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Brother Knights

Congratulations Knights! The St. Mary of the Hills Council was listed as a recipient of the Founders Award for achieving 100% or more of the Insurance Quota at the Knights of Columbus Annual Convention. As of this date the Council also has achieved 100% of the Membership Quota and should be recognized later for this achievement. With all the projects that the knights participated in, our council should be receiving another Star Council Award!

Each day of the Knights of Columbus Annual Conference began with a beautiful Mass conducted by an Archbishop, Bishops and Priests for the Knights and their families. A second hall with a TV projection of the Mass was needed to handle the overflow of people. The Conference was a non-stop series of events and activities. Paul and Sue Thorn, the State Respect Life Chair Couple who are esteemed for their dedicated efforts in the Right to Life matters assisted in several of the conference activities. John Hundiak participated in the various Color Guard presentations of the conference and Elizabeth Hundiak helped with other activities.

All Knights are invited to participate in two Corporate Communion during June.

The first is at the 11:00 AM Corpus Christi Mass on June 14. The second event is the 11:00 AM Mass on June 28, which will celebrate the Parish's 20th Anniversary. Let us join together and give thanks for our many blessings. Many of us are facing new adversities and worries because so many businesses are having difficult times. A steadfast faith in God and prayer will help us through these hard times.

The Graduates who attend St Mary of the Hills Parish will celebrate a Brunch Sunday June 7. Ten Knights have been requested to help with the event. Knights will work between 11:00 AM and 3:00 PM performing set-up, preparation, serving and clean-up.

Another 10 Knights are needed to help with the 20th Anniversary function on June 28. This is lighter duty lasting only an hour. The time will involve serving and clean-up.

I found a program brochure for the first Mass held at St. Mary's which displayed a picture of a youthful Father Strain.

Please call me if you can join us at either event. Our Council members have been generous in volunteering time and energy in true Charity, Unity and Fraternity of the Knights of Columbus. Please continue to urge men of the Parish to join the Knights. We can be of better service if we have more members. If you have someone who is interested please let Paul Thorn, John Hundiak or myself know their name and telephone number.

May God Bless you and your loved ones for the inspiration and example you set for others and the lives you touch in God's name.

Vivat Jesus

Edward G. Ratzenberger
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ANNIVERSARIES DURING

June

02 Tim & Wendy December	25 Years
03 Gil & Dorothy Dutilly	31 Years
11 Aurelio & Adriana Fernandez	38 Years
15 Bill & Mirianne Wiwel	24 Years
15 Mike & nNiki Sancimino	8 Years
21 Michael & Sue LaFaivre	3 Years
22 Jack & Pearl Kotter	52 Years
24 John & Elizabeth Hundiak	31 Years
25 Don & Marcy Zelazny	49 Years
27 John & Trudi Showalter	11 Years
28 Bob & Judy Laskos	29 Years
29 Michael & Barbara Michon	24 Years
30 George & Sue Phillips, Sr	30 Years

July

01 Tony & Barbara Dulio	42 Years
02 Richard & Rita Alexander	49 Years
07 Eric & Betsy Chisolm	14 Years
08 Dan & Bev Azarovitz	42 Years
14 Jim & Mary Davis	53 Years
18 Dan & Nadine Medved	
19 Rich & Betty Maciejewski	40 Years
28 John & Karen Payne	19 Years
28 Dan & Sharlene Schulte	
28 John & Julie LaPointe	19 Years
28 Pete & Kim Arango	9 Years
31 Bob & Debbie Jackson	16 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.

COUNCIL PRAYER LIST

- Joe Bono, Jr.
- SK Bill Sabanos
- 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

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 Laskos
14 Sue Sacdalan
18 Niki Sancimino
21 Flo Choma
22 Isabella Lanfear
23 Lisa Thorn
25 Margaret Fadanelli
26 Paul Bailey
27 Larry Wiesman



July

02 Dan Fredericks
06 Mila Rizzo
07 Cindy Kozlowski
08 Don Arnold
12 Meredith Driscoll
13 Ron Kozlowski
15 Carol Azarovitz
16 Jason Holland
17 Jennifer Wiseman
19 Mary Davis
20 Stacey Cody
25 Joe Mercury
26 Dave Gunther
26 John Naperkoski
26 Joe Rogell
27 Dave Josefowicz
27 George Phillips, Jr
27 Shirley Semrau
29 Leonard Babajan
30 Shirly Sebastian

Fourth Degree News

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.

