



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Knights of Columbus

March 2010

Sanford Council 8043

Grand Knight's Column

Grand Knight Bob Yahrmart is vacationing this month. Let me attempt to mention some items that I'm sure Bob would have included in his note...

Don't forget the bolld drive coming up this month. After a period of decline, the past few have turned around and we have steadily increased the number of donors. Please make every effort to keep this trend going. And thanks in advance to all the chili makers for the blood drive to be held on the 13th.

Hopefully, for all of you that are 1st degree, you took advantage of the major degree in Pinconning on the 7th of February

A big event for our council, the organizations in Midland County that rely on our support, and also for the State Council – the annual Tootsie Roll Drive will be held the last weekend of this month. If you are asked to put in a shift or two, please consider it and do it willingly. We have experienced a continual increase each year in the amount collected. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate. Some have asked if this could be held when the weather is better, but the only option that we have in Michigan is to do it on Columbus Day weekend in October. Let's discuss this at the coming meeting.

VIVAT JESUS.

Bob Yahrmart, Grand Knight (PGK Chuck Batcke in abstentia)

Blood Drive

Our next blood drive will be on March 13 from 7 AM – 1 PM. Our last drive on January 16 netted 44 pints from the donors that registered. If you would like to donate some chili for the March event, please bring it in that morning. We also have our dates for the next five years – always the second Saturday of the odd months of the year.

Motion to Spend at Least \$500

At the February meeting a motion was made and supported to donate \$500 plus the proceeds of the February pancake breakfast to a diocesan K of C effort to purchase an ultrasound machine to allow mothers who may be trying to decide whether or not to allow their pregnancy to continue. By all of the councils in the Saginaw Diocese raising a total of \$12,500, a matching grant is available to purchase this.

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Key Dates to remember:

Please volunteer to help if you can.

Mar	1	Council Meeting – 7 PM
Mar	13	Blood Drive – 7 AM – 1 PM
Mar	23	4 th Degree Mtg – Midland – 7 PM
Mar	26-28	Tootsie Roll Drive
Mar	28	Pancake Breakfast – 9AM – 12:30
Mar	29	Officers/Directors Mtg – 7 PM
Mar	31	Family Hour of Prayer – 6 PM

Knight of the Month

Our Knight of the Month for February honor went to Gus Vitale. Gus is involved in every council event (breakfasts, sweatshirts, Special Olympics, etc.) and attends every meeting. Please congratulate Gus when you see him.

Family of the Month

Our January Family of the Month honor went to Gary and Barb Rutherford. Both are ushers – both on weekends and at funerals. Gary prepared all of the cards that we presented to the widows with their Christmas baskets. Both make sure that the ill make it to the hospitals and doctors and visit the homebound and are generous to the parish and the needy. Please offer your congratulations to the Rutherfords when you see them.

Good of the Order

Please keep the following people on your prayer list and in your prayers: Percy Allbee, Ann Andrews, Debby Bailey, Bill Brines, Wilbur Edgar, PGK Mike Ford, PGK Arnie Fuhrman, Ethyl Gilmet, Truman Gilmet, Jim House, Mary Jane Howe, Deacon Ed Kebblish, Kelly Keeley, Jerry C. Kole, Briann Kratz, Doris Lyon, Paul Lyon, Joy Majeske, Marguerite Mueller, Linda Nightlinger, Colin Pahl, Paul Prebay, Clydene Randall, Robert Randall, John Riha, John Roberts, Louis Schmidt, Dee Siegel, Father Vern, Albert J. Snider Sr., Olympia Vitale, Ned Weckesser, Jerry Wirbel, Alexandria Wood, Steve Youngblood, Marge Zitta and Ron Zitta.

Father Vern needs prayers, cards and visits

Our first chaplain, and, in fact, the person who began our council in 1982, Fr. Vern Sierminski has been in a nursing home in Bay City for several months now. He is at Bay Medical Care Facility, 564 W. Hampton Rd Room E 121, Bay City MI 48732-9710.

Ditto for Sam MacCutcheon

Sam has moved to 300 Brackenwoods in Midland, just off Dublin between Saginaw Rd and Wackerly St. Sam would also appreciate visitors. His phone number is 636-7396.

Pancake Breakfast

Our next breakfast will be on Sunday, March 28. Thanks in advance to all who work and thanks to all our members who support us by enjoying a fine breakfast.



