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Brother Knights:

The beginning of the Prayer for Our Parish Mission is "God our Father we offer You praise and thanksgiving for all the many gifts You have given us." Reflecting upon a lifetime of experiences one comes to the realization that we have been truly blessed with our families, jobs, homes, freedom, friends, many happy times and other things and people we have known. But along the way we have all experienced hard times, illness, disappointments and hurts but through God's graces and His plans for each of us we usually enjoyed life's pleasanter moments. As mentioned in the Columbian, Pope Benedict XVI issued the third encyclical of his papacy in which he often mentioned "charity", "unity", and "fraternity" which happens to be the principles of the Knights of Columbus. He further said, "For the Church, instructed by the Gospel, charity is everything." I read somewhere that we can overcome our troubles by reaching out to fellow human beings and helping them thereby getting our mind off our own troubles.

Keeping this in mind there are many who have serious permanent challenges in life that we can help by spending a few hours collecting donations during the MI Drive or by helping fellow Knights and Parishioners in a number of other activities. The donations that we gave last year to the Special Olympics and others were so very much appreciated. You can help by calling Rich Diem to sign up for the MI Drive.

At the last meeting we joined together to recite the Prayer for Our Parish Mission. Please take time to join your fellow Knights, neighbors and friends for the mission to be held Sunday evening, October 25 through Wednesday evening October 28.

You can also help Membership Chairman Tony DeFinis by identifying and encouraging a fellow Parishioner to join the Knights of Columbus.

All members of the Council are of course asked to attend one of our Monthly meetings to enjoy the fun we have and participate in the discussions on how to improve and expand the Council. Your ideas may be what we are seeking. It doesn't matter that you have not attended before or have not attended in a long time. We look forward to seeing you.

All Knights with the First Degree are urged to continue with your growth in the Knights by attending the Major Degree Exemplification. Please contact Paul Thorn or me.

Mark your calendar and join together at the 11:00AM Mass on November 22, 2009 for a Corporate Communion.

Soon Sir Knight Bob Jackson will be leading the Council again in the Free Throw Contest and will need participants and volunteers.

Sir Knight William Travnik will lead the Council again in conducting an Essay Contest and he will also need participants.

Pray the Rosary every day. Reflect on our many blessings, the abundance we enjoy, give thanks for our loving families. Many of us are having difficulties and obstacles in our paths so we should pray and ask for God's help. He loves us and at the right time he will provide the grace for us to overcome those challenges. Pray for those who are ill and their caregivers.

Vivat Jesus

Ed Ratzenberger
Grand Knight

**ANNIVERSARIES DURING
October**

- 04 Arnie & Carla Vandercruyssen 28 Years
- 12 Frank & Pat Walkiewicz 46 Years
- 15 Jim & Joan Grawburg 26 Years
- 15 Steve & Carrie Maffey 15 Years
- 16 Jeff & Anna Eusebio
- 19 Gerry & Carolyn Turgeon 46 Years
- 25 Michael & Mary Stuart 24 Years
- 27 Bob & Flo Choma 47 Years

November

- 03 Roberta & Coleta Ty 39 Years
- 10 Jeff & Carol Azarovitz 8 Years
- 11 Scott & Jennifer Wiseman 4 Years
- 12 Ron & Cindy Kozlowski 26 Years
- 16 Joe & Claire Bono 52 Years
- 17 Sebastian & Shirly Stephen 24 Years
- 26 John & Christine Klemmer 38 Years
- 28 Carl & Isabella Lanfear 11 Years

**BIRTHDAYS DURING
October November**

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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

Fourth Degree News

Join me in congratulating our newest 4th Degree members. On September 19, 2009 Brother Knights Andy Fadanelli, Joe Rogell and Ron Stockell became Sir Knights. You may have also noticed a new member of the Color Corps. On Sunday, October 4, 2009, Sir Knight Bill Travnik donned the regalia of the order and participated in his first (of many to come) Color Corps Assignments.

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 an even 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 6, 2010. 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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COUNCIL PRAYER LIST

- Joe Bono, Jr.
- SK Bill Sabanos
- Don Zelazny
- Clarence Presnell
- Mother-in lay of Bob Miller



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.

New Members of Council 13950

On Tuesday, September 8, 2009 three parishioners joined the order and our council. Brother Knights Bob Miller, Ted Skrzyszewski and Keith Yanachik took their First Degree. Please congratulate them and their families and help support them on their journey to full knighthood.

Remember to continue recruiting for the Knights. The Knights were founded during very tough economic times just like we are experiencing and we are a great organization to support Catholic families through all times!

COUNCIL and PARISH ACTIVITIES

OCTOBER

- 03 - Major Degree a Council 05436 in Clarkston
- 03 - 4th Degree Provincial Meeting at Best Western in Sterling Heights
- 04 - Life Chain Event at St. Mary of the Hills
- 04 - Candlelight Rosary Service in Honor of Mary and Life
- 09 - MI Drive - meet in the St. Joseph Room at St. Mary of the Hills
- 10 - St. Mary Parish Council Meeting
- 10 - MI Drive - meet in the St. Joseph Room at St. Mary of the Hills
- 11- MI Drive - meet in the St. Joseph Room at St. Mary of the Hills
- 11 - St. Mary G.I.F.T. Sessions
- 14 - Men's Conference Part 3 - St. Francis Cabrini in Allen Park
- 14 - St. Mary G.I.F.T. Sessions
- 16 - St. Mary G.I.F.T. Sessions
- 17 - Council Members at Manna Soup Kitchen
- 19 - St. Mary's Career Ministry Presentations
- 20 - Council 13950 Officer & General Membership Meeting
- 23 - Spooktacular Road Rally at St. Mary's
- 24 - CYO Prep Bowl at Ford Field
- 24 - Children's Halloween Party
- 25 - St. Mary of the Hills Parish Mission
- 26 - St. Mary of the Hills Parish Mission
- 27 - St. Mary of the Hills Parish Mission
- 27 - Divine Mercy Assembly 3082 Membership meeting at Sacred Heart Parish
- 28 - St. Mary of the Hills Parish Mission
- 28 - 4th Degree Blessing of the Regalia at St. Andrews Activities Center

NOVEMBER

- 02 - All Souls Day—Parish Memorial Mass
- 03 - Election Day—Remember to VOTE!!!
- 06 - Ladies Night Out at St. Mary's
- 08 - Knights State Memorial Mass at Sacred Heart Seminary (All Invited!)
- 08 - St. Mary G.I.F.T. Sessions
- 08 - MI District 1 Fourth Degree District Meeting at Madonna University
- 09 - Council 13950 Memorial Mass at St. Mary's (All are invited!!)
- 10- First Degree at Council 5452
- 11 - Veterans Day—Thank a Veteran Today
- 11 - St. Mary G.I.F.T. Sessions
- 13 - St. Mary G.I.F.T. Sessions
- 14 - St. Mary of the Hills Parish Council Meeting
- 17 - Council 13950 Officer & General Membership Meeting
- 22 - Corporate Communion And Recruiting Blitz
- 22 - Advent by Candlelight
- 24 - Divine Mercy Assembly 3082 Membership meeting at Sacred Heart Parish
- 26 - Thanksgiving