



# Knights of Columbus

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**Publisher - John Hundiak**

## Brother Knights

January was at first a period of reflection on the joys we experienced with family, friends and associates during Christmas time and the promises we made for the New Year. We were encouraged by Father Stan to reflect how God enters our life each day and our reaction to His presence. The first principle of the Knights of Columbus is Charity and many of our Brother Knights continue to be examples of how the principles of the Knights of Columbus affect the Community and the Parish with the charitable giving of their time, efforts and treasure through their volunteer activities. In Unity, the second principle, we join together to give strength to our efforts and in the spirit of Fraternity, the third principle we band together as brothers to help and support one another through our prayers, visiting the sick and performing good works.

Many of our Brother Knights are visible in the Parish and Community living the principles upon which the Knights are founded. Sir Knight John Hundiak and his wife Elizabeth can be seen helping at almost every event conducted by the Knights and the Parish plus assisting with Mass. Another such Knight is Frank Walkiewicz who works very hard to help the poor serviced by the Manna food kitchen as well as several other families locally. A number of you also help by your contribution of time and food and clothing. Your works of Charity are greatly appreciated as attested by the letters of thanks that we receive.

Sir Knight Bob Jackson conducted a successful Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest, ably assisted by several Knights. The winners advanced to the District competition. During the following pick-up basketball game stripe shirted Referee Hundiak watched as Sir Knights Jackson and Gil Dutilly showed their endurance and skills. Fun was had by all. Paul and Sue Thorn arranged for a bus load of people to make the trip to Washington, DC for the Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade in support of Right to Life. John and Elizabeth Hundiak assisted on the trip to help make sure everything went well.

All Knights with the First Degree are urged to continue with the growth in your faith and the organization by attending the Major Degree Exemplification to be performed on February 7 at the Pope John Council in Clarkston. Please contact Paul Thorn to register.

The Council will be conducting an Essay Contest under the thoughtful and able direction of Sir Knight Bill Travnik. The theme of the essay will be "Who do I Look Up to and Why". Eligible students will be members of the Parish regardless of which school the student attends. There will be two levels, grades 6-8 and grades 9-12. Urge your children and grandchildren to enter. There are good prizes for the winners. Even if they do not win the participation will be a rewarding experience.

The Lenten period will begin this year when Ash Wednesday falls on February 25. The Knights will have activities that we will enjoy together. Please plan to help with the Soup, Salad and Bread Dinner to be held on Good Friday. If you haven't been active yet please join in at any time and become involved with your fellow Knights. Your help will be greatly appreciated by those we serve and by helping it is guaranteed that you will be rewarded by being able to golf in the 70's, bowl 200, play the piano, get 40 miles to the gallon, dance the polka and you will have fun doing God's work.

God Bless you and your families.

Ed Ratzenberger  
Grand Knight

**ANNIVERSARIES  
DURING  
February**

- 08 Clem & Deb Valot  
34 Years
- 09 Paul & Meredith Driscoll  
36 Years
- 16 Mike & Mary Blake  
41 Years

**March**

- 29 Leonard & Sylvana  
Babajan  
5 Years



**WE NEED YOUR  
ANNIVERSARY  
INFORMATION**

As you can see on the anniversary list, 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.

Paul Thorn  
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**From the Financial Secretary**

Dues Notices for the 2009 Fraternal Year were mailed around December 15. Thanks to those who have paid their dues. If you have not paid, please do so as soon as possible. 2<sup>nd</sup> Notices will be sent out the middle of February. Please help save funds for the Council by paying your dues as soon as possible. If your notice was misplaced, please contact me and I can forward a notice to you. We appreciate all members.

If you are unable to pay dues because of unemployment or other circumstances, please contact Grand Knight Ed Ratzenberger and discuss with him. Only Ed and I will know the circumstances.

Did you know that when you have been a member for 25 consecutive years and reach the age of 65, dues are limited to \$10 a year? Once you reach 70 years of age, have 25 consecutive years service or have 50 consecutive years service, dues are completely waived. The key word is **consecutive**. If you have a break in membership, the time starts over.

