



## KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

Msgr John J. Sprangers,  
Council 10919

NEWSLETTER – April 2010

### Calendar

(1st Tue) 6:30 PM Officers Meeting\*\* All members are welcome. \*\*

(3rd Tue) 6:30 PM General Membership meeting \*\*

\*\* Meetings are held in the Msgr. Jim Room. If something else is scheduled in the Msgr. Jim room then we will meet in room 111 or the music room.

### Officers

Karl Vandenberg, Grand Knight  
Cletus Baumgart, Deputy Grand Knight  
Ed Farrell, Chancellor  
Fr. Jim Habelwitz, Chaplain  
Dave DeWitt, Recorder  
John Golden, Financial Sec.  
Jim Golden, Treasurer  
Mike Vanden Berg, Advocate  
Todd Van Boxtel, Warden  
Jerry Schoen, Inside Guard  
Dale Gralapp, Outside Guard  
Gary Dercks, Lecturer  
Al Hangartner, Trustee 1  
Marty Weyers, Trustee 2  
Peter Arts, Trustee 3

### General Meeting – March 16

**Grand Knights Report** – With the spring weather, comes signs of new life. Welcome to our newest members, Nedd Schommer and Curt Wies. Congratulations to Mark Todd and Chris Alfonso for making their 2nd and 3rd degrees recently.

- Tonight for our Good of the Order Rod Runde will share with us "Reflections Of the Divine Mercy of the Sacred Heart of Jesus".

- After our meeting tonight, we will have our Family Of the Month and Family Of the Year social and make presentations to show our appreciation.

- I attended the Wisconsin State Council Resolutions Committee meeting for our upcoming state convention. The meeting went well and I want

to tell you it was a pleasure to work with a fine group of state officers.

- I am honored to report that on March 11 the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus won the Pledge of Allegiance case in Federal Appeals court, upholding the constitutionality of "under God" in the pledge of allegiance. And therefore, the words "one nation under God" does not violate the establishment clause of the 1st amendment to the constitution. In the words of our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, "This is a very good day for America".

- On Saturday March 6, we conducted the Investiture for our new Columbian Squires Circle and now have 11 fine young men who will be looking for our guidance and support. Let's pray for this wonderful opportunity God has given us to plant good seed in the hearts of these young men. And someday, when they are Catholic adults, the example we gave will help them to have abundant lives in Christ Jesus. Let's also pray for the Circle leaders, that their influence will steer these young men closer to Jesus through His Holy Spirit.

- On that same Saturday, eight members of our council, including myself, attended the Esto Vir Men's Conference for our annual Spiritual Growth event. The conference was very enlightening and offered multiple proof that our God is a loving God and wants deeply for us to have a bountiful and spiritual life. The main message of this Esto Vir (means "be a man") conference is to attend confession more often so we can clear the dark areas in our hearts and allow Jesus to dwell there. This is also a precept of our church. I encourage all of to attend confession this Lenten season. Have a blessed Easter. Vivat Jesus, Karl VDB

### Communications

- Thank you card from Emergency Shelter of the Fox Valley for our food donation from our Pancake Breakfast.

- Thank you card from The Sacred Heart Auto League for our donation. This ties into Rod Runde's presentation later.

**Membership** - We had a 1st degree earlier tonight. Five men were initiated, two for our council - Ned Schommer and Curt Weis.

- Karl reported we are negative 1 for insurance. Making this quota is a requirement for the Star Council Award. You can become an insurance member for as little as \$100 by purchasing a KofC annuity contract. This is a very safe and solid program.

**Church** - Gary Dercks reported our parish is looking for a more visible symbol when taking the Eucharistic hosts for communion in nursing homes. Right now they are using Pyxes, which can hardly been seen. It was suggested to look into the cost of Ciboriums, which are 7 to 10 inches tall. Gary obtained a catalog from Autom and they have some Ciboria for \$49. The parish would like to get three Ciboriums. This size would hold about 100 hosts. This is more than needed, but sometimes as many as 50 hosts are taken to a nursing home. Gary will research selection and cost and discuss this further at our officers meeting on April 6.

**Family of the Month** - Ed Farrell suggested nominating Bill & Toni Ellenbecker for April FOM. They are especially active with managing the St. John Food Pantry. Gary Dercks motioned. Kevin Janssen seconded. Passed.  
- Our FOM social is tonight following the meeting.

**Youth** - Jim Golden reported the Respect Life Contest award presentations were made after the all school Mass a couple of weeks ago. Awards for the Free Throw Contest were also made at the same time by Ed Farrell. Marty Weyers reported the Knowledge Contest is complete. Trophies have been picked up and an awards date will be set up soon.

**Brat Fry** - Gary Dercks inquired if we want to have a Brat Fry fundraiser at Piggly-Wiggly? Gary will look into Saturday May 1st. Watch for details.

