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Grand Knight's Message

Greetings Brother Knights,

I hope everyone had a pleasant and peaceful holiday season. Now back to work.

We begin the last half of our fiscal year with plans to continue our membership gains as well as the commitment to Sts. Mary/James and those who are needy in these trying times. The addition of three active members of St. Mary Parish last month was a big step in that direction. More have signed up and await their degrees. Excelsior!

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Membership Meeting

February 24, 7:30 p.m.

Every fourth (4th) Tuesday

Membership Drive

March 28-29

St. Mary, March 28, Saturday
4:30 PM

St. Mary, March 29, Sunday
9:00 AM

11:00 AM (Corp Communion)

St. James, March 28, Saturday
6:00 PM

St. James, March 29, Sunday
9:30 AM and 5:00 PM

Member's Action: Attend the Membership Meeting on Feb. 24 for briefing and to volunteer for Mass coverage. Or contact Dan Remeika 248-559-1511 with the Mass or Masses you will cover. We have six (6) Masses with 4-6 members at each Mass. Arrive up to 30 minutes before each Mass for instruction and materials.

New Members

Charles Hornbacher

Tim Lankin

Joseph Pittel

First Degree on December 18

Welcome and Congratulations!

Officers 2008 – 2009

District Deputy	Richard Tschirhart
Grand Knight	Tom Kennedy
Deputy GK	Daniel Remeika
Chancellor	Robert Dyer
Financial Secretary	Mark Baker
Recorder	Mark J. Hornbacher
Warden	Ron O'Connor
Treasurer	Gary Schultz
Trustee 1 year	Jerry Scanlon
Trustee 2 yr	Mark H Hornbacher
Trustee 3 year	Tom Boal
Advocate	Tom Kendziorski
Inside Guard	Tom Siterlet
Outside Guard	Jim Hendy
	Don Cushing
Chaplain	Rev. Lawrence Ventline

CURA ANIMARUM



Rev. Lawrence Ventline

Tribute was paid to Cura Animarum (Care of the Soul) for all of its

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Vocations/Religious Appreciation Dinner held at Fr. Lynch Council on January 16th was a success with a large number of our guests attending. I'm so proud of the Knights supporting these wonderful men and women who have devoted their lives to countless others. They have been there when I needed them the most in my life, and they were probably there for you.

We have volunteered our services to help the St. Mary Men's Club with their monthly pancake breakfasts. Help cook if you like or just come along and enjoy our culinary efforts.

We are constantly working to upgrade our planning calendar. If you have an idea or two, then come to a meeting and express it. It's your council - why sit home and let others make the decisions? If you cannot personally attend meetings, simply drop me a line at the council or email me through the council website.

If there are "other" reasons (other than distance) that may be keeping you away from being active, let's discuss them. Please do not allow financial difficulties keep you from being active. If you are willing to put in the physical effort we can take care of the other end.

I find this to be a very pleasant council run by an excellent group of men. I really enjoy what we do for others. Come join the fun.

Hats off to **Worthy Trustee Mark Hornbacher** for his wonderful recruiting efforts for us in St. Mary Parish as well his hard work in various projects in and around that community. **Mark Hornbacher** is indeed our **Knight of the Month**.

In closing, I am sad to report the passing in January of **SK Alexander Craddock, PGK**. Our prayers go out to his ten children on their loss of a wonderful father.

Peace and good health to all.

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Kennedy
Grand Knight

**Columbus Building
Association CY 2009**

President Ron O'Connor PGK
Vice President Mark Baker FS
Recorder Gary Schultz PGK
Treasurer Tom Kennedy GK
Members Tom Boal; Joe Bittner; Tony Bittner; Tom Kendziorski; Tom Siterlet; Robert Dyer; Mark H. Hornbacher; James Kiles; Dan Remeika, PGK, FDD
Grand Knight Tom Kennedy

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accomplishments. This beneficial organization celebrated its 10th Anniversary on November 6 at Sacred Heart in Roseville.

Cura Animarum's visionary approach was inspired by Pope Gregory the Great's classic Cure of the Souls. Spiritual direction, counseling outreach, and support network focus on grief, addiction, health, wellness, and mental health issues. Founded in 1998 by our **Chaplain Fr. Lawrence Ventline, D.Min.**, at St. James Church in Ferndale, Cura Animarum was also located at St. Malachy Church, Sterling Hts.

Headquartered at Sacred Heart in Roseville, its mission is to ignite each person's dignity and worth.

