



# ST. FRANCIS NEWSLETTER

Knights of Columbus

Council 139581

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## New Year new Commitment

### Grand Knight's Report

We begin a new year needing your help in several areas. My captains and I have sent out e-mails and often only 10 to 20 % of the members respond. Please consider helping at something even if it's to pour coffee at a breakfast. If I can do that job you can be trained also. Each event we see the same people day in and day out. I am making the commitment this year to start calling you and ask for your help. We have a short time on this earth and let's make the most of it with helping the needy. It is really the right thing to do.

### Food Drive Results

I want thank the following individuals for the great job & their efforts to increase St. Francis' food pantry. Jim Hanes, Skip Demarsh, Mike Garvon, Jon Wall, Larry Herman Jr., Gary Van Raalte & Patty Hanell. And a big thanks to Ray & Rosie Duell for weighing and delivering the food to the pantry. We collected over # 750 lbs.

### Corporate Communion

Just a quick note: When we sponsor a Corporate Communion all Knights and their families are invited to sit in the reserved section up front. Color Guard is first followed by 4th degree and then 1st, 2nd & 3rd. Questions call me.

### Founder's Award

Our Fraternal Benefits night is coming up Jan. 4th. Father McGivney started our order with the goal to provide help and support to widows & orphans. The K of C has been providing this tool in their insurance program. Out of 96 members we have 62 of you to recruit. I invite at least one more new member to make our STAR council quota.

### Chili Night

Our next social night is a chili cook-off. Please call Mike Huess if you plan to come and enjoy. Please bring family. We would like to start eating around 6 pm the night of Jan. 4th. Please come and enjoy the fun and fellowship of the K of C and their families.

We are looking into bowling at Wilderness Crossings next month. Gary Van & I have to defend our high game & high series. Come and take us on.

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### Calendar of events

- 1-4 Social night
  - Fraternal benefits
- 1-5 District meeting Acme
- 1-10 Pancake breakfast
- 1-16 Frost bite drive
  - 12-2
- 1-17 1st degree Acme
- 1-18 Business meeting
  - we need to move it.

## Knight of the Month

This month we would like to honor Mike Garvon as our Knight of the month. Mike did an outstanding job on our K of C drive to collect food for the pantry at St. Francis. He has helped on our pancake breakfast team and with most recently with the Christmas Festival by helping to serve the Chicken Dinner that was such a huge success. He also assists the parish as a Eucharistic Minister. Please congratulate Mike the next time you see him and thank him for all his good work!

## Family of the Month

For December we would like to recognize the family of Howard Super as our family of the month. Howard and his wife Judee organized our Christmas party for the second year in a row at the ELKS club in Traverse City. This time he was even able to arrange a piano for Mr. Fred to lead us in a few Christmas Carols. Howard also serves the parish as a Eucharistic Minister, Lector and is helping new members learn what the K of C is all about. He definitely is leading by example! Please thank Howard and Judee the next time you see them for all they do for the K of C and St. Francis Parish.

## Christmas party wrap-up

Fifty-two people were slated to attend our annual K of C Council Christmas Party at the Elks; but neither rain, sleet, nor snow could keep twenty-nine brave souls from having a great time ... one person who will remain nameless (Pat Hanes) said it was the best party she has ever been to!

(From another participant) "Hey Howard! Thanks so very much to you and Judee for a fantastic Christmas party! The food was truly superb, the music was lovely from Mr. Fred (what a nice touch!) and the gift game was fun too." (hosted by Grand Knight Santa Jim Hanes)...

All in all...it was a very good time for the knights, spouses and fellow knights to get together at the beginning of the Christmas Season. See you there next year and a Merry, Merry Christmas!

## Santa Jim



## Birthday's

1-03	Richard Shumsky	1-10	Tony Glaza
1-11	Fred Deveneau	1-17	Justin Ames
1-14	Dan Shoup	1-25	Al Svec
1-30	Gerald Van Huystee		