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Grand Knight's Corner – Jerry Sulak

Brother Knights – How time flies - after enjoying the summer and a lovely fall, it is now the Christmas season, the most joyful time of the year. It is important to remember that the real reason for the season is to celebrate Jesus Christ's birth. Our society has commercialized Christmas to the point where Christ's birth is secondary to commercialization. This should not be. We, as Catholic Men and Knights of Columbus members should set a good example to everyone. The Church and our family should be the center for our celebrations.

It's been a busy fall and we have accomplished a great many things. The ones that stand out in my mind are; the Rosary Rally, The highly successful membership drive and information night, the Wine Tasting event, the Sweatshirt drive and wrapping party, the restarting of the Euchre parties, the Halloween party and the pancake breakfasts, also, the Corporate Communion and Christmas party, which was very well attended.

The Activation Committee has also been very active, circulating a council survey (results are contained in the following pages) and standardizing the sign-in sheets. All this will help our council be more efficient and meaningful to all.

We have many activities coming up that everyone should strive to be involved with; the Pancake breakfasts, tootsie roll drive for the mentally challenged individuals, Blood drives for the church and the Euchre parties. We have also been asked to host the Lenten soup supper on March 9th and we have 2 Texas hold-em events in March. To continue our success this year we need our membership to participate in all these activities.

It is important that we also continue to grow our organization. If you have a brother, brother-in-law, nephew, or friend asks them to join. We only need a few more new members to meet our goal for the year. I want to wish every member and their families a very Joyful and Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy New Year.

God Bless,
Jerry Sulak - Grand Knight



Results of Council Interests and Talents Survey

Thanks to all of you who participated in the Council Interests and Talents Survey. It is very useful to get the “pulse” of the membership to ensure that the activities promoted by our Council are in tune with your interests and likes.

A total of 71 Knights completed the survey out of the 169 members who were asked to participate in the survey; 65 members were excused from the survey either because of age or other factors. The survey completion percentage of 42% is more than enough to get a good idea of how we are doing. Additionally, several new ideas were put forth that will be evaluated and possibly integrated into our Council activities.

The names of the Knights who indicated an interest in an activity will be provided to the respective Chairmen to assist them in planning their event or activity. Members may be contacted to help out if needed.

The response to possible new activities is very encouraging and indicates that more “hands-on” activities, e.g., Habitat for Humanity, would be supported by our members. The results of this survey will be analyzed by Officers and Activity Chairmen and will be integrated into future Council plans.

Respectfully,

John Glennon

Dan Vecchioni

Paul Daniel

CONGRATULATIONS!



Family of the Year - Bob and Diane Walters



Knight of the Year – Patrick Murphy

Council Membership Report & Recognition

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As of December 31st, 2015 we have 235 Members, including 3 Honorary and 50 Honorary Life Members.

Special congratulations to the following Brother Knights who are celebrating milestones:

- Rev. Anthony Gathen, 30 Years in February
- John Marszalek, 40 Years in March
- Frank Darket, 50 Years in March
- Walter Wlosinski, 65 Years in February

Congratulations!!!

Dr. Thomas A. Dooley Council 5492
Knights of Columbus

**ALL THE PANCAKES & FRENCH TOAST
YOU CAN EAT**
Plus

Scrambled eggs, two sausages, applesauce,
orange juice, coffee, tea, milk

Chocolate Chip Pancakes
Hot Crimson Crisp Apple Topping
Raffle for Charity - win selected prizes!

- ❖ \$5 Adults
- ❖ \$3 for children (8-14)
- ❖ \$12 Family Plan
(Immediate family
Children 7 & under)



SUNDAY – January 24, 2016 From 8:00 am -12:30 pm

ST COLETTE ACTIVITY CENTER
To Volunteer- call: Bob Walters (248-470-7240)

**Pray for
the Sick**



- Mark Anthony Stanisz
- Judie Chiodo
- Sylvia Giczewski
- Rick Ferguson (K)
- Ron Rais
- Jim Dickinson
- Janielle Tchakerian
- Tony Gallina (K)
- Mary Gallina
- Geri Nickerson
- Del Stanisz
- Eileen Shaheen
- Mary Maceri
- Virginia Fernandez
- Larry Griffin (K)
- Theresa Walters
- Stanley Marentette (K)
- Stan Ptak (K)
- Ed Pawlak (K)
- Peter Walkuski (K)
- Tim McDougal
- Jack Little (K)
- William Sutherland
- Richard Legel
- Raymond Legel
- Tom Waling
- Claude Patterson
- Janice Patterson
- Deanne Haenka
- Claudette Menard
- Mary Jeffries
- Mary Ann Smiatzacz
- Mary Krawczak
- Joan Mason
- Mickey Herrick
- Emma Borsa
- Kate Daniel
- Theresa Wolski
- Mary Ann Barch
- Donald Raczkowski
- George Lim
- Lillian Lim

