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Faithful Navigator's Report



**SK Chris Sucher
Faithful Navigator Assembly 2050**

Dear Sir Knights and Ladies,
July was an active month with events that attempted to appeal to everyone. The golf outing was a success with the proceeds helping to support our charitable causes. The annual picnic in Kensington Metropark showed continued year-over-year improvement. The Michigan Philharmonic Orchestra put on a fantastic concert. Finally, the Officer Installation was held on July 22nd. This event had been planned, and anticipated, for over a year. Making

this event even more special was the combined installation of St. Mary Magdalen Council 12295.

Special thanks to SK Ron Forfinski in coordinating the Ugandan Beekeeper presentation at our last meeting. The presentation showed the progress that has been made, both the apiary and spiritual kinds.

Should you see Greg and Sandra Smigielski this month, please wish them well on their 50th wedding anniversary. Many times I look at the names and dates and mentally note them. This milestone doesn't happen very often and special mention needed to be made.

Our next meeting location is being determined and will be broadcast on the email paragraph. It will not be a potluck event in any case.

Vivat Jesus!
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Calendar of Events August

August 21 Memories Classic Car Cruise-In
St. Mary Magdalene, Brighton
4 pm till dark

August Color Corps Call-Ups



SK Dave Russell
Color Corps Commander

August 19, 2017 Saturday 5:00pm Mass. St.
John, Hartland Corporate Communion Council
8169.

August Birthdays



Try and surprise some of the following August Birthdays of Sir Knights and Ladies. Say "Happy Birthday" when you see:

- 8-1 Ed Campbell
- 8-2 Michael Carrigan
- 8-3 Kathryn Backus
- 8-4 Betty Jane Prise
- 8-4 Nancy McElligatt
- 8-4 Anthony Blascovich
- 8-5 Mary Ann Meilak
- 8-6 Donna Price
- 8-6 Ron Falkner

- 8-6 Ann Marie Morse
- 8-7 Michael Bourudeau
- 8-7 Cathy Rayl
- 8-7 Charles Krochmal
- 8-7 Cathy Diamond
- 8-8 Veronica Russell
- 8-9 Kevin Schang
- 8-9 John Isaia
- 8-10 Dan Schifko
- 8-11 Tom Rey
- 8-13 Roderick Forman
- 8-13 Bernard Kazyak
- 8-14 Rev. Fr. Ben Werner
- 8-14 David Rabold
- 8-15 Diana Dunlop
- 8-15 Raymond Bonamo
- 8-15 Patrick Matlock
- 8-15 Justin Muholland
- 8-17 Mary Lou Somerville
- 8-18 Rev. Fr. Jeff Poll
- 8-18 Linda Schuldt
- 8-19 Linda Kinneer
- 8-24 Judy Forfinski
- 8-24 Marie Schafer
- 8-26 Tina Schwartz
- 8-27 Larry Pfeil
- 8-28 Matt Pulling
- 8-28 Nancy Hilker
- 8-28 Matt Pulling
- 8-29 Colleen Moran
- 8-29 Ivan Riffle
- 8-29 Bill Brown
- 8-31 Greg Kirchmeier

August Anniversaries



These August Brides and their lucky Sir Knights are celebrating an anniversary:

- 8-1 John & Marcia Russell
- 8-2 Ron & Gerry Falkner
- 8-3 Stanley & Nancy Fedewa
- 8-3 John & Kathryn Backhus
- 8-3 Bob & Nancy Breakiron
- 8-4 John & Cheryl Stawizky

- 8-5 **Greg & Sandra Smigielsk 50th**
- 8-5 Edwin & Theresa Weber
- 8-7 Roger & Jean Fenimore
- 8-8 Bill & Diana Dunlop
- 8-10 Deacon Pat & Margaret McDonald
- 8-13 Bill & Veronica Russell
- 8-15 Leonard & Andrea Wenderski
- 8-16 Bill & Vicky Pulling
- 8-17 Paul & Amy Gillman
- 8-20 Pete & Jonne Pasienza
- 8-20 Paul & Nancy McElligatt
- 8-21 Ted & Stasia Eisenhut Jr
- 8-21 Brian & Heidi Plott
- 8-24 Larry & Shirley Gagne
- 8-25 Don & Laura Powell
- 8-25 Michael & Jennifer Terry
- 8-26 Roger & Rosemary Cahaney

Fourteenth Annual Scrambles Golf Outing Sunday, July 9 Whispering Pines

A fun activity and a good funding project for the Assembly thanks to the organizers, volunteers, golfers and good weather:







July 15 Annual Picnic

A good time was had by all thanks to the hard work of the planners and volunteers. Pictures from the picnic:





July 22 Officers' Installation

At St. Mary Magdalen we installed our officers for fiscal year 2017-18:



Faithful Chaplain Father Dave Howell



Master David Buick



Faithful Navigator Chris Sucher



Faithful Commander Dave Russell



New Officers of Assembly 2050

Stiggy's Dogs Report



The Knights of Columbus again stepped up again to help Stiggy's Dogs serve our veterans dealing with Post Traumatic Stress.

Stiggy's Dogs has recently relocated to their new "home" operation in Hamburg. Their new headquarter facilities are far superior to their previously cramped offices and will enhance their ability to service our veterans in need. However, this new facility challenges Stiggys Dogs staff, dividing their attention between working with our veterans and necessary facility renovations/landscaping. Part of their landscaping requirements entailed clearing dense brush from their campus to make way for outdoor training activities.