Cure Animarum holds meetings following acceptance as the theme at 7 p.m. Mondays. It has also worked to provide solace to over 5,000 people since its inception through growth groups that have been enlarged to include aerobic exercise, nutrition and wellness consultation, counseling on addictive behaviors, and interfaith work. Pursuing interfaith work, the Anniversary Celebration included Imam Elahi and Rabbi Norman as speakers.

David Parker
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586-755-7594
CALL FOR ANSWERS!

DATES TO REMEMBER

- FEB 22 SUNDAY, **MEMBERSHIP TRIBUTE BANQUET**
- FEB 24 TUESDAY, **MEMBERSHIP MEETING**, 7:30 PM; ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION CHARITY COMMITTEE AT 7:00 PM
- FEB 26 THURSDAY, **ASK 1 2 B 1 FIRST DEGREE**, 7:00 PM SIGN IN; QUEEN OF THE HOLY ROSARY COUNCIL 3830, BERKLEY
- MAR 7 SATURDAY, **FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION**; STERLING INN BANQUET CENTER, ON VAN DYKE
- MAR 24 TUESDAY, **MEMBERSHIP MEETING**, 7:30 PM; ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION CHARITY COMMITTEE AT 7:00 PM
- MAR 26 THURSDAY, **FIRST DEGREE**, 7:00 PM SIGN IN; QUEEN OF THE HOLY ROSARY COUNCIL 3830, BERKLEY
- MAR 28-29 SAT & SUN, **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**, ALL MASSES, ST. MARY ROYAL OAK, ST. JAMES FERNDALE
- MAR 29 SUN., **CORPORATE COMMUNION**, 11:00 MASS, ST. MARY
- MAR 30 MON, **RESPECT LIFE DINNER**

**Rosary Chain
Notification**

Notify the Rosary Chain Captain **Jim Hendy** at 248-547-8018 when you know of a member or the wife of a member who is sick or has died. Call to be added to the chain. We need you to alert council members about our sick and deceased brothers and spouses.

Alexander "Babe" Craddock,
Past Grand Knight
May 8, 1919 – January 6, 2009

PGK Alex Craddock died at the age of 89. He was Grand Knight from 1991-1992. Alex and Florence, also deceased, had 10 children, 22 grandchildren, and 23 great grandchildren. Services were held at St. Mary Church in Royal Oak on January 12, 2009.



**MENTALLY IMPAIRED
"TOOTSIE ROLL" DRIVE 2009**

**Tom Kendziorski, M.I. Drive
Chairman**

I NEED YOUR HELP!

Greetings! I serve as Knights of Columbus Bishop Gallagher Council chairman for the annual Tootsie Roll/Mentally Impaired ("M.I.") Drive benefiting mental impaired children and adults.

For many years, this traditional community service project has financially supported those with special needs. Unfortunately the number of workers able to work the streets and the designated storefronts during this annual 3-day event has dwindled. I need the help of everyone in Council #2569 to re-commit and solicit donations with the Tootsie Roll!

We need all of our members to volunteer at least two hours of time on **Palm Sunday weekend, Friday-Saturday-Sunday, April 3rd, 4th, and 5th.**

The sites for solicitation are at the following "southern" Royal Oak sites: Hollywood Market, Holiday Market (front and back doors), the main U.S. Post Office, the Farmer's Market (Saturday and Sunday only), St. Mary Church (only after each Mass), and the usual street corners (11 Mile and Main, 4th and Main, and 3rd and Main) for those who like to dodge SUVs. We will once again have St. James Church, the Western Fruit and Meat Market in Ferndale this year (and perhaps too, the Sav-A-Lot Food Market). Seriously, there will also be plenty of opportunity for everyone who may just show up at up at our Council's location ready to work. The address is: **Royal Canadian Legion #84, 1005 E. Eleven Mile Rd., Royal Oak** (red building, north side of street, between Main Street and Campbell

Road). Solicitation hours are available from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

So, to sign up for a particular time and place to work the Tootsie Roll M.I. Drive and help children and adults with special needs, simply fill out the sign up sheet below and mail it back to me, fax it to me, e-mail me, or call me at my work office by April 2, 2009:

The Arc of Oakland County
1641 W. Big Beaver Road
Troy, MI 48084-3501

E-mail me at The Arc office:
tfk@thearcoakland.org

Fax: 248-816-1906
Telephone: 248-816-1900

The "early bird" gets the good spots and times! ☺

Name: _____

Phone#: _____

Location preference: _____

Time/Date Preference: _____

THANK YOU!

