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## Brother Knights

God brought Sir Knight Jim Karbowski home to Heaven. We as Brother Knights expressed our sorrow in part by saying the prayers of the rosary for the loss of a wonderful friend and in our numbers showed the spirit of Fraternity in support of his wife Marylal and their family. Please remember Jim, Marylal and the family in your prayers.

As we near the end of our Lenten efforts of prayers, fasting and charity we are preparing for the holiest week of the year and the feasts of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and joyful Easter. On Good Friday let us join together in prayer during the Veneration of the Cross and Communion Service. Following the services please plan to join with Brother Knights in a joyful showing of Charity and Fraternity by helping with the Soup, Salad and Bread Dinner either through the provision of food or help with the preparation, serving of food and clean up. The dinner serving starts at 5:00 PM. Please attend the living Stations of the Cross presented by the Youth Group at 7:00 PM. Co-chairmen Bob Choma and Arnie Vandercruyssen will be more than happy to receive your offer of food or assistance.

On Holy Saturday the days of preparation by Ken and Laura Corrión and John and Elizabeth Hundiak and others will culminate with a scramble by the children of St Mary's when they clean the gym floor of every speck of goodies in one minute during the Easter Egg Hunt. It is a fun time for the children and their families.

I had the pleasure of attending the Respect Life Dinner last week. It was a wonderful sharing of a life story by Kaye Lani Rae Rafko-Wilson a Nurse by profession who was Miss America of 1988. Her message of making a difference in the lives of other was inspirational and brought tears to ones eyes. This great event was chaired by Paul and Sue Thorn ably assisted by John and Elizabeth Hundiak. We were honored by a visit and the words of Archbishop Allen Vigneron.

Our Council will be hosting the Annual District Euchre Tournament on Wednesday May 6 starting at 7:00 PM in the Gym. We are looking for a Chairman of the event, Knights to help and of course players. Show off your euchre skills and carry the banner of our Council to victory.

St. Mary's will be hosting the South Oakland Shelter homeless beginning the week starting June 28 and running through Sunday July 5. The Knights of Columbus day will be Wednesday July 1. Let us join together in an act of Charity and participate in the helping of those in need.

The Soccer Challenge for children of the ages from 10-14 will be held on Saturday April 25. Chairman Ken Corrión asks that Brother Knights urge their children and grandchildren to sign up. He will be appreciative of any help on the day of the event.

Any of these events are a good time to start if you haven't been active.

Thank you to the many Knights who aid the Parish and work in the community living the principles of the Knights of Columbus of Charity, Unity, Fraternalism and Patriotism.

Your works of Charity are greatly appreciated as attested by the many words and letters of thanks.

The growth of the Council and the kinds of services or programs we undertake is dependent upon new members. Your help is requested in gaining referrals and if your referral results in a new member experiencing the First Degree you will be rewarded by suddenly being able to golf in the 70s, bowl 200, play the piano, get 40 miles to the gallon and dance the polka. Continue doing God's work and pray the rosary every day.

God Bless you and your families with a blessed Easter..

Ed Ratzenberger, Grand Knight

## ANNIVERSARIES DURING

### April

07 Joe & Celeste Mercury 37 Years  
 09 Bob & Margaret Sheldrick 55 Years  
 12 Bill & Blanche Travnik 51 Years  
 15 Bob & Jackie Szymanski 31 Years  
 23 Ron & Gloria Norton 27 Years  
 24 Ken & Kathy Vohs 39 Years  
 25 Pete & Alicia Arbour 3 Years  
 27 Fred & Tamela Braun 24 Years

### May

02 Alex & Shari Dominique 22 Years  
 05 Paul & Sue Thorn 36 Years  
 08 Paul & Margaret Ann Durak 44 Years  
 09 Kevin Neilsen & Donna Kopinski 22 Years  
 13 Gary & Denise Moody 20 Years  
 14 Steve & Stacey Cody 16 Years  
 15 Paul & Michelle Grandy 15 Years  
 19 Don & Cindy Alessi 14 Years  
 20 Mike & Lycia Borellis 14 Years  
 20 Tom & Jesse Kubacki 14 Years  
 24 Joe & Delores Rogell 57 Years  
 26 John & Marie Troy 19 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 redwng47@aol.com

### COUNCIL PRAYER LIST

- Joe Bono, Jr.
- SK Bill Sabanos
- Claire Bono
- SK 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 to have them added to the list.