If you are a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Knight, please consider taking the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Ceremonies. You will be glad that you did. You will not be elected to an Officer role unless you volunteer. I will notify you of available dates.

If any of your information changes, please contact me with the change. These include address, phone number, email address, marital status. If you notice that I have missed a birthday, anniversary, or years married.

If your Anniversary is listed but does not show number of years married, please send me the year you were married and I will update my records.

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**BIRTHDAYS DURING**

**February**

- 01 Sue Thorn
- 03 Robert Sheldrick, Sr.
- 04 John Hundiak
- 06 Carolyn Turgeon
- 08 Alex Kiwior
- 08 Michael Stuart
- 08 Julie LaFavre
- 16 Don Zelazny
- 19 Michael Borellis
- 22 Dan Greene
- 24 Fr. Strain
- 24 Roberto Ty
- 25 Elizabeth Hundiak
- 27 Mary Blake



**March**

- 01 Paul Kesteloot
- 02 Stephen Wyzgowski
- 08 Ed Ratzenberger
- 09 Larry Cojocari
- 09 Brian Semrau
- 14 Ralph Rizzo
- 17 Sue Fredericks
- 20 Mary Stuart
- 24 Pat Walkiewicz
- 25 Gary Moody
- 25 Jennifer Jozefowicz
- 25 Mary Troy
- 25 Gloria Norton
- 27 Tim December
- 27 Gene Ferrera
- 28 Adriana Fernandez

**COUNCIL PRAYER LIST**

- Joe Bono, Jr.
- SK Jim Karbowski
- SK Bill Sabanos
- Claire Bono
- Brian Huber



If you know of someone in the council family who is in need of prayer, please contact John Hundiak at [jhundiak@gmail.com](mailto:jhundiak@gmail.com) to have them added to the list.



**New Member Corner**

Please welcome the following new members into our Council:

- Tony (Pat) DeFinis joined the order on January 13.
- Ron (Barbara) Oniszczyk transferred into the Council during December from Council 5083 in Oscoda.
- Clarence (Honorah) Presnell transferred into the Council during January from Council 5452 in Rochester.

## COUNCIL EVENTS

### February

Sat 07 Major Degree at Council 5436 in Clarkson  
Tue 17 Council Officer and General Membership Meeting  
Sat 21 'Hooked on Ministry' Fair (after all masses)  
Sun 22 'Hooked on Ministry' Fair (after all masses)  
Sun 22 State Chaplains Tribute Banquet  
Wed 25 Ash Wednesday - Lent begins

### March

Tue 17 Council Officer and General Membership Meeting  
Sat 28 Spring Recruiting Blitz (after all masses)  
Sun 29 Spring Recruiting Blitz (after all masses)  
Mon 30 Respect Life Dinner at Burton Manor

### Why Should You Join The Fourth Degree?

I invite all members of our council to join the 4th Degree of the Knights of Columbus. Why? Since I joined the 4th Degree, I have experienced a greater sense of pride in the order. I have found that the 4th Degree unites K of C members across many councils, states and countries in the common goal of promoting patriotism, which is needed now more than ever.

The next opportunity to join the 4th Degree is March 7, 2009. That may seem like a long way off, but it will be here sooner than you think. To join, you must be 18, a citizen in the country you reside in, a member of the Knights in the First Degree for 12 months and also obtained your 3rd Degree.

Let us remember all those who have served our country, especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

John Hundiak, PGK, PFN



### State Raffle Tickets

The last issue of the Michigan Columbian you received contained tickets for the next State Raffle. For each ticket that you sell or buy, the Council receives \$1.00 back. Please consider purchasing or selling tickets and return sold tickets and checks directly to the State Office in the envelope provided. All prizes and cost of tickets is included on the tickets.

This is the easiest fund raiser that we will have this year. Please participate.

