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St. Mary of the Hills Council Receives Double Star Award

St. Mary of the Hills Council 13950 received the coveted Supreme Double Star Award for membership and insurance growth for the 2007-2008 fraternal year. This award was received by only 6 of the 404 councils in the jurisdiction of Michigan. The award was accepted by Grand Knight John Hundiak and Grand Knight-Elect Ed Ratzenberger at the 108th Annual Michigan Knights of Columbus Convention. Having received the Supreme Star Award for the 2006-2007 fraternal year, the council was challenged to continue its growth efforts by setting a goal of achieving Double Star for this year. The entire council is to be congratulated on their efforts; especially, Fr. Stan Ulman who has supported and promoted the mission of the Knights since the council's beginning on January 4, 2006.

My Brother Knights:

It has been an honor and pleasure serving as your Grand Knight for the past two and a half years. What a marvelous way to end my tenure with the council receiving the Supreme Double Star Award. I have enclosed a congratulatory letter from the State Deputy at the end of this newsletter. With a beginning membership of 68 brother knights, this parish now has a council of 121 brother knights. Whether your involvement has been large or small, your council has made a positive impact on the parish life. I personally would like to thank Fr. Stan for his guidance and support throughout these growth years. We are so blessed to have him as our pastor, chaplain, mentor and friend here at St. Mary of the Hills.

As I you know, Grand Knight-Elect Ed Ratzenberger and I attended the State Convention. The 2 1/2 day convention went by very fast. Aside from the meetings, some of the memorable moments include the opening mass celebrated by Cardinal Maida, along with 8 of the State's Bishops and over 100 priests. It was a marvelous sight to behold. Each morning began with 7:30 AM mass then on to meetings. During the main business meeting, new State Officers were elected. For the 2008-2009 fraternal year, John R. "Bob" Moody was elected State Deputy. As State Secretary, Thomas A. Marcetti; as State Treasurer, Michael J. Malinowski; as State Advocate, Robert W. Fox; and as State Warden Kenneth B. Unterbrink. These men and their families are dedicated to the Order and we wish them success in all of their endeavors. The annual 'Living Rosary' remembering all of the

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COUNCIL PRAYER LIST

- Joe Bono, Jr.
- SK Jim Nicosia
- SK George Phillips
- SK Bill Sabanos
- SK Gene Wilson
- Lady Claire Bono
- Mike Angelo

COUNCIL ELECTS NEW OFFICERS!

At the May 20, 2008 meeting, the council elected the following officers for the 2008-2009 Fraternal Year:

- Grand Knight:
Ed Ratzenberger
 - Deputy Grand Knight:
Tim Polulak
 - Treasurer:
Bill Travnik
 - Warden:
Paul Blanchard
 - Chancellor:
Joe Bono
 - Recorder:
Frank Walkiewicz
 - Advocate:
Bob Jackson
 - Three Year Trustee:
John Hundiak
 - Outside Guards:
Gil Dutilly
Mike Blake
 - Inside Guards:
Bob Choma
Bob Sheldrick
- Congratulations, brother knights and thank you for demonstrating your commitment to the council by accepting these positions.

IMPORTANT DATES

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| 6/01 - Fr. Brian Cidlevich First Mass (St. Benedict's) | 6/18 - Council 5452 Golf Outing at Cherry Creek |
| 6/05 - Spiritual Night of Reflection with Fr. Leon | 6/21 - Assemble RTL Crosses on Church Grounds |
| 6/07 - Angels Way Golf Outing at Bruce Hills | 6/22 - 11:00 AM Mass with Outdoor Living Rosary |
| 6/14 - New Officer Training | 6/25 - SOS Dinner by the Knights |
| 6/16 - Flag Retirement Ceremony in Shelby | 7/15 - Council Officer Meeting |
| 6/17 - Council Officer Meeting | 7/15 - General Membership Meeting |
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BIRTHDAYS DURING

June

- 04 John Payne
- 04 Cindy Alessi
- 05 Chris Kozlowski
- 05 Beverly Azarovitz
- 06 Brian Huber
- 07 Donna Kopinski
- 08 Mary Judith Blanchard
- 09 Mark Havas
- 11 Gerry Turgeon
- 11 Nadine Medved
- 12 Dan Schulte
- 14 Bob Lasko
- 14 Sue Sacdalan
- 22 Isabella Lanfear
- 23 Lisa Thorn
- 25 Margaret Fadanelli
- 26 Paul Bailey
- 27 Larry Weisman

July

- 02 Dan Fredericks
- 06 Mila Rizzo
- 07 Cindy Kozlowski
- 08 Don Arnold
- 12 Meredith Driscoll
- 13 Ron Kozlowski
- 16 Jason Holland
- 17 Jennifer Wiseman
- 20 Stacey Cody
- 24 Jim Karbowski
- 25 Joe Mercury
- 26 Joe Rogell
- 26 Dave Gunther
- 26 John Naperkoski
- 27 Dave Josefowicz
- 27 George Phillips Jr.
- 27 Shirley Semrau
- 29 Leonard Babajan
- 31 Shirlly Sebastian

brother knights who have passed away in the past year was another moving experience. The Rosary was formed by over 100 Color Corps in full Regalia. At the conclusion of the Rosary, the balloons were released symbolizing the raising of our prayers to heaven. At the State Banquet, the Supreme Secretary, Donald R. Kehoe, spoke of the Order, Pope Benedict XVI visit to the USA, and most importantly, the Vatican approval of a decree recognizing the "heroic virtue" of our founder, Fr. Michael J. McGivney. This decree gives the parish priest the distinction of "Venerable Servant of God." If canonized, Fr. McGivney would become the first American born priest to be so honored.

