



# ST. FRANCIS NEWSLETTER

Knights of Columbus

Council 139581

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## Time for a Change

### Grand Knight's Report

I have really enjoyed being your Grand Knight for the past two years. With growth and change comes new leadership. I welcome David and Howard to the top ranks of our council. Please give them all the support you have given me over the past two years. Also I encourage you to become more active. These two will make a very good team.

### Carl Zotter

#### Brother Knights –

Next Saturday, June 5th. at 10 a.m. there will be a funeral service for Brother Carl Zotter at St. Francis parish. As many of you know, Carl recently joined our Council after a extended period of inactivity. He first joined and did his First Degree with the Knights of Columbus in October of 1959. He wanted to renew his commitment because he wanted to make a difference and because he remembered the good times he had working with the Knights years ago. In the short time Carl was with our Council he touched many of us with his kindness. He was active by attending our meetings, selling raffle tickets and the weekend before he passed, he helped distribute baby bottles for the Pregnancy Care Center at church. Having the opportunity to meet and work with Carl has inspired me! At 90 years young, Carl did more for our Council than we can possibly measure. His contribution was more than just his actions, it was truly leadership by example. May his soul and the soul of all Knights of Columbus Brothers that have left this earth rest in peace.

### Social Picnic

Please join us for a fun evening of picnic and fun and welcome the new officers of our council. There are games for the kids, and adults. The council will cover the meat, drinks and table service. Please bring a dish to pass. RSVP to Jim Hanes 946-1382 with type of dish and numbers.

### We did it again

With the addition of Josh Niewiadomski we have again become a DBL STAR council. I want to thank all the members who have helped this pass year to make us on of the best councils in the Dioceses of Gaylord.

### Shining Armor Award

I would like to congratulate Jeff Niewiadomski on becoming our next S.A.A. recipient. Jeff joins Howard, Gary, and Eric in doing his third degree, being active in 3 event, attending 3 meetings and talking with insurance agent. Welcome Jeff to this selected group of Knights.

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## Calendar of events

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6-7	Social night
	Family Picnic
6-13	Pancake Breakfast
	9 am Mass only
6-21	Business Meeting

## **Knight of the Month**

For the month of May we would like to honor Greg Harrand as our Knight of the month. Greg has been the quietly performing his duties as Treasurer keeping our Council records in order since we first chartered in 2006. All this while being active as a Cub Scout leader for the Scenic Trails Council, working full time and raising four beautiful children: Jacob, Matthew, Kate & Elizabeth with his wife Laura. Greg also makes himself available whenever possible to help with the pancake breakfasts, K of C annual raffle, and other K of C functions. Greg is a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus, please take the time to congratulate him and thank him for his commitment to the K of C and for helping to keep our Council financial affairs in order!

## **Family of the Month**

This month we would like to recognize the family of Mark Anderson as the family of the month. Mark and his wife Lee Ann also have four lovely children: Margaret, Clare, Amy and Maximilian. This past month Mark organized our second annual Knights of Columbus Scholarship. He did this by soliciting the responses and then organizing, copying and distributing them to the judges in a way that gave each judge more time to review the information. Mark also drives bus occasionally for the Grand Traverse area Catholic Schools and regularly attends our K of C business meetings. Please thank Mark and his wife Lee Ann for the good work they do for the Knights of Columbus and the parish of St. Francis.

### **Brother Knights –**

It is an honor for me to be invited to write an article for our newsletter. It goes without saying that I believe the Knights to be an extraordinary organization of Christian Catholic men. Aided by your spouses, you contribute greatly to the church, our nation and the world as a whole. We truly are universal and Catholic.

I was just thinking of some great world-wide work of the Knights of Columbus which include missionary service in the Philippines, Asia, North, South and Central America, Afghanistan, Haiti, Poland, India and assisting the military and Catholic Chaplains to name only a few. Just about every place human beings live; you will find the Knights of Columbus! Popes, Presidents, Prime Ministers, Kings and Queens have all lauded our outstanding work and presence to the hurting world. For that we are grateful and make a promise to do even more.

On the local level here at St. Francis you have been nothing but phenomenal. Whenever, as Pastor, I have called upon your help, you have never, ever said no. Somehow, no matter how much you already had on your plates, you managed to find the time to assist my endeavors. I won't even mention the many projects you have worked on in the parish, but they are known to each one of you and you know that today and forever you will have my deepest gratitude.

A special word to grand Knight Jim Hanes, who will be relinquishing that office soon but will continue to be involved as a Past Grand Knight, a title he earned and deserves. He has been under the gun so often to do so much with so few and in so little time that it is nothing less than miraculous that each and every time he and the brother Knights set out to do something; they came through with flying colors. God bless you Jim and may you take humble pride in all you have accomplished.

In closing, let us pray for our founder, Father McGivney. His inspiration continues to move us forward. We look to him for leadership and spiritual guidance. It is our prayer that soon he will be named a Saint. May the work he envisioned so long ago continue and grow with his heavenly blessing. God be with all of you, God bless America and thank you for all you do!

**Father Ken Stachnik,  
Brother Knight**

## **Birthday List**

6-5	Dave O'Connor	6-11	Mike Mawby	6-13	Jim Frick
6-13	Ray Plamondon	6-17	Bill Barton	6-29	Jim Veda 6-29 Tom Wyant