



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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**Knights of Columbus**

**September 2010**

**Sanford Council 8043**

## **Grand Knight's Column**

### **Brother Knights,**

The month of August has come and gone rather quickly. This serves to remind all of us that we have limited time in this world to complete all of the acts of charity expected of us by our Lord and to properly acknowledge family and friends. During this month of September as the young of our society go back to school please think about sharing with your child, grandchild, niece, nephew, or others how important of a role they play today and what they can accomplish in the future if they focus in the right direction and on the things that are expected of us all. They are the future of the Knights, Church, and country.

We have a number of activities scheduled for September. We have the council meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Church hall, a blood drive on September 11<sup>th</sup> in the church hall, family hour of prayer on the 22, and a pancake breakfast on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Please think about scheduling time to support any or all of these activities in one way or another either as a leader, helper, or donating blood or bringing someone to breakfast.

As always please do not hesitate to call me if you have suggestions, would like to see something changed, would like to help with something, have possible new members or would just like to talk about something. My number is 989-636-5836 or my cell phone is 989-245-3890.

I also want to thank all of the members that take time in one way or more to support and help with the council activities. It is only because of you that this council is successful at this time and will be in the future. THANKS

### **VIVAT JESUS**

Frank Allbee, Grand Knight

## **Blood Drive**

Please come to our next blood drive on Saturday, September 11 from 7 AM – 1 PM. While our last drive did collect 30 pints we are way down from before. Also, we ran out of chili as only two knights brought in three pots. Fortunately, one knight donated a large bowl of salad, so we didn't run out of food.

## **Spaghetti Dinner**

Our first attempt at hosting a dinner was a success. We had hoped for 100 guests and we got 97, so we were right on target. We grossed \$536, including \$8 in donations and netted \$264.27. Thanks to all of the workers, both on Friday and Saturday and to all of the Knight's wives/significant others who donated desserts for the dinners. In fact, we had so many desserts that we had plenty left over to help with the funeral lunch on Monday morning. We learned some important lessons for next time as well.

Back to the breakfasts, beginning in September, but I think we will try this again.

## **Rosary for Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Please say a rosary on Wednesday, September 8 in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe with our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson.

## **Key Dates to remember:**

Please volunteer to help if you can.

Sep 8	Rosary – Our Lady of Guadalupe
Sep 11	Blood Drive
Sep 13	Council Meeting – 7 PM
Sep 24	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Mtg – Midland – 7 PM
Sep 26	Pancake Breakfast
Sep 27	Officers/Directors Mtg – 7 PM
Sep 29	Family Hour of Prayer – 6 PM

## **Knight of the Month**

Our Knight of the Month for August honor went to Gerald Ciuk. Gerry is a 4<sup>th</sup> degree member and attends all of our council events. Wife Cindy often helps as well. Please congratulate Gerry and Cindy when you see them.

## **Family of the Month**

Our August Family of the Month honor went to Dick Pytlak and his wife Bonnie. Dick has taken over the Special Olympics events and is doing a great job. He is a trustee and went through the training in June. He also is at every council event and his wife helps whenever she can. Please congratulate Dick and Bonnie when you see them.

## **Supreme's Family of the Month Winner**

Every month our council notifies Supreme of its monthly Family of the Month. Each month Supreme draws 100 of these submissions for a prize and June's FoM, Frank and Theresa Allbee's submission was drawn. Congratulations Frank Sr. and Theresa.

As a side note: I pestered Frank Sr. for many months to join the Knights and finally he accepted. He is now one of our most active members, a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight as is his son, our current Grand Knight, Frank Jr. So, if you see a good candidate and ask him to join and he says "no" or "I have to think about it" or "I'm just too busy", try again. And after the second time, don't give up. I asked Frank Sr. at least a dozen times, but I'm sure glad I didn't stop at one.

