



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Msgr John J. Sprangers,
Council 10919

NEWSLETTER – March 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 – February 16

Grand Knights Report – Karl started with a story about a solicitation call from a charitable fundraiser. He found out that only 14% of donations go to benefit individuals. The lesson here is to know your charities. We can be very proud to belong to an organization where much, much more than 14% is used for benefits and services. This Sunday we will be having our Pancake and Porky Breakfast and LifeSavers 4 Life fundraisers. Proceeds from the breakfast will go to support vocations and proceeds from the LifeSavers will go to support Mothers and Unborn baby Care in Appleton. Please sign up to help. We will share our council information and show a DVD of our 2009 history book at the breakfast as part of our spring recruitment effort.

- After our meeting tonight Harriett and Ali Janssen, Michelle Mills and Char Kilsdonk will speak to us about their attendance at the National Catholic Youth Conference in Kansas City last November, for which our council donated \$300.

- I will be ordering more KofC shirts shortly. Let me know if you want one.

- On Friday March 5 after the all school Mass, Ed Farrell, Jim Golden and I will be presenting trophies, certificates and awards to the winners of the Free Throw Contest and Respect Life Essay Contest. Feel free to attend that Mass and be present for these presentations.

- The Squires Investiture ceremony for our new Squires Circle is scheduled for Saturday March 6 at 10 AM here in the Msgr Jim Room. Thanks again to Greg Elrick for getting this started.

- Bill Ellenbecker informed me that 418 items have been collected so far for the St John Food Pantry food drive. It is continuing through this Sunday.

- In closing, I encourage all our members to stay informed and involved. Our council is very active and we have many opportunities to carry on Jesus' mission. Vivat Jesus, Karl VDB

Communications

- Thank you card from Dan Stunger, DD #10 for our recent donation.

- Thank you letter from COTS for our recent donation.

- Thank you letter from Mt Tabor Retreat Center for our recent donation.

Membership - Karl Vandenberg reported he has a signed Form 100 for membership for Nedd Schommer. We will get him to a 1st degree as soon as can be arranged.

- There is a 2nd & 3rd degree on Sunday March 14 at Our Lady of Lourdes School in DePere.

- Karl reported we are negative 1 for insurance. Making these quotas is required to receive 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.

- There is a 4th degree on Saturday April 17 in Waukesha. Call Karl to register.

FOLLOWUP - We will have a 1st degree before our March meeting, starting at 6:00 PM on March 16 in the Msgr Jim Room. Our regular meeting will immediately follow; doors reopening at 6:45.

Council - Our annual spiritual growth event is on March 6 at St. Pius in Appleton. The council will pay \$20 toward your registration cost.

Family of the Month - It was suggested we pick a Family of the Year from our 2009 FOM selections. Ed Farrell will provide a list to review at our next meeting.

Youth - Marty Weyers reported the Knowledge Contest is complete. He will order 35 trophy awards ASAP.

Squires - Greg Elrick reported we have 11 boys signed up and 2 more possible. The Investiture Ceremony is Saturday March 6 at 10 AM here in the Msgr Jim Room. Some state officers will attend. Please join us for this historic event.

DD Report - Sam Neuman reminded us March is membership month. Keep up your new membership recruitment efforts.

- You will be receiving information about the Human Walk sponsored by Leaven. Your support will again be appreciated.

Good of the Order - Spiritual Growth - Greg Elrick read a passage from Today's Devotions called The Good Leaven. The passage was about making bread dough, combining and working flour, water and yeast. The good leaven is the word of God and the Sacraments of the Church. While bad leaven is anything that conflicts with the Gospel or obstructs of the risen Christ in our midst. Jesus helps us to recognize good leaven and bad leaven when I see them.

Must be Present to Win – February meeting drawing for \$50 – Dale Gralapp's name was drawn. He was not present so his name will go back for the next drawing. **Our next Regular Meeting is on March 16 – 6:30 PM.**

Speaker: Harriett and Ali Janssen, Michelle Mills and Char Kilsdonk attended the National Catholic Youth Convention (NCYC) in Kansas City last November. We watched a short DVD the kids made of their trip. 25,000 youth from all over the US were present. There was much to do and see and not enough time to attend even 1/2 of the activities and seminars. The girls and adults all enjoyed the experience and would like to go again.

Officers Meeting -- March 2

☺ Jerry Schoen reported on his attendance at the Leaven annual meeting. A large donation was made at the meeting. There was also a report of the many, many people and organizations that were helped last year.

☺ Spiritual Growth Event - Karl reported 6 members are signed up to attend the Esto Vir Men's Conference this Saturday.

☺ All is set for the Squires Investiture this Saturday. Karl said he would leave the Esto Vir Conference for a short time to be here. FOLLOWUP – The Squires Investiture was well attended. On Saturday March 6, 2010 eleven young men were initiated as charter members of the Little Chute Squires Circle. Four officers from our state council attended and participated in the Investiture. State Deputy Roland Ransom, State Treasurer Tim Genthe, State Program Coordinator Bob Halaska, State Columbian Squires Coordinator John Booth and District Deputy Sam Neuman. Congratulations Squires.

☺ Gary Dercks reported the March Fellowship Sunday is cancelled because of the 50 Years of Marriage dinner sponsored by the parish.

☺ Karl reported we made \$420 from our Pancake & Porky breakfast (for vocations) and we made \$410 from the LifeSavers 4 Life (\$280 to M&UBC, \$95 to KofC State Respect Life Fund, \$35 expenses). Thanks to everyone that helped with these fundraisers.

Breakfast