Pray for the Deceased

Gerri Pribik

Chaplain's Corner - Father Gary Michalik



Pope Francis has declared December 8, 2015 – November 20, 2016 as a Jubilee Holy Year of Mercy. Here is the pope's prayer for the Year of Mercy:

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved. Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief. Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the of the invisible Father, of God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy; let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error; let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of Mercy; you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

Mark Euchre Parties on your 2016 calendar

The first half of our Council's Euchre Party season ended Friday, Nov. 20, with 20 people enjoying a fun-filled evening of cards and fellowship. Now is the time to mark the second half of our Euchre Party season on your 2016 calendar so you don't miss a single one.

The Euchre Parties will be held on:

- Friday, Jan. 15, at 6:45 p.m.
- Friday, Feb. 19, at 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, March 18, at 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, April 15, at 6:45 p.m.

As always, the Euchre Parties are held in the St. Colette Activities Center. Players of all skills levels are welcome. Cost is \$5, and 25 cents for euchres. All proceeds are returned to the players in prize money for the winners and in a raffle for the money collected for euchres. Soft drinks and snacks are provided at no charge.

If you like fun, fellowship and cards, mark your calendars now for next year's Euchre Parties.

Shining Armor Award

Experience has shown that Knights who earn the Shining Armor Award are more likely to become active members of the Council. There are two different awards: one issued by Supreme Council and one issued by the Michigan State Council.

The requirements are virtually the same except that the Supreme Shining Armor Award must be earned during their first year of membership. The Michigan State award can be earned by any Knight; in fact, several of our members have earned both awards. Brother Knights who have earned the Shining Armor Award are:

Bob Rais	Supreme
Ron Zellner	Supreme and Michigan
Vince Sutherland	Supreme
Dan Vecchioni	Michigan
Paul Daniel	Michigan
John Guerin	Supreme
John Glennon	Supreme and Michigan
Joe Derscha	Supreme

The requirements for the Shining Armor Award are:

- Be involved in at least 3 council service programs
- Attend at least 3 council business meetings
- Receive their Second and Third Degrees
- Meet with their council's insurance representative
- Recruit at least one new member

Brother Dan Vecchioni is the Shining Armor Coach and is actively tracking progress of our new members. Any Knight who has not yet earned the Michigan Shining Armor Award should contact Dan for more information. Dan's email address is **danvliion@aol.com**.

Looking for Knights to be a Voice for the Voiceless.

Join us in peaceful, prayerful vigil at abortion site: Northland Family Planning Center, 35000 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan. (one block east of Wayne road on north side of Ford)

We meet there at 9am Saturday mornings.

Any questions please call Brother Rick Mesner 734-536-6093, Thank you.

Calendar of Events & Meeting Times

Officers Meetings

Meetings are the first Thursday of each month @ 7 p.m. "sharp" St. Colette Activities Center -

Membership Meetings

Meetings are the second Thursday of each month @ 7 p.m. "sharp" - St. Colette Activities Center

JANUARY						
Thursday	7-Jan	6:30PM	Program Meeting	Room B		
Thursday	7-Jan	7pm	Officers Meeting	Room B		
Thursday	14-Jan	6pm	Scholarship Meeting	Room C		
Thursday	14-Jan	7pm	General Membership Meeting	Activity Center		
Friday	15-Jan	6:45pm	Euchre Party	Activity Center		
Saturday	22-Jan	9am	Pancake breakfast set up	Activity Center		
Sunday	23-Jan	8-12am	Pancake Breakfast	Activity Center		
Sunday	31-Jan		Donuts Sunday	Church		
FEBRUARY						
Thursday	3-Mar	6:30pm	Charity Committee Meeting	Room B		
Thursday	3-Mar	7pm	Officers Meeting	Room B		
Wednesday	10-Feb		Ash Wednesday	Church		
Thursday	11-Feb	6pm	Scholarship meeting	Room C		
Thursday	11-Feb	7pm	General Membership Meeting	Activity Center		
Friday	12-Feb	7:30 PM	Euchre Party	Activity Center		
Sunday	21-Feb	9:30am	Corporate Communion	Church		
Sunday	28-Feb		Donuts Sunday	Church		
MARCH						
Thursday	3-Mar	6:30pm	Charity Comm Meeting	Room B		
Thursday	3-Mar	7:PM	Officers Meeting	Room B		
Sat/Sunday	Mar 5/6		Blood Drive Sign up	Church		
Saturday	5-Mar	9am	Pancake breakfast set up	Activity Center		
Sunday	6-Mar	8-12am	Pancake Breakfast	Activity Center		
Wednesday	9-Mar	6:00PM	Lenten soup Supper	Church		
Thursday	10-Mar	6pm	Chilli Dinner	Activity Center		
Thursday	10-Mar	7pm	General Membership Meeting	Activity Center		
Fri/Sat/Sun	Mar11-13		Mens Retreat	Off-Site		
Sat/Sunday	Mar 12/13		Blood Drive Sign up	Church		
Wed to Sat	Mar 16-19		Texas Hold'em	Doc's		
Thursday	17-Mar	1:00 PM	Blood Drive	Activity Center		
Fri/Sat/Sun	Mar 18-20		Tootsie Roll Drive	Various		
Friday	18-Mar	7:30 PM	Euchre Party	Activity Center		
Sunday	27-Mar		Easter Sunday	Church		
Wed to Sat	Mar 30 to Apr2		Texas Hold'em	Doc's		

