



St. Mary Knights of Columbus Council 9962

Newsletter: May, 2008 - Part A

Next Business Meeting is Wednesday, June 11

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Ed Keto

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Jim Durecki

Inside Guard

Chad Myers

Outside Guard

Matthew Myers

In the Chaplain's Words

For most groups in parish life, Summer is a time to relax. This year though, St. Mary's will be trying something that harkens back to the days of Fr. Bart's famous ox roasts. We are in the midst of preparing a parish-wide festival in conjunction with our feast day, August 15th. As we move forward, the Knights, as usual will probably be in the fore-front of our efforts to make the festival a success. Thanks in advance for all that you do around St. Mary's.

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. David Grondz

From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

Things are happening!

Our membership will have grown to 80 with the recent addition of two Brother Knights transferring into the council and one member reactivating. We have a Chaplain and Pastor that are not only giving us tremendous religious support and guidance, but are active in the council and even recruiting for us. The sponsored activities of this Council have never been equaled. Our financial support of various Parish and community charities has also increased significantly, and I don't see it ending anytime soon.

Now is the time to be involved; don't just sit back and watch. There are plenty of activities, events, causes, and oppourtunities. Or, if you have ideas of your own, bring them forward and let's try them out. With all these new members, I am certain that this Council and Parish Family will continue to renew and grow.

As Brother Knights in one faith we also need to remember our focus. We are defenders of the Catholic faith. Most often that faith is defended by our actions not our words. Our brotherhood with Christ should be evident in all that we do. Every activity, every event, every fund raiser, every gathering, and every word spoken should be done as if Christ was right alongside of you. Others see us interact, hear us talk, and watch how we handle ourselves in all situations.

"They will know that we are Christians by our Love".....do they?

Fraternally,

Jeff Cypher, GK

Nomination of Officers

During our May business meeting, the following Brother Knights were nominated for office:

Grand Knight - Robert Flach; **Deputy Grand Knight** - Joseph Myers Sr.; **Chancellor** - Wayne Kudwa, Terrance Wallace, Andrew Myers; **Recorder** - Jeremiah Bannister; **Warden** - George Blades; **Treasurer** - William Medonis; **Trustee (3 year)** - Jeff Cypher; **Advocate** - David Eldersveld Sr.; **Inside Guard** - Scott Farley, Bernard Westrick; **Outside Guard** - Scott Farley, Larry Forester. **Nominations will continue to be accepted at our next meeting in June (Old Business), closed, and then elections will take place with New Business.**

Knights and Families of the Month

Congratulations to the following Brother Knights who were chosen by their fellow members to be Knights of the Month:

July (07): Gerald Hoppe; August (07): Edward Keto; September (07): Gerald Hoppe; October (07): Wayne Kudwa; November (07): William Medonis; December (07): John King; January (08): George Blades; February (08): Ernest Pratt; March (08): Rev David Grondz; April (08) Jeremiah Bannister

Congratulations are also in order to those chosen as Families of the Month, who by their example, have shown us how to be true model Christian families:

July (07): Jeremiah Bannister; August (07): Robert Flach; September (07): Terry Wallace; October (07): Thomas Hollewa; November (07): Daniel Kaczanowski; December (07): Barry Smith; January (08): Richard Mattingly; February (08): Terry Wallace; March (08): Jeffry Cypher; April (08) Joseph Myers

We will be taking nominations for Knight of the Year and Family of the Year. Please submit your nominations to Jeff Cypher, Joe Myers, or Barry Smith at or before our next meeting.

Council 9962 Welcomes New Members (2007-2008)

New members to the order and our Council include: Terrence Akerley (Seminarian), David Downes, Guadalupe (Lou) Hernandez, Andrew Myers, John Parackal, Brian Parker, Brian Trainor, and Alton Pelowski (subsequently transferred to New Haven, CN)

New transfers to Council 9962 include: Sean Palas and Tom Skrobola; Victor Cekola also joins the Council after a long hiatus.

Congratulations are also in order for our Council's newest 4th Degree member, Terry Wallace

Resolution for Changes/Revisions to By-Laws

Council 9962 is currently without adopted by-laws. By default the Standard Set of By-Laws, as provided Supreme, are in place. Article IX, section 1. of these by-laws provides for the following:

"These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at a regular business meeting held subsequent to a regular business meeting at which a resolution in writing providing for such amendment shall have been read and notice of proposed amendment shall have been given to the members in writing or in the council publication at least five days prior to the second meeting."

The By-Law Committee (Joe Myers, Bill Medonis, Terry Wallace, and Jeff Cypher and by proxy Barry Smith and Jeremiah Bannister) has met on May 12, 2008 and brings forward to the members of Council 9962 the following resolution to change/revise the default Standard Set of By-Laws as provided by Supreme:

Article I, Section 1., shall read (in its entirety):

"This Council shall be known as St Mary Council, No. 9962, Knights of Columbus."

