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Worthy Knights,

As spring brings renewal of the earth, so we look inward for renewal of our own lives. Through the Risen Christ, we can all be assured of everlasting life. But what about our lives today, in the here and now? What are we doing to fulfill the command that Jesus gave to all of us as He spoke to Simon Peter, 'tend My sheep, feed My sheep, guide My sheep'?

Our council was established over 4 years ago with 68 charter members. The energy was high and, my Brother Knights, you made tremendous contributions in time, talent and treasures to the parish and the Knights. The parish flock has been well served by our council. We need to continue to serve the parish and community with the same vigor and energy. To do this, we (you and I) need to do three things:

- Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to continue the mission of Fr. McGivney not just in our parish, but the archdiocese and the entire church as well.
- Activate our membership. In 2006, we had 68 members. Meeting attendance was about 25 Brother Knights. Today we have over 130 members and the meeting attendance is still about 25 members. Less than 50% of our membership take part in the various activities that our council sponsors. To those who have contributed so much, I sincerely thank you. To those who are Knights but not very active, just give us a few hours a year. Help at the MI Drive, attend a meeting or participate in a council function. Each one of us has special talents that are needed to serve our parish and communities.
- Recruit new members. There is no easy way to say this, but we are all getting older. We need new (and younger) members. Our parish is blessed with many young families. With the Knights being the world's largest Catholic, fraternal, family service organization, we should be able to extend an invitation to all the men of our parish to join this great organization.

Brothers, we are winding down the fraternal year. We still need 3 more members to maintain our Star Council status. Remember the phrase 'Tempus Fugit'? Let's not wait for someone else to get the new member. This weekend at mass, ask someone to join.

As we start the new fraternal year, we will be electing officers to guide our council. Most of the existing officers have been an officer since the beginning of the council. Please consider one of the officer positions. All the officers work very well together and have a tremendous support system from the State Council as well as Supreme. There is training and mentoring available as well. Elections will be held at our next meeting on May 18.

Let us renew our commitments and utilize our talents for fulfilling our Order's principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. We may find out how easy it is to 'tend our flock'.

John Hundiak, PGK

RELIGIOUS APPRECIATION DINNER

May 22, 2010

Following 5:00 PM Mass

Join the council and parishioners as we show our gratitude and solidarity with all of the religious who support our parish and schools. Tickets are on sale after all the masses. Tickets are \$30 per person for dinner, drinks, music and fellowship.

ANNIVERSARIES DURING

April

07 Joe & Celeste Mercury 38 Years
 09 Bob & Margaret Sheldrick 56 Years
 12 Bill & Blanche Travnik 52 Years
 15 Bob & Jackie Szymanski 32 Years
 16 John & Barbara Yurgelevic 17 Years
 23 Ron & Gloria Norton 28 Years
 24 Ken & Kathy Vohs 40 Years
 25 Pete & Alicia Arbour 18 Years
 27 Fred & Tamela Braun 25 Years
 28 Keith & Cynthia Yanachik 9 Years

May

02 Alex & Shari Dominique 23 Years
 02 Mark & Lauryl Joyce 23 Years
 05 Paul & Sue Thorn 37 Years
 08 Paul & Margaret Ann Durak 45 Years
 09 Kevin Neilsen & Donna Kopinski 23 Years
 13 Gary & Denise Moody 21 Years
 14 Steve & Stacey Cody 17 Years
 19 Don & Cindy Alessi 15 Years
 20 Mike & Lycia Borellis 15 Years
 20 Tom & Jesse Kubacki 15 Years
 24 Joe & Delores Rogell 58 Years

THAT'S 607 YEARS OF MARRIAGE!

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 Joe Bono
- SK Bill Sabanos
- Don Zelazny
- Claire Bono



If you know of someone in the council family who is in need of prayer, please contact John Hundiak at jhundiak@gmail.com.

BIRTHDAYS DURING

April

02 Steve Maffey
 02 Liza Greene
 05 Rich Maciejewski
 05 Ron Oniszczak
 06 Richard Alexander
 09 Tim Polulak
 09 Jonathan Grfka
 10 Alicia Arbor
 21 Karen Payne
 22 Bruce Vandervort
 22 Carol Diem
 22 Kathleen Armstrong
 25 Mary Blake
 25 Greg Ferrand
 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 Christine Klemmer
 17 Lauryl Joyce
 22 Arnie Vandercruyssen
 22 Anthony Ciaramitaro
 22 Joan Grawburg
 25 Dan Kennedy
 30 Tony Dulio

Fourth Degree News

All 3rd Degree Knights should consider joining the ranks of the 4th Degree. You will be seeing several examples of how the 4th Degree supports St. Mary of the Hills over the next two months. One example in particular is the Memorial Day Parade in Rochester/Rochester Hills. Several 4th Degree members from our council will be participating. If there are any veterans that would like to join us in the parade, please let me know. If any veterans are unable to march, we will provide a car to ride in the parade.