Knights of Columbus Sanford Council 8043

Officers and directors

- Chaplain - Fr. Dan Fox
- District Deputy, Dave Leonard PGK
- Grand Knight - Robert Yahrmarkt – 689-3311
- Deputy Grand Knight – Frank Allbee Jr.
- Chancellor – Mark Wackerle
- Recorder - Erich Molitor
- Financial Secretary–Chuck Batcke PGK - 631-8076
- Treasurer – Fred Lyon
- Advocate – Bob Sheets
- Warden – Jerry Wirbel
- Inside Guard - Ken Sisco
- Outside Guard - Frank Allbee
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- Trustee 2 yr. - Dennis Taylor PGK
- Trustee 1 yr. - Don Fortier
- Lecturer – Dave Schrader
- Program Director – Frank Allbee Jr., DGK
- Blood Drive Director – Jeff McGraw
- Fund Raising Director - Ron Bigelow
- Membership Director – Jud Tucker
- Family Activities Director – OPEN**
- Church Activities Director – Bill Carey
- Newsletter Editor – Chuck Batcke PGK
- Public Relations Director – Chuck Batcke PGK
- Pro-Life Couple – Jack and Liz Stong
- Council Activities Director - Rich Prebay
- Youth Activities Director - Paul Adam
- Vocation Director - Howard Henris
- K of C Ins Agent – Jon French - 989-792-5632

A Note About Dues - 13 Regular Members Unpaid

Dues are due! So far over 115 of you have paid your 2010 dues and most of you have included the voluntary contributions to the State's Take 5 program and the Chair of Life Ethics at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. Thank you very much.

A note about the Culture of Life Fund – this is not a voluntary contribution, but rather an assessment from Supreme to all of the regular membership. This **MUST BE** paid – **it is not voluntary**. So far, five of you have remitted your dues, but left off this assessment, so this \$2.00 will be a balance forward to your next year's dues.

For the 13 members who still have not remitted their dues as yet, please take care of this matter as soon as possible. Since your Financial Secretary has headed south for the winter, the mail will be delayed as it has to be forwarded. If you are experiencing a financial difficulty, please contact GK Bob Yahrmarkt to work this out – remember, at least \$32 must be paid.



March birthday list

Andrew Gordon	02
Paul Van Hulle	04
Mike McCann	08
Randy Kroll	14
Jeff McGraw	17
Frank Jeske	20
Dick Corbat	21
PGK Arnie Fuhrman	22
Dennis Howard	22
Duane Mosher	27
Bob Kucharek	30
Ken Kessler	31

Insurance Corner

Don't wait, act today

When you're family is hungry, you see that this need is taken care of quickly. You don't put it off until tomorrow; you act immediately to the best of your ability. As a provider to your wife and children, your responsibilities are great and your time is spread thin. It is easy to forget important tasks or let them slip to the backburner for later.

Everything, including your health, can change in the blink of an eye. Don't put off today what can't wait until tomorrow. As your professional Knights of Columbus agent, I urge you to make securing life insurance for you and your family a top priority.

It is my fraternal obligation to make sure that every member has the opportunity to protect his family with the Order's top-rated insurance products. I'll work with you to put a plan in place that will help your family when that help is what they needed the most.

Your Knights of Columbus insurance program is second to none. As the premier safety net for Catholic families for more than 126 years, our insurance program makes me proud. But I'm also concerned that too many of our brother Knights have not yet looked into the needs of their family. I suspect that, for many of them, life insurance has drifted to the backburner until tomorrow. Don't be one of them; move your insurance needs to the forefront today.

I'm at 989-792-5632 or Jon.French@kofc.org. Call me – let's talk.

Jon French.

Reports Sent to Supreme

For those who are members of this council, you will receive a copy of the semi-annual audit and the annual fraternal survey form sent to you in a separate e-mail, or inserted in this copy of the newsletter for those who receive a paper copy.

Important note - if you are receiving this by mail, each newsletter costs the council almost \$0.85 each and every month (printing and postage). It also takes about four hours in taking this to get printed and picking it up, folding it, taping it and attaching labels and stamps. If you can receive this by e-mail and are not currently, please send an e-mail to perrinebatcke@yahoo.com with **Newsletter Saver in the subject line and I will send you this newsletter by return e-mail to make sure you can open it.**

Did you know that we are saving over \$116/month in printing and postage. This month I will electronically send out 137 newsletters via e-mail versus 51 by snail mail (COSTING US OVER \$43/MO), so thank you for helping reduce our costs.



James Cardinal Hickey Assembly 2974

Michigan District 4

Midland MI

March 2010

OFFICERS

Very Rev. James
Wm Bessert
Faithful Friar

Matt Janson
Faithful
Navigator
631-6956

Fred Schaeing
Faithful Captain

Frank Cieszlak
Faithful Admiral
CC Commander
989-893-9622

Chuck Batcke
Faithful
Comptroller
631-8076

Fred Lyon
Faithful Purser

OPEN
Faithful Scribe

Dan Fleming
Faithful Pilot

Kevin Collins
F. Inner Sentinel

Chuck Zemanek
F. Outer Sentinel

Irv Potts
3-YR Trustee

Bill Lake
2-Yr Trustee

Dennis Taylor
1-Yr Trustee

Meetings
4th Tuesdays

7PM
St. Brigid School
130 W Larkin St
Midland MI
48640

Next meeting

The James Cardinal Hickey Assembly 2974 meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 PM in the St. Brigid Elementary School Grade Seven classroom. The next meeting will be on March 23.