I close out my duties as Grand Knight on July 1. I especially want to thank all of the council officers for their dedication and support. I value and appreciate the roles they play. A special thanks to all the ladies of the council who have who have done a fantastic job helping on our projects and their added 'special' touch. And, of course, a big thanks and a hug for my wife, Elizabeth. Her support for all we do has been unwavering. She is really a special Lady!

As Brother Knight Ed Ratzenberger takes over as your Grand Knight, I pledge him my full support. As with any new position, Ed will need the help and support of everyone to continue our council's great work in the service of the Lord.

Let us continue to do God's work with the fervor and zeal that has driven this council since its beginning. Remembering to keep God and Family first, get involved wherever you can.

God Bless You All!

John Hundiak
Grand Knight

YOU'RE INVITED!

Mark your calendars!

Thursday, June 5, 2008 at 7:30 PM.

Sir Knight, Fr. Leon will be hosting a 'Spiritual Night of Reflection' for all brother knights. This will be held at the Fr. Lynch Hall located at 870 N. Main St in Clawson (Livernois north of 14 Mile). Fr. Leon offers us a wonderful opportunity to get together as brother knights to pray and reflect on our lives as Catholics. Please attend if you can.



FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

June 16, 2008

6:30 PM

The ceremony will be held at St. John Vianney Church located at 54045 Schoenherr Rd in Shelby. This event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and everyone is invited. Bring your old flags that need to be properly retired and observe this beautiful ceremony. If you cannot attend and have a flag to be retired, bring it to church and place it in the marked box in the coat closet by June 15.

THE UNBORN NEED YOUR HELP!

Choose Life!

Once again, the Right to Life Crosses will be displayed at our parish. They will be assembled on Saturday, June 21 starting at 8:30 AM. Please join us in assembling these meaningful symbols of our support for LIFE. We will also have the 'Living Rosary' for the Unborn on Sunday, June 22 following the 11:00 AM Mass. Please join us with your entire family.

Thank your mother for choosing LIFE!

ANNIVERSARIES DURING

June

- 02 Tim & Wendy December - 24 Years
- 03 Gil & Dorothy Dutilly - 30 Years
- 11 Aurelio & Adriana Fernandez - 37 Years
- 15 Bill & Marianne Wiwek - 23 Years
- 21 Michael & Sue LeFaivre - 2 Years
- 22 Jack & Pearl Kotter - 51 Years
- 24 John & Elizabeth Hundiak - 30 Years
- 25 Don & March Zelazny - 48 Years
- 27 John & Trudi Showalter - 10 Years
- 28 Bob & Judy Kaskos - 28 Years
- 29 Michael & Barbara Michon - 23 Years
- 30 George & Sue Phillips - 29 Years

July

- 01 Anthony & Barbara Dulio - 41 Years
- 07 Eric & Betsy Chisolm - 13 Years
- 08 Dan & Bev Azarovitz - 41 Years
- 18 Dan & Nadine Medved
- 19 Rich & Betty Maciejewski - 39 Years
- 28 John & Karen Payne
- 28 Dan & Sharlene Schulte
- 28 John & Julie LaPointe - 18 Years
- 31 Bob & Debbie Jackson - 15 Years

WE NEED YOUR ANNIVERSARY INFORMATION

As you can see on the anniversary list to the left, we do not have the year of marriage for everyone. Please email our Financial Secretary, Paul Thorn, with the date and year of your marriage. This will allow us to acknowledge the anniversaries of all.

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YOUTH

CHURCH



FAMILY



COMMUNITY



Soldier, on leave from Iraq, awards his great-grandfather the WW II Campaign Medals the veteran never received!





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May 9, 2008

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Worthy Grand Knight and Dear Brother John,

And the end of last year I wrote to you to congratulate you and your council on attaining your membership goal. I indicated that an outward sign of any council's vitality is in its membership growth and that members' pride in their council would enhance this growth. I also called upon your council to continue its fast recruiting pace and add more Catholic men to your ranks, especially during our Order's 125th Anniversary Year.

Worthy Grand Knight and members of Saint Mary of the Hills Council #13950, I again write to you to thank you and congratulate you. It is with great pleasure to inform you that, according to Supreme Council reporting, Saint Mary of the Hills Council #13950 has doubled its quota for membership growth for the 2007 – 2008 fraternal year. As of the date of this letter *Saint Mary of the Hills Council #13950 has achieved 200% of quota in membership.*

I remind you that there are still 6 weeks remaining in this fraternal year. You have already proved that continuing to add Catholic men to your ranks is important to the council. I ask again that you continue to offer membership in our honored order and continue the mission of Father Michael J. McGivncy.

Congratulations to Saint Mary of the Hills Council #13950 for this wonderful achievement and we look forward to your continued growth.

Fraternally,

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