The next opportunity to join the 4th Degree is in September. Contact me for more information.

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COUNCIL DUES ARE DUE!

Council dues are now OVERDUE! If you have not paid your dues yet, please do so. Your dues help the council do the work of the order. This will eliminate the need for additional notices and phone calls. If you are unable to pay your dues due to hardship, please contact Grand Knight Ed Ratzenberger or Financial Secretary Paul Thorn. All conversations will be completely confidential.

Our parish values the Knights tremendously. Fr. Stan has commended the Knights on their service and generosity frequently.

K of C Tiger Day

The annual Knights of Columbus Tiger Day will be on Sunday, July 25. First pitch goes at 1:05 PM. Pavilion tickets are \$16. All Knights and their families and friends are invited. Come out for fun, fellowship and cheer the boys on! Contact Paul Thorn for ticket reservations.

Council Auction Basket (Not Your Mother's Kitchen)

The ladies of council 13950 will send a basket filled with unusual kitchen gadgets to the state convention on Mackinac Island. All proceeds from the raffle of this and other baskets benefit Holy Cross Children's Services. <http://www.hccsnet.org/>

COUNCIL AND PARISH ACTIVITIES

APRIL 2010

- 02 - Good Friday Soup Salad & Bread Meal and Living Stations
- 03 - Children's Easter Egg Hunt
- 08 - 1st Degree at Clarkston Council 5436
- 10 - Parish Council Meets
- 11 - Divine Mercy Service
- 14 - St. Mary G.I.F.T. Sessions
- 16 - St. Mary G.I.F.T. Sessions
- 18 - St. Mary G.I.F.T. Sessions
- 20 - Council 13950 Officer & General Membership Meeting
- 26 - CARE (Job) Ministry Presentation
- 27 - Fraternal Benefits Nights at St. Paul's Church on Auburn Road
- 27 - Divine Mercy Assembly 3082 Membership meeting at Sacred Heart Parish
- 28 - District 19 Euchre Tournament at St. Anastasia Council

MAY 2010

- 02 - Parish Blood Drive
- 02 - May Crowning
- 08 - St. Mary of the Hills Parish Council Meeting
- 11 - First Degree at Council 5452
- 12 - St. Mary G.I.F.T. Sessions
- 14 - St. Mary G.I.F.T. Sessions
- 15 - Confirmations
- 16 - St. Mary G.I.F.T. Sessions
- 17 - CARE (Job) Ministry Presentation
- 18 - Distribution of MI Checks to SCAMP and MI Special Olympics
- 18 - Council 13950 Officer & General Membership Meeting (Elections)
- 22 - Religious Appreciation Dinner
- 23 - Possible Pancake Breakfast
- 25 - Divine Mercy Assembly 3082 Membership meeting at Sacred Heart Parish
- 27 - K of C State Convention (through 5/29)
- 31 - Memorial Day Parade in Rochester/Rochester Hills

JUNE 2010

- 05 - Major Degree at St. Jane Frances de Chantel
- 05 - Corpus Christi Procession
- 06 - Graduation Brunch
- 10 - First Degree at Clarkston Council 5436
- 12 - St. Mary of the Hills Parish Council Meeting
- 12 - Officer Training in Clawson
- 13 - Mass of Thanksgiving with Deacon/Rev. Adam Kotas
- 18 - Council 13950 Officer & General Membership Meeting
- 21 - CARE (Job) Ministry Presentation
- 26 - Statewide Men's Conference at EMU
- 27 - Deacon Gene Reception
- 29 - Divine Mercy Assembly 3082 Membership meeting at Sacred Heart Parish
- 30 - SOS Knights Dinner

KNIGHTS IN ACTION



MI Drive



Good Friday Soup Salad and Bread Meal



Celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday



Living Stations by SMYG



Celebrating Marriage at the Parish Anniversary Mass



Deacon Adam Receives the RSVP Check from the Knights