## **Good of the Order**

Please keep the following people on your prayer list and in your prayers: Percy Allbee, Ann Andrews, Debby Bailey, Gary Beyersdorf, Wilbur Edgar, PGK Arnie Fuhrman, Ethyl Gilmet, Truman Gilmet, Teena Helmeset, Dan Jacobiak, Kelly Keeley, Jerry C. Kole, Marguerite Mueller, Linda Nightlinger, Clydene Randall, Robert Randall, John Riha, John Roberts, Dr. Cindy Ruzsala, Louis Schmidt, Dee Siegel, Father Vern, Albert J. Snider Sr., Olympia Vitale, Patrick Wackerle, Ned Weckesser, Jerry Wirbel, Alexandria Wood, Amy Wood, Marge Zitta and Ron Zitta.

Also pray for the trapped miners in Chile that our Lord and his Mother, Mary give all 33 the mental and physical strength to survive for however long it will take for their rescue.

Also remember victims of September 11, 2001 assaults on our great nation.



## Knights of Columbus Sanford Council 8043

### Officers and directors

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### Right-to-Life Booth

Thanks to PGK Jack Stong for his diligence in getting fellow Knights and their wives/significant others to man the Right-To-Life booth at the Midland County Fair on August 17. Here's the list:

PGK & FDD Dick Plude, Ron Bigelow, Bill & Karen Carey, Frank & Theresa Allbee, Leonard Urbaniak, Ernestine Callahan, PGK Jack & Liz Stong, Jerry Ciuk, Joe Maj, Dick Pytlak, Gus Vitale, John & Mary Clements, PGK Bob Yahrmarkt, GK Frank Allbee Jr., Paul Adam, Erich Molitor, Jeff & Debbie McGraw, PGK Dennis Taylor, PGK Irv Potts. Thanks again.

### Happy Birthday Celebration

Beginning this month we are going to start a Knight's monthly birthday cake and ice cream party at St. Agnes right after the K of C Family Night of Prayer – September 29 this month. So, please come for the prayer service where your intentions will be honored and then stay for cake and Ice cream in your honor.



### September Birthday List

Clarence Ruggles	1
Mark Wackerle	4
Tom Gray	7
Ryan Kroll	7
Hugh Rottiers	7
Frank Allbee Sr	9
Howard Henris	11
Ray Ruzsala	12
Brent Begnoche	14
Fred Corron	14
Bill Bankstahl	17
Fred Schaeding	22
Paul Adam	24
Barry Skutt Jr	25
Jim Weisbrodt	25
Mike Rudy	30

### Insurance Corner

#### September is Life Insurance Awareness Month.

To help educate consumers about the need for and value of adequate life insurance protection, the Life Insurance Market Research Association (LIMRA) has published the following five facts. These statistics are certainly worth considering.

**Fact 1:** Nearly 75 percent of North Americans agree that life insurance is the best way to protect against premature death of the primary wage earner.

**Fact 2:** Twenty-four million households have no life insurance protection at all. Almost one third of adults have no life insurance protection.

**Fact 3:** Forty-four percent of all households either don't own life insurance and believe they should, or own life insurance and believe they need more. Among those that already own some life insurance, 40 percent believe they don't have enough.

**Fact 4:** One-fourth of primary wage earners feel they do not have a plan in place to provide a decent standard of living for their family if they died tomorrow. Twelve percent of families would immediately have trouble meeting everyday living expenses and another 15 percent would have difficulty keeping up after several months.

**Fact 5:** People would like to discuss life insurance with a qualified professional agent. They believe that buying life insurance is an important and complex financial decision. Half find it difficult to decide how much to buy, and 43 percent worry about making the wrong decision.

I'd like to meet with you in your home, at your convenience. I'll work with you to make sure your family is protected. As a brother Knight you can trust, I'll take the stress and worry out of the buying decision.

I'm at 989-620.0122 or Charles.Murphy@kofc.org. Call me – let's talk.

**Chuck Murphy.**

**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](mailto: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 49 by snail mail (COSTING US OVER \$41/MO), so thank you for helping reduce our costs.**



# James Cardinal Hickey Assembly 2974

Michigan District 4

Midland MI

August 2010

## OFFICERS

Very Rev. James  
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3-Yr Trustee

Irv Potts  
2-Yr Trustee

Frank Gerace  
1-Yr Trustee

## Meetings

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays  
7PM  
St. Brigid  
Rainbow Room  
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 Rectory Rainbow Room (enter through the Ashman St door). The next meeting will be on September 28. The Rainbow Room will be the location of all meetings until the new addition to the school/parish center has been completed.