**DD Report** - Sam Neuman reminded us the Tootsie Roll fundraiser is April 16, 17, and 18.

- Sam will again be walking in the Human Walk sponsored by Leaven. However, this year he is walking for Haven of Hope Day Care. Every \$12 raised will pay for 1 hour of individual care. Marty Weyers motioned to support our DD at the rate of 1

penny per step for the 5 kilometers, totaling \$160. Gary Dercks seconded. Passed.

- Sam reported Haven of Hope is nearly finished with their remodeling necessary to accept adults for day care.

**Family Of the Year** - At our last officers meeting Karl suggested we select a Family Of the Year. He suggested Joyce Lukow from Haven Of Hope Day Care Center. Her daughter also helps with the day care. Joyce and her family will receive a certificate of appreciation and an award as our 2010 FOY tonight at our after meeting social.

**Good of the Order** - Spiritual Growth - Rod Runde spoke about Sacred Heart of Jesus devotions. Visor clips from the Sacred Heart Auto League, Sacred Heart Southern Missions in Walls, Mississippi, were distributed to all present. See the web site for more information.

<http://www.shl.org/site/PageServer?pagename=SHSMpurpose>

**Must be Present to Win** – March meeting drawing for \$50 – John Manser's name was drawn. He was here, but he left already, so his name will go back for the next drawing. Congratulations and thanks John. *Our next Regular Meeting is on April 20 – 6:30 PM.*

### Officers Meeting -- April 6

☺ Karl asked all the members present to sign a get-well card for Father Jim. We also discussed sending something along with it. Perhaps something he might use to pass the time until he gets better. Paint-by-numbers?

☺ We received a request from Nancy Schmoll, the Religious Education director for St John, asking if the Knights would again like to contribute toward the Echoes of Faith DVD's used for the training of our Religious Ed instructors. Cost of the materials will be \$500. The officers present recommend we ask for a motion at the general membership meeting and proceed with it there.

☺ The National Day of Prayer will be on May 6. We have been asked to contribute \$75 to this event. All agreed. Karl will send a check.

☺ Cheese Fest will take place on June 4, 5, and 6. Karl will get the application into the village.

☺ Dave DeWitt requested we select a January FOM so he can have a complete FOM slate in our history book for next year. The Dave & Jan DeWitt family was nominated and approved. Thanks Dave for keeping up the history book.

☺ A request letter from Leaven was read. They have donation matching now. Dave DeWitt motioned to donate \$100 to Leaven. Gary Dercks seconded. Passed.

☺ We are looking for a Pro-Life chairman. There are many things can still be done. Call Karl (788-5154) if you are interested.

☺ We are also looking for a Financial Secretary. John Golden has asked if someone can take over the position. Call Karl (788-5154) if you are interested.

☺ It was suggested we should again send a donation to our seminarians. The RSVP program ends on June 30. All agreed to continue this contribution.

☺ Gary Dercks reported on his research of Ciborium. From the Autom catalog, Gary selected several to compare, costing from \$35 to \$100 each. After reviewing the selections, we agreed on a \$50 model. Gary will investigate the cover fit and if there may be a discount if we purchase three.

☺ A letter from Sacred Heart council in Rothschild, WI explains they are getting a statue of Father McGivney to be displayed in the Mother of Christ Grotto at St. Therese Catholic Church. They will have the status to be the first council in the US to display Father McGivney as the rightful founder of the Knights of Columbus. For the small cost of \$60, all Wisconsin councils are offered the opportunity to purchase a 12 x 12 inch tile, with the

individual council's representation on it, to be installed in the grotto. Marty Weyers motioned we purchase a tile for \$60. Cletus Baumgart seconded. Passed.

☺ Gary Dercks motioned to donate \$100 to the National Pro-Life Alliance. Seconded. Passed.

**Please return Charity Raffle ticket stubs and collections ASAP to**

**Jim Golden  
213 Lilac Lane  
Little Chute, WI 54140  
(788-4654)**

**OPPORTUNITIES  
For Knights**

☺ **Contribute \$9.00 to the  
ULTRASOUND INITIATIVE.**

☺ **BECOME POLITICALLY INFORMED  
AND AWARE ABOUT WHAT IS GOING ON  
IN GOVERNMENT.**

☺ **Volunteer at "LZ LAMBEAU: Welcoming  
Home Wisconsin's Vietnam Veterans"  
on May 21 - 23.  
THEY ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS.  
See [www.lzlambeau.org](http://www.lzlambeau.org)  
for volunteer information.**

☺ **Donate items to Haven of Hope Day Care  
Center - Rummage Sale Fundraiser on April 30.**

☺ **Sign up to work at our CHEESE FEST food  
booth on June 4, 5, and 6.**

→ Our next meeting will at 6:30 PM on April 20, 2010 ←