Article I, Section 2., shall read (in its entirety):

"The initiation fee shall be \$0 for all applicants."

Article I, Section 3., shall read (in its entirety):

"Each member shall pay annual dues, the same to be payable in advance at the first regular meeting in January. The annual dues of members shall be \$32.00, excepting honorary members who shall pay \$10.00, and members that are honorary life, active duty military, clergy, seminarian, or affiliated of a religious house who shall pay nothing. Except as the above stated, the dues of associate and insurance members shall be the same."

Article I, Section 4., shall be edited as follows:

"The Financial Secretary shall receive annual compensation,...of monies collected on account of dues from both insurance and associate members."

Article IV – Meetings, Section 1., shall read (in its entirety):

"Regular business meetings of the Council shall be held on the first Wednesday of each month. All regular business meetings shall commence at 7:45 PM. At least five (5) elected officers shall constitute a quorum at business meetings."

Article IV, Section 8., shall be edited as follows:

"If any meeting shall fall on a legal holiday or holyday of obligation, or be cancelled by request of the Council Chaplain, said meeting shall be held the following week unless the Council,..."

Article VII – Funds, Sections 5. and 6. shall be deleted in their entirety.

Article VIII – Funerals, Etc. shall be deleted in its entirety.

At our next Business meeting in June, the resolution to change/revise our Council by-laws as presented above will be voted upon. Please attend to cast your vote. Please call Jeff Cypher or Joe Myers for a copy of the by-laws in their entirety.

Cooking of the Crabs

To be scheduled (maybe June 14 or 21): at Fr Bart Hall we will boil the last of the crab, fry the last of the shrimp, bake the last of the lasagna, griddle the last of the pancake batter, and throw down a couple of cold glasses of OJ. Well, maybe not the last two. Come and join the fun when we empty the freezer for some fellowship after the 4:15 Mass (~5:30 PM). Please call Joe Myers or Jeff Cypher and let us know that you and your family are coming!

If You Haven't Yet, You Should Think About Life Insurance

The Knights of Columbus was founded March 29, 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney to assist widows and orphans in the then impoverished Irish Catholic community. The primary motivation for the Order was to be a mutual benefit society. As a parish priest in an immigrant community, McGivney saw what could happen to a family when the breadwinner died and wanted to provide insurance to care for the widows and orphans left behind. He himself had to temporarily leave his seminary studies to care for his family when his father died.

Give it some serious thought. Give our insurance agent a call: Robert Julian, 269 644 4321 or e-mail robert.julian@kofc.org

From the Program Director

The pancake brunches are now over until September. I wish to thank everyone, Knights, wives, and non knights, for their outstanding participation. I believe the brunches were a great success. When we start up in the fall, we will make one minor change and that is to let people know what the money we raise is used for. Hopefully this will help increase the donation amount.

We have one solid event coming our way. We will need a great deal of support for the St. Mary August Festival. The Knights are handling food and drink for both Friday evening and all day Saturday. Please reserve August 15 and 16 for this worthy event that will greatly benefit the Parish.

I would also like to thank Terry and Jamie Wallace for the efforts they are expending as our Right to Life couple. The rose sale (a Wallace family event this year) was also a great success.

Thank you every one for your efforts
Joseph Myers PGK, FN, DGK

Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time and Place</u>
May 31	Transitional Deaconate (Color Corps has been requested)	10:00 AM, St Augustine Cathedral
June 07	Officer Training	9:00 AM, Paw Paw Council Hall
June 11	Monthly Council Business Meeting	7:45 PM (after 7:00 PM Mass), Church basement
June 15	Father's Day	
June 17	Assembly 0513 Meeting	7:00 PM, Council 1616 meeting hall
June 18	Rosary	6:30 PM (just prior to 7:00 PM Mass), St Mary
June 21	Cooking of the Crabs	5:30 PM, Fr. Bart Hall
June 22	Corporate Communion	9:00 AM Mass (coffee & donuts to follow)
June 23	Fr Sirico's Birthday	All day
June 24	Mass for the Catholic Daughter's (Color Corps has been requested)	7:00 PM Mass at St Monica

2008-2009 Fraternal Calendar

The Council Calendar for the 2008-2009 fraternal year is now being drafted. Please e-mail the Grand Knight or write to Jeff Cypher at 2825 Hylle Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49006 to submit a suggested event or date to remember.

Help Cut the Cost of Postage

If you have an e-mail address that we could send your mailings to, please send it to the Grand Knight lawscience@sbcglobal.net and the Financial Secretary ponytailboss@hotmail.com