Yesterday, (7-20-2017) our Sir Knights moved over 65 large "leaf bags" of yard waste from the rear of their facilities to curb-side of their parking for pick-up. Stiggy's Dogs staff was sincerely appreciative of our effort citing "...what would have been over a four hour effort was completed in less than an hour..." While a modest effort on our part, of only a few manhours and just the of gasoline to drive to Hamburg, this effort was considered HUGE in the eyes Stiggy's dogs staff, and a further validation of the Knights of Columbus support of our veterans.

Participating in the effort were:

Jerry Kunkle
Ralph Leroy
Don "Chief" Powell
John Yanok

Questions, comments - John Yanok - (810) 599 0099



Catholic Uganda Beekeepers



(L to R) Father Tarcis Baugama, FN Chris Sucher, SK Dave Jebb, & SK Ron Forfinski

At our July meeting we had two special guest, Father Tarcis Baugama from Uganda and SK Dave Jebb from the Saline Assembly.

I never met SK Dave before but he saw my "NO BEES NO FOOD" bump sticker on the bumper of my Jeep in the parking lot of the last exmp and put his business card under my wiper asking me contact him figuring I was a beekeeper. Dave is very kind man in his late 60s and is a commercial beekeeper in Saline. Originally from California he's only been in Michigan a few years having been a beekeeper since 1973.

Bees have been important to me before they became fashionable. I've been a beekeeper since 1999, past president of Michigan's largest beekeeping association and my honey was a consistent blue ribbon winner at the state fair (when there was a state fair).

Father Baugama is in early 50s and a very humble pious man. He heads the Brothers of St. Joseph the Worker a mission with 56 brothers. The brothers spend most of their time educating children in the Catholic religion while also hand building the schools. They get most of the funds for their projects from selling their honey and honey products. Before the assistance of SK Dave their equipment consisted of some homemade baskets and T-shirts with old recycled window screens sewed on the collars to make a hood. This is no small feat because the bees they have are the Africanized bees, the so-called "killer bees". So aggressive that when they work their hives they have to lock up their livestock in their barns otherwise the bees would kill them.

At the meeting they showed a short film showing their efforts. It's hard for me to grasp how these men go about their daily lives with such modest means. Father Baugama started a fundraising effort to raise \$10,000 for their beekeeping project. I'm proud to say Assembly #2050 donated \$1000 toward this goal. Father Baugama was moved he could hardly contain himself. He asked if he could give our Assembly a blessing. I can honestly say I've been a knight since 1991 and this was proudest moment as a knight.

The next day Dave sent me instructions how to send them the funds: He says they have a bank account at Barclays Bank of Uganda. I thought maybe some other Sir Knights would like to make a donation. I know that Judy will be making a donation:

Barclays Bank of Uganda
16 Kampala Road
PO Box 7101
Kampala, Uganda

Swift Code: BARCUGKX

A/C Name: INTERSERVICE

Address: PO BOX 4213
KAMPALA, UGANDA

A/C Number : 4008477

Beneficiary: BROTHERS OF ST. JOSEPH THE
WORKER
PO BOX 165
FORT PORTAL, UGANDA

Council Doings This Month



With apologies I lost the sheets from last month's meeting, especially to SK John Lefleur who never seems to forget. The best way to send me council doings is to email them.

Play the Assembly 2050 Lotto



No winner at the July meeting the pot is \$100+.

Prayer Requests (Good of the Order)



**Let us pray for our Brother Sir Knights,
Ladies, their families and their friends:
Tempus Fugit – Memento Mori
For the repose of the soul of :**

George Pace
Charles F. Diez
Donald A Mihelich
Chris Tyle
Anne Skeltis
Karl Overberg
Cecile Byrne
Fred Mandry
Eileen Sheridan

For those that mourn their passing: Blessed are they who love enough to mourn, for they shall be comforted.

For those who are ill we pray that they will find the healing power of God:

Fr Gregg Pleiness
Frank Kolasa
Tony Blaskovich
Margaret Withorn
Kathy Widger
Ed Schings
Liz Childs
Ray Tyle
Donna Goch
Jim & Lillian Roman
Cynthia Corbat
Cynthia Glubzinski
Father Jim Lothamer

Jim Kielczewski
Pat Hicks
Bill Hicks
Kathryn Gierlach
Father Bill Wegher
Tony Blaskovich
Mariann Brown
Marie Sheridan
Juanita Gudaitis
Deacon "Pete" Gudaitis
Richard & Karen Spanke

Memorare



For those who are serving in the military we pray:

Major Bobby Clements, Marines – Nephew of Jim Osborne
Captain. Matt Smigielski, Army – Nephew of Greg Smigielski
Sgt Chris Price, Army – Son of Scott Price
Benjamin Ryan – Grandson of Bob Ryan
Bradley Stanbury
SSG Vincent Wolterman, Army
Col. Chris Michaelson, USMC nephew of Jim Osborne,
PFC Logan Hinnars, USMC and PFC Jon Pizzo, Marines both grand nephews of Jim Osborne.
PFC Connor Lafrinere USMC grandson of Jim Osborne
"Darkhorse" 3rd Battalion 5th Marines and their families.

Lord, hold our troops in your hands, protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need.

Amen

Remember those who have given the last full measure of devotion to their country and for the troops currently stationed in the Middle East.

For the following special intentions we pray:

For peace throughout the world (especially in Syria)

Please say the following prayer:

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy, hear and answer me.

Amen

Note: If you have any prayer requests you would like to have printed in this newsletter contact the Editor, Ron Forfinski snorp@sbcglobal.net