## BIRTHDAYS DURING

### April

02 Steve Maffey  
 02 Liza Greene  
 05 Rich Maciejewski  
 05 Ron Oniszcza  
 06 Richard Alexander  
 09 Tim Polulak  
 09 Jonathan Grfka  
 10 Alicia Arbor  
 13 Anna Eusebio  
 21 Karen Payne  
 22 Bruce Vandervort  
 22 Carol Diem  
 22 Kathleen Armstrong  
 25 Mary Blake  
 25 Scott Thorn  
 26 Carla Vandercruyssen  
 30 Janice Vavrck



### May

01 Deacon Gene Kowalski  
 01 Claire Bono  
 03 Bill Sabanos  
 07 Jonathan Rea  
 08 Tom Kubacki  
 09 Margaret Sheldrick  
 09 Betsy Chisolm  
 10 Sharon Kowalski  
 15 Jeff Eusebio  
 15 Christine Klemmer  
 22 Arnie Vandercruyssen  
 22 Joan Grawburg  
 25 Dan Kennedy  
 30 Tony Dulio

## Fourth Degree News

Congratulations to SK Alex Dominique and Lady Shari. Alex joined the 4th Degree on March 7, 2009.

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 September 19, 2009. That may seem like a long way off, but it will be here sooner than you think. We already have one brother knight signed up for September. 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  
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### New Member Corner

Please welcome the following new members into our Council:

Mike (Niki) Sancimino became a member on January 29 in a ceremony in Berkley.  
 Tony (Pat) DeFinis became a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knight on February 7 in a ceremony in Clarkston.  
 Alex (Lady Shari) Dominique became a Sir Knight (4<sup>th</sup> Degree) on March 7 in a ceremony in Sterling Heights.  
 Bob Vavrck (Janice) became a member on March 10 in a ceremony in Rochester.  
 Pete Arango (Kim) became a member on March 10 in a ceremony in Rochester.

Next 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Ceremony will be on Sunday, May 3, 2009 in Lake Orion.

## COUNCIL EVENTS

### April

Fri 10 Good Friday Soup, Salad & Bread Meal  
Sat 11 Easter Egg Hunt  
Sun 12 Easter  
Sun 19 Divine Mercy Service  
Tue 21 Council Officer and General Membership Mtg  
Sat 25 Soccer Challenge  
Tue 28 Assembly 3082 Meeting at Sacred Heart Parish

### May

Sun 03 May Crowning  
Sun 03 Major Degree Lake Orion Council  
Tue 12 First Degree at Council 5452  
Thu 14 Men's Conference Part I2 at St. Anastasia  
Tue 19 Council Officer and General Membership Mtg  
Thu 21 State Convention Begins  
Mon 25 Memorial Day Parade

## Financial Secretary Notes

There are still a few members who have not paid their dues for the current year. The economy in Michigan is much worse than the rest of the country. Companies are downsizing, reducing salaries, anything to stay in business. It is possible that those who have not paid have either been downsized or had their salary reduced. If you are unable to pay dues because of employment issues or other circumstances, please contact Grand Knight Ed Ratzenberger and discuss with him. Only Ed and I will know the circumstances.

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. The next Major Degree in the area is scheduled for Sunday, May 3, at the Lake Orion Council. Please contact me if you wish to attend.

The easiest fundraiser we do each year is the State Raffle. You may have noticed the raffle tickets that were sent twice with the Michigan Columbian. We received a check of \$218 from the State Council for the tickets that were sold by our members. These funds will be directed to a Charity of the Grand Knight's choice. Thank you for the effort.

If any of your information changes, please contact me with the change. These include address, phone number, email address, marital status.

You will notice a list of birthdays and anniversaries elsewhere in this newsletter. They are also announced during our meetings. If you see that your birthday, spouse's birthday, anniversary and/or years married are missing, please contact me with the correct information. Where your spouse is concerned, I only need the year you were married. Birth year is not needed for the ladies.

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## Spring 2009 MI Drive News!

Congratulations to everyone who helped make the Spring 2009 MI Drive a big success. Special thanks to Richard Diem for all of his hard work. This year was very special. Our council had its best MI Drive ever. We exceeded our previous best by 3.7% bringing in \$4,174.57! Since our council began, we have collected \$24,787.03. Additionally, we had one of the Special Olympians with us at Hollywood Market this year. More details on this at our next meeting, Tuesday, April 21, 2009.