**Michigan State Council
Charities Raffle**

Drawing February 21, 2009

Members received tickets in the mail. Please sell and buy tickets to support Michigan charities.

**Initiations into the
Higher Degrees**

**2nd and 3rd Degree
Exemplifications**

March 1, 2009

ALL FIRST DEGREE KNIGHTS, contact Grand Knight Tom Kennedy or Deputy Grand Knight Dan Remeika to apply now. These Major Degrees will be available to you on Sunday, March 1, Council 4188, 870 N. Main St., Clawson, 248-588-3547.

08:30 a.m. First Degree Registration
09:00 First Degree
10:00 Second/Third Degree Registration
10:30 Second followed by Third Degree
02:30 p.m. Reception and Luncheon

**4th Degree
Exemplification**

March 7, 2009

ALL THIRD DEGREE KNIGHTS, contact Grand Knight Tom Kennedy or Deputy Grand Knight Dan Remeika to apply now. We need to complete your application steps and ensure Exemplification applications are postmarked on or before February 15, 2009.

Candidate installation costs are \$70; clergy installation costs are \$45, covering the installation, baldric, pin, light breakfast and lunch. Ladies luncheon costs are \$12. Exemplification banquet is \$35 before deadline, \$40 after.

Location: Sterling Inn Banquet and Convention Center, 34911 Van Dyke Ave., Sterling Heights

Tentative Schedule

10:00 Candidate Registration & Breakfast
10:45 Pin/Baldric Ceremony
11:15 Candidate Class Picture
12:00 Noon Exemplification Commences
12:00 Noon Ladies Luncheon
1:30 Ladies Pictures
2:00 Cocktails
4:00 Mass
6:30 Banquet Doors Open

BISHOP GALLAGHER COUNCIL, No. 2569
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
c/o Royal Canadian Legion Post 84
1005 East 11 Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067-1967

FAITH INTO ACTION: Knights of Columbus Bishop Gallagher Council No. 2569 – Since 1925

1988 Miss America to speak at Respect Life Dinner – Monday, March 30, 2009



The Respect Life Dinner is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Michigan State Council to benefit the Right to Life of Michigan Educational Fund. The dinner and program will be at the noteworthy Burton Manor in Livonia.

For those who have attended the Respect Life Annual Dinner in the past, you know the evening will brighten your week and leave you encouraged as we promote life. For those who have not attended a Respect Life Annual Dinner, what are you waiting for? It's time to make your reservation!

Tickets: \$50 per person (\$20 tax deductible); \$475 per table of 10

For more information, email respectlife@rtl.org, call 248-974-6294, or contact Grand Knight Tom Kennedy or Deputy Grand Knight Dan Remeika.

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Pat Curtin

Financial Secretary's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

By now you should have received your 2009 dues notice. If you have not received this invoice please contact me at 248.547.9647 as soon as possible.

Every year we have some members who do not renew their membership. This is unfortunate for the council, the member, the Knights as a whole and our community. Please encourage your Brother Knights to renew. There really is no reason why a fellow Knight needs to be suspended. The suspension process is difficult and time-consuming. It is much easier to keep a member than to suspend one if we work together.

Usually a non-renewing member gives one of four reasons.

The first reason is the member no longer has the time to partake in Council activities. This member needs to understand that although his time may be limited now it probably won't be forever. If he leaves the Knights now and rejoins later he will lose his continuous years of membership needed for Honorary and Honorary Life status. A member must have at least 25 years of consecutive membership years in order to qualify for either of these. The best course of action for this member would be to continue his membership until he can become active again.

The second reason given is the member can no longer afford the dues. Most of us have been there. This member needs to know that the Council dues of \$50 per year can be paid in semi-annual installments of \$25 or quarterly installments of \$12.50. Still some of us may have trouble justifying even this amount. If a member finds himself in such straits, please contact either the Grand Knight or myself. The Council does have discretionary funds to help in such cases. Also if a

member is disabled there is a mechanism to reduce the annual dues. No member in hardship should be suspended.

Third, the non-renewing member has moved away and so no longer wants membership in our Council. Keep in mind that the membership card is a traveling card. That means that a current card is good at any Knights of Columbus council anywhere in the world. Of course, a member who has moved out of the area should consider transferring to a closer council. If his dues are paid at this council he would not pay additional dues to the new council except for the difference if the latter's dues are higher. However, if a member has been suspended for non-payment he must first make up the arrears before he will be accepted into a new council.