Birthdays and Anniversaries - God Bless!

BIRTHDAYS

Fr. Henry Roodbeen	1/1
Juan Maldonado	1/1
Rich Dreslinski	1/2
Ed Henderson	1/2
Jim Banar	1/3
Michael Liening	1/3
Nicholas Lisowski	1/5
Dale Brown	1/6
Hon. Brian Zahra	1/9
Ric Galindo	1/9
Bob Richter	1/10
Hyginus Dsouza	1/11
Craig Cebulskie	1/12
Bill Roberts	1/12
Paul Zigman PGK	1/15
David Elam	1/19
Michael Potochick	1/21
Glenn Gardner	1/24
John Little PGK	1/28
Rick Wilk	2/6
Mike Lehane	2/7
Tim Treppa	2/7
Lou Fiorentino	2/8
Gary Nieckarz	2/9
Thomas Waling	2/11
Paul Kullen	2/15
David Griffin	2/16
Chuck Scarlett	2/16
Bill Alderman	2/18
Benny Rembisz	2/20
Fr. Gary Michalik	2/22
Shane Brazeika	2/22
Walter Wlosinski	2/23
Bob Walters	2/23
Fr. Michael Loyson	2/26
Allen Walker	2/27
John Kay	2/28
Roy Sgroi	2/28
Frank Darket	3/1
Tom Engelhart	3/1
Mark Tomaszewski	3/1
Rich Mesner	3/5
Patrick Murphy	3/5
Gary Miller	3/6
Norb Giczewski PGK	3/15
John Marszalek	3/16
Dan Vecchioni PGK	3/16
Joseph Maceri	3/16
Bill Cohan	3/17
Bob Evanski	3/18
Mark Burek	3/20
James Hebert	3/22
Patrick Fenech	3/23
Jerry Sulak	3/23
Mike Felczak	3/24
Richard Szymanski	3/26
Leonard Lewandowski	3/28
Thomas LaMacchia	3/29
Samuel Mazzara	3/31

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

January	Years
Dale & Elizabeth Brown	32
Bill & Susie McCarley	46
February	
Imad & Mireille AlFarah	23
Tim & Mary Dettloff	37
George & Lillian Lim	51
John & Mary Ann Marszalek	17
Charles & Patricia Scarlett	66
March	
Mark & Debby Chesney	31

2016 Membership Dues

Dues for the 2016 Membership Year have been mailed out and you all should have received them. Departing from previous years policy, the Dues statements have been Mailed in hard copy. No Dues Invoices were sent via Email. The Officer's have agreed to maintain the dues at \$35 for 2016. However, the Officer's have also agreed to add a \$5 late charge for dues not received after January 16th, 2015. This added charge is intended to encourage prompt payment and to reduce the need for redundant mailings and follow-up contact when dues payment is delinquent. Please continue to make your generous voluntary contributions to the Boysville, Take 5 Program and the Fr. McGivney Chair for Life Ethics. Our Council is assessed a quota by our State Council to support these programs. Donation shortfalls mean that monies from our fundraisers must be reallocated to these State sponsored programs. **Thank you for your financial support and all that you do for our Council. Lou Fiorentino, Financial Secretary**

ANNUITIES

The beauty of our annuity products lies squarely in their simplicity and security. They are simple from the standpoint that they're fixed in nature. They provide long-term accumulation of wealth, specifically designed for retirement needs. There are no hidden management fees or annual charges. (Surrender charges may apply).

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Whether you're looking to start a retirement savings program or moving substantial, more volatile funds into 'safer waters', the Knights of Columbus offers programs that can help you achieve your goals.

Greg Bennett

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