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Worthy Knights

Many of us are meeting new challenges in our lives with the onset of illness, the loss of a loved one, the loss of a job, financial burdens or retirement. With these challenges God's plan for us opens opportunities to grow in our faith and find strength in prayerfully accepting and adapting to the changes He presents. Your Brother Knights and families offer our prayers and support and we have faith in the knowledge that you will meet and overcome these difficulties through trust in Jesus Christ.

Ash Wednesday falls on February 17 and we will need to think about how we will spend Lent and what God has planned for us. Lent is a time for prayer, fasting and acts of charity; it is a time to take a look at our life and to effect changes in us and our families and to make a difference in the lives of others.

When we were young Lent was about giving up something good that we ate like chocolate or desserts. As we matured we learned in addition to giving up the good things in life, there was much more about repentance and self-sacrifice. In addition the good works that we performed changed our lives and the lives of others.

This Lenten period consider ways to strengthen the spiritual life of your family. Pray more together, set a day in Lent to gather a donation of clothes for St. Vincent DePaul or shop as a family for nonperishable food to give to the monthly St. Michaels Food collection. Volunteer as a family to help at the Parish.

Palm Sunday weekend March 26, 27, & 28 is the semi-annual MI Drive collection for the Special Olympics. As a Knight perform acts of Charity and Fraternity by volunteering to serve for two hours receiving donations and giving donors a Tootsie Roll. Do it as a family. It is a fun activity and the people you meet have good feelings towards the cause and towards you for giving of your time and talent. You could volunteer your time instead of giving up chocolate. There is plenty of time now to put two hours on your calendar. Contact MI Drive Chairman Rich Diem at - rsdiem@ameritech.net.

Thank you to Sir Bob Jackson who was Chairman of two successful events, the Free Throw Championship and the Spelling Bee. Thank you Sir Bill Travnik who is Chairman of the Essay Contest. Thank you to Tony DeFinis for his efforts to enroll new Knights. Tony needs your referral of a fellow parishioner to be a candidate to become a Knight.

The attendance at our monthly meetings has been increasing. One reason may be that the Knights are having a fun time while giving great service to the community and the Parish. If you haven't been to a meeting recently come on down Tuesday, February 16 at 7:30PM and join in the fun. We will have coffee and a Paczki waiting for you.

May God bless you and your family.
Vivat Jesus

Ed Ratzenberger, Grand Knight.

ANNIVERSARIES DURING

December

February

08 Clem & Deb Valot 35 Years
09 Paul & Meredith Driscoll 37 Years
16 Mike & Mary Blake 42 Years

March

29 Leonard & Sylvana Babajan 6 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

BIRTHDAYS DURING

February

01 Sue Thorn
03 Robert Sheldrick, Sr.
04 John Hundiak
06 Carolyn Turgeon
08 Alex Kiwior
08 Michael Stuart
08 Julie LaFaivre
15 Mink Sancimo
16 Don Zelazny
19 Michael Borellis
19 Shirley Huber Szczepkowski
22 Dan Greene
24 Fr. Strain
24 Roberto Ty
25 Elizabeth Hundiak
26 Pat DeFinis
27 Mary Blake



March

01 Paul Kesteloot
08 Ed Ratzenberger
09 Brian Semrau
11 Bob Vavrick
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 Decker
27 Gene Ferrera
28 Adriana Fernandez

COUNCIL PRAYER LIST

- Joe Bono, Jr.
- 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 to have them added to the list.

Fourth Degree News

Thank you to SK Joseph Luginiski for coming in to our council to talk more about why you should join the 4th Degree. Joe outlined some of the activities that 4th Degree is involved with as well as benefits of this degree. 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.

John Hundiak, PGK, PFN
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Financial Secretary Notes:

Billing Notices for 2010 were mailed around December 15. Second notices will be coming shortly to those who may have misplaced their initial statement. If you are unable to pay your dues because of job situation, please contact Grand Knight Ed Ratzenberger or myself. All conversations will be held in confidence. Thanks to all who have paid.

A 2nd and 3rd Degree ceremony will be held locally on Saturday, March 13. If you have not attained the 3rd Degree, you will be contacted by someone from our Membership team to see if you will be able to attend. There is no charge to you to take this Degree. It was part of the Initiation fee you paid prior to taking your 1st Degree. Don't be afraid of taking these Degrees. You will learn more about the Order by taking the advanced Degrees.

Please join us at one of our upcoming events. I am sure that you will enjoy it.

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

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COUNCIL AND PARISH ACTIVITIES

FEBRUARY 2010

- 03 - Special Olympics Winter Games Begin at Grand Traverse Resort
- 06 - Volunteer Fair—All Knights needed to Recruit after Mass
- 07 - Volunteer Fair — All Knights needed to recruit after ALL Masses
- 10 - St. Mary G.I.F.T. Sessions
- 11 - First Degree at Clarkston Council 5436
- 12 - St. Mary G.I.F.T. Sessions
- 13 - St. Mary Parish Council Meeting
- 14 - St. Mary G.I.F.T. Sessions
- 15 - CARE (Job) Ministry Presentation
- 15 - Form 1295 Due
- 16 - Council 13950 Officer & General Membership Meeting
- 17 - Ash Wednesday
- 20 - Archdiocesan Freethrow Competition at Bishop Foley HS
- 21 - State Tribute Dinner at Robert Jones Council 3078
- 23 - Divine Mercy Assembly 3082 Membership meeting at Sacred Heart Parish

MARCH 2010

- 06 - 4th Degree Exemplification in Southgate
- 06 - Lenten Symposium at SS. Cyril & Methodius
- 09 - First Degree at Council 5452
- 13 - St. Mary of the Hills Parish Council Meeting
- 13 - Major Degree at Ortonville Council 6824
- 14 - St. Mary G.I.F.T. Sessions
- 15 - CARE (Job) Ministry Presentation
- 16 - Council 13950 Officer & General Membership Meeting
- 17 - St. Mary G.I.F.T. Sessions
- 19 - St. Mary G.I.F.T. Sessions
- 21 - Recruiting Blitz after ALL Masses (Color Corps at 9:00 AM Mass)
- 25 - Right to Life Dinner at Burton Manor in Livonia
- 26 - MI Drive Begins
- 27 - MI Drive
- 28 - Palm Sunday and MI Drive Concludes
- 30 - Divine Mercy Assembly 3082 Membership meeting at Sacred Heart Parish
- 31 - Forms Q3 MI-01 and Q4P MI-01 Due

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, April 2, 2010 is Good Friday. The Knights will hold their annual Soup, Salad & Bread Meal. Following the meal, the Youth Group will present the Living Stations. This is a great tradition at St. Mary of the Hills. Please set aside the time to be here for this wonderful and faith filled way to conclude Lent.

SAVE THE DATE, AGAIN!

Sunday, April 14, 2010 is Divine Mercy Sunday. Please set aside the time to attend the Divine Mercy Service at St. Mary of the Hills. There will be more details in the future.

KNIGHTS IN ACTION