The final reason given by non-renewing members is that the Council and/or its member(s)/officer(s) have failed to live up to his expectations. This member needs to be encouraged to work within the Council to change things to meet his needs. Any organization is only going to be as good as its members. If a member feels we should be doing more charitable work, for instance, he may have to take the lead. There are plenty of opportunities for all sorts of activities at our Council. What is usually missing is the Brother(s) willing to take up the challenge.

If a member is set on giving up his membership for whatever reason it would be better both for the member and for the Council if he withdrew rather than making us suspend him for non-payment. If you find yourself wanting to withdraw please contact me as soon as possible by either phone or mail so that the necessary paperwork can be prepared.

Yours in Christ,

Mark A. Baker
Financial Secretary

Membership Tribute Banquet in honor of our State Chaplain Father Timothy MacDonald

Sunday, February 22, 2009

Mass 4:00 p.m.
St. Henry Church
1358 Council
Lincoln Park, MI 48146
313-381-0711

Social Hour follows Mass
Dinner 6:15 p.m.
Robert H. Jones Council 3078
25160 West Outer Drive
Lincoln Park, MI 48146-1287

No tickets sold at the door
\$27.00 per person

Ticket Information call 313-274-3223

NOTICE ELECTION OF OFFICERS May 26 Membership Meeting

IAW the Charter Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus, Sec. 128, officers shall be elected annually, by ballot, at a regular business meeting held between the fifteenth day of May to and including the fifteenth day of June each year.

Nominations April 28, 7:30 p.m.

**Contact the Nominating
Committee:**

PGK Daniel Remeika, FDD

PGK Ron O'Connor

PGK Gary Schultz

"The aim of the All Faiths Festival (AFF) is to build bridges, create dialogue, foster recognition and respect between churches, religions, and cultures, and support families and people in crisis among all faith traditions."

CORRUPTION, GREED, AND USURY CONFRONTING
THESE ISSUES IN THE TRADITIONS OF ABRAHAM

When: Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2009 at 6:30 PM.

Where: Juliano's Restaurant banquet room, 27380 Van Dyke (n. of 1-696 on east side of Van Dyke)

Dinner: Home cooked, family-like buffet and traditional family dinner, \$16.00/person

Dine with the Rabbis, the Imams, the Priests, the Ministers, and faithful forum addressing this topic in tough economic times, along with brief talk on the Christian start of Lent on Feb. 25 (Ash Wednesday) through Holy Thursday before Easter Sunday.

Reservations: Accepted early by Feb. 12 with the event open to public, media, and all inter/intrafaiths. Go to www.interfaithwork.com

More information: Contact co-chairman Al Bileti at afbileti@comcast.net, Rev. David Kasbow at kasbow@earthlink.net, or Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Totty at 248-854-3260.

A PRESS CONFERENCE IS SET FOR 5:00 P.M. BEFORE THE DINNER FORUM

All Faiths Festival Committee: **Fr. Lawrence Ventline (AFF Focus editor) and Robert Dyer (Knights of Columbus)**, Imam Hassam Al Husainy, Linda Beaumont, Al Bileti co-chair, Paul Dominick, Olga Dundun, Rev Dayid Kasbow co-chair, Jack Seman, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey and Linda Trotty, Rabbi Dr. Marc Waldman, Tom Wigg, Betty O'Grady, Marge Hallman, Dr. Michael Ross

Faiths Festival (AFCC) Committee next meets on Feb. 3, 2009

Knights of Columbus
Bishop Gallagher Council 2569

Polo Shirts

Contact
Grand Knight Tom Kennedy

**Corned Beef & Cabbage
Dinner**

March 14 5-7 p.m.

Royal Canadian Legion
\$10 in Advance
\$15 at the Door

Cura Animarum Benefit for the Good of the Priesthood

With former CEO and founder Joe Maher

Thursday, Feb 5, 2009, 1:00 p.m. with noon lunch

(RSVP by Feb. 3 to 586-777-9116, ext. 2)

Sacred Heart Church, 18430 Utica Rd. at Gratiot, Roseville

Rev. Kenneth R Kauchek, Mary Eckert, Msgr. Ricardo Bass, Rev. Davis Kasbow respond to the care and compassion of 5,000 clergy by Opus Bono Sarcedotti and For the Good of the Priesthood of Joe Maher and companions

Super Bowl Party
Sunday, February 1, 5-10 p.m.
Royal Canadian Legion