Color Corps Notes

Worthy Midland Color Corps members, we have received several requests.

The first is from the Chesaning Assembly. They are asking for any Midland Assembly Color Corps members to help them at their Memorial Mass. They will be having a Memorial Mass next Tuesday, March 2nd, at 5:30pm at St. Michael Church in Maple Grove. The church is south of M-57 at Layton Corners on Lincoln Road. They will be having a potluck dinner afterwards. If you are interested in attending, just show up. At this time, Pat and I are planning to go and help them out.

The next two are diocesan requests for Color Corps members.

May 14th, Friday, at 4pm at the Cathedral in Saginaw, ordination of deacons.

May 21st, Friday, at 4pm at the Cathedral in Saginaw, ordination of priests.

I will not need to know until the April 27th Assembly meeting how many Color Corps and wives will be attending.

So, put these requests on your calendars and plan to attend if you are able.

Frank S. Cieszlak, Color Corps Commander

Not yet a member of the 4th Degree?

The next exemplification for District 4 will be at Bay City St. Stan's on Saturday April 24, 2010. The costs have been established - \$70 for a new member, including banquet ticket and \$10 more for a class photo. Guests for the banquet are \$30.

Now is the time to approach any member of our council that has been a member since October 24 of this year to get them interested in the Fourth Degree of our Order. FN Matt Janson has visited each of our councils to encourage each to consider the Fourth Degree. Anyone who has not been a Knight before April 24, 2009, but joined before October 24, 2009 can join, but we have to obtain a waiver from our Vice Supreme Master, George Dann.

Remember, each candidate must be a Third Degree member before the date of the Fourth, so encourage all of our First Degree members to make their Second and Third Degrees soon.

Get those form 4s in as early as possible.

Fundraisers/Casino Trips

Some members would like to see us drop the casino trips, but we need something more profitable than car parking to take its place. In fact, McKay Press is planning to move in 2010, thus jeopardizing the availability of the lot for this event.

Schedule of Events

The following event is open for all assembly members.

Mar	2*	Memorial Mass – Saginaw – 5:30
Mar	23	Assembly Meeting – 7 PM
Apr	24*	Exemplification at St. Stans
Apr	27	Assembly Meeting – 7 PM
May	14*	Ordination of Deacons – 4 PM
May	21*	Ordination of Priests – 4 PM
May	25*	Assembly Meeting – 7 PM

*Regalia required for Color Corps members, tuxedos for those not planning to be in regalia.

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Faithful Scribe Position Is Open

Our current Faithful Scribe, Mark Larsen has resigned due to the fact that his new job position will require him to travel extensively. A new Faithful Scribe was hopefully appointed at the February meeting to replace Mark for the remainder of his term.

February Meeting Notes

No information was received at this time from the February meeting.

Thank You from Helen Berg

A beautiful thank you was received from Helen Berg. Here's is what she said:

Dear Charles and to all members of the James Cardinal Hickey Assembly 2974, THANK YOU for the wonderful tribute to Tim, what a beautiful picture of his complete outfit and the way you gave him a good send off to see God. I am sure he has already started another KC assembly in heaven. God Bless all of you, Sincerely, Helen, Marie, Matt and Theresa Berg

Good of the Order

Please pray for Percy Allbee, Cheryl Collins, Arnie Fuhrman, Ethyl Gilmet, Doris Lyon, Paul Lyon, Laz Olvera, Colin Pahl, Clydene Randall, Robert Randall, Louie Schmidt, Dee Siegel, Albert Snider Sr., Steve Youngblood, Gregg Zank, all of the sick on the parish lists and all those in uniform protecting our way of life. Please remember all in your prayers.

Dues Update – Two to go!!!

Your 2010 dues are due! Thank you to the 43 members who have already paid. There are still 2 members who owe dues. Any dues that have not received by now will be delayed as your Faithful Comptroller is now in Florida and mail is being forwarded – thus the delay. Please attend to this today.



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 Sanford, MI 48657-9418

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March 2010						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Council Meeting 7 PM				Auburn Fish Fry 3:30-7:30	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
						Blood Drive – 7 AM – 1 PM
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
					Auburn Fish Fry 3:30-7:30	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		4 th Degree Meeting Midland – 7 PM			Tootsie Roll Drive	Tootsie Roll Drive
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
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