## **Membership Happenings**

We welcome Fr. Rick Varner who will become a 4<sup>th</sup> degree member at the invitation of our assembly. Congratulations in advance, Fr. Rick.

Let's get working on this fall's batch of new members – **October 16** at Sacred Heart in Mt. Pleasant. While we had a 8.3% increase for 2009-10 (52 vs 48 – this counts the two suspensions, two transfers and one death), that fraternal year ends in June. We need to make up for the two we lost as well as several for our 2010-11 quota of 10% or 6 new members – eight in total.

## **Fundraisers**

Please forward any ideas for fundraisers to Faithful Navigator Fred Schaeding. Hopefully, we will still be able to land some parking at Dirk Waltz next year, but remember, we have to split the revenue with Waltz.

## **Good of the Order**

Please pray for Carrie Lynn Berney, Father Jim Bessert, Gary Beyersdorf, Dr. Jane Clark, Cheryl Collins, Chris Emeott, Pat Fothergill, Brother Francis Boylan, Ethyl Gilmet, Truman Gilmet, Teena Helmeset, Dan Jacobiak, Rick Peterson, Clydene Randall, Robert Randall, Louie Schmidt, Dee Siegel, Albert Snider Sr., Jerry Wirbel, Theresa Zemanek, all of the sick on the parish lists and all those in uniform protecting our way of life. Please remember all in your prayers.

## **District Meeting**

Please plan to attend the District meeting on Saturday, September 11 at Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart. You do not have to be an officer to attend.

## **Insurance**

Once again our assembly is coordinating the purchase of liability insurance for our assembly and the Midland county councils.

## **Schedule of Events**

The following events are open for all assembly members:

TBD	TDB*	Installation of Officers
Sep 11		District Meeting – Mt Pleasant
Set 28		Assembly Meeting – 7 PM
Oct 1-3		Provincial Meeting – Sterling Heights
Oct 16*		Exemplification – Mt Pleasant
Oct 26*		Memorial Mass – Blessed Sacrament - 7

\*Regalia required for Color Corps.

## **August Meeting Notes**

The annual audit was reviewed. Everything was in balance. Membership is now at 52 We initiated ten, but lost one to death, one to transfer and two to suspension.

PFN Matt Janson was selected as our Sir Knight of the Year. Congratulations, SK Matt.

## **Color Corps Notes**

Thanks to the eight CC members that came to the installation of Fr. Kevin Maksym as pastor at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Larkin.

Also, thanks to the four members who ventured over to Alma on August 14 for the installation of Fr. David Jenuwine at St. Mary's of Alma.

Please review your drill manual. We must carry the sword exactly as pictured, not use the "Michigan Carry".

Frank S. Cieszlak, Color Corps Commander

## **A Win-Win Situation – Copying Costs**

Staples has offered us a chance to save 10% each time we use them with the possibility of getting an additional 10% back at the end of the year if we use \$1,000 of copying. So, if you need copying done, consider Staples and provide them with #5773369573 and you will save 10% on your order immediately and will help us get to the \$1,000 amount that we need to get another 10% on the total. Of course, if you have a business that does a lot of copying; you can obtain a number for your business and take advantage of this savings yourself.

## **Officers Badges are in**

I still have Kevin Collins's badge. Kevin, please pick it up at the next meeting.

## **Caps are in**

For those who ordered caps, they have arrived. Cost was \$8.75 + \$1.00 for shipping and handling – total of \$9.75. I ordered six – four were spoken for, so we do have two extras.



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September 2010						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	LABOR DAY		Rosary – Our Lady of Guadalupe		Auburn Fish Fry 3:30 – 7:30	Blood Drive 7 AM – 1 PM
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Council Meeting – 7 PM					
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	Oct 1	2
Pancake Breakfast	Officers/Directors Meeting – 7 PM	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting Midland – 7 PM	Family Hour of Prayer – 6-7 PM		Auburn Fish Fry 3:30 – 7:30	