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Sunday, June 14 is Flag Day.

This is the 232nd anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777. Designated in 1949 by President Truman as National Flag Day, this day is used to educate all Americans about OUR FLAG. This year, several Knights of Columbus councils are joining together to conduct a Formal Flag Retirement and Folding Ceremony. The ceremony will be held on Monday, June 15 at 6:30 PM on the grounds of St. John Vianney Church in Shelby Twp. (54045 Schoenherr Road, south of 25 Mi). All parishioners, young and old, are invited to bring your old flags that need to be properly disposed of. If any veteran would like to attend, but needs a ride, please contact me and I will make arrangements for them.

I came across this quote from a 1914 Flag Day address by the then Secretary of the Interior, Franklin Lane. He repeated the words that he said the flag had spoken to him that morning: "I am what you make me; nothing more. I swing before your eyes as a bright gleam of color, a symbol of yourself." Please join us!

VIVAT JESUS!
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New Member Corner

Please welcome the following new members into our Council:

Mark (Lauryl) Joyce became a 1st Degree member on April 25 in a ceremony in Shelby Township.
Joe (Paula) Reimann became a member on May 3 by taking all 3 Degrees in Lake Orion.
Ron (Marcy) Habhab transferred to our Council from 5452 during April.
Patrick Ryall became a member on May 9 by taking all 3 Degrees in Berkley.

COUNCIL EVENTS

June

Sat 06 Confirmation (Color Corps)
Sun 07 Graduation Brunch (Knights Cooking)
Sun 14 Feast of Corpus Christi & Corp Comm (11:00)
Tue 16 Council Officer and General Membership Mtg
Sat 20 Assemble Right to Life Crosses
Sun 28 Parish 20th Anniversary
Sun 28 SOS Week Begins

July

Wed 01 Knights Cook SOS Dinner
Sat 04 Birth of Our Nation
Mon 06 Take Down Right to Life Crosses
Sun 12 K of C Tiger Baseball Day
Tue 14 First Degree at Council 5452
Tue 19 Council Officer and General Membership Mtg

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. The Trustees are contacting those who have not paid. Please return their call if a message was left for you. If you are unable to pay dues because of employment issues or other circumstances, please let them know or contact Grand Knight Ed Ratzenberger and discuss with him. Your situation will be held in confidence. We value all of our members. If you do not respond, we will begin the suspension process.

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.

For those of you who are members of St. Mary of the Hills, we have a wonderful Vocations Chalice program. You volunteer to take the Chalice home for a week and pray for vocations. You don't have to pray for vocations to the Priesthood or Religious life in your family. Dan and Liza Greene do a great job with this program. Please volunteer to take the Chalice home for a week. Read the bulletin for further information.

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Sponsored Seminarian is Ordained

On May 30, 2009, Deacon Phil Ching was ordained in the priesthood. Fr. Ching has been sponsored by our council through the RSVP program for the past few years. Fr. Phil publicly thanked all of the Knights of Columbus for their support of seminarians and their solidarity with priests. Fr. Phil's first assignment is at St. Lawrence in Utica.



MI Drive Checks Distributed

On May 19, 2009, our council distributed the MI Drive checks to Michigan Special Olympics and Rochester RARA SCAMP program. Both organizations were extremely grateful for the donations and thank the Knights for all that they do for those with special needs.



Michigan Special Olympics



Rochester SCAMP Program

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Right to Life Crosses will be at St. Mary of the Hills from June 20, 2009 through July 6, 2009. We need able bodied men, women and teens to help assemble the crosses. The assembly will take place on Saturday, June 20, 2009 beginning at 8:30 AM. We need at least 10-20 volunteers to help with this event. Please consider standing up for LIFE by helping us out. Contact John Hundiak

**Thank You to the ladies who donated the Gift Cards for our basket at the State Convention.
Your generosity Helped raise \$22,000 for Holy Cross Children's Services!**