star" rating. His activity as Membership Director has encouraged many men to sign-up and helped get them to their First Degree. He has also mentored them on the working of the K of C and encouraged them to take an active role. Howard can be seen helping at almost every Council event. He is also active as a lector and with the Men's Spiritual Direction group. He has stepped up and accepted the Deputy Grand Knight role in our Council. Please thank Howard for all he does for St. Francis and the Knights of Columbus.

Family of the Month June, 2010

This month we would like to recognize the family of Dennis Davidson as our family of the month. As you all know the Davidson's are snowbirds and travel to Texas during the winter months. As soon as they return they are happy to jump right back in and do their share. Dennis and his wife Carol are Co-Captains for the summer pancake breakfasts. Carol helps with the shopping and does all the beautiful decorations on the tables and Dennis keeps the Knights on track in the kitchen. They will also be hosting our K of C Council summer picnic. Dennis is active as an usher for the 11 am Sunday service. Please thank them for their efforts to help our parish and our Council.

The Final Thought

Each and everyone one of us has the ability to make a difference in this world. By joining the Knights of Columbus you have taken a big step to making your mark. It is now up to you! Everyone has special talents and gifts that can help our Council. Please try to find the time to share and take advantage of this opportunity. Life is too short, you have all seen that time waits for no one. Your time is now!

I look forward to working with each of you in the coming years. If I don't know you now I will! There are plenty of opportunities to help in the next couple of months. Here is a short list and people you can contact to sign-up.

Pancake Breakfasts July 11 & August 15

K of C Summer Picnic August 7

Contact Dennis Davidson @ 941-9432 (home)

K of C Outdoor Mass & Pig Roast July 17

Contact Larry Herman Jr. @ 271-6646 (home)
944-2170 (cell)

Roger Sladek @ 946-6946

Northport Outings "My Fair Lady"

Contact Skip DeMarsh @ 933-4817 (home)

New Council 13958 Officer List for 2010

Grand Knight

David Sliwinski 938-0001 / 645-0730

Deputy Grand Knight

Howard Super 275-7649

Chancellor

Gary VanRaalte 941-5361

Recorder/Secretary

Al Svec 223-4575

Treasurer

Greg Harrand 932-8907

Advocate

Pat Mclaughlin 690-0471

Warden

Skip DeMarsh 933-4817

Inside Guard

Larry Herman Jr. 271-6646

Outside Guard

Gary Hiatt 947-7322

Trustees

Randy Wheelock 947-2298

Jim Veda 947-2412

Jim Hanes 946-1382

Financial Secretary

John Morse 218-1113



FYI

We will be ordering more name tags for members soon. If you do not have one or have misplaced yours let me (Dave Sliwinski) know either by calling me at 645-0730 or e-mail at tcdski@charter.net

We are considering getting K of C Council Polo shirts to wear. If you are interested let me have your shirt size. I am thinking they will cost each of us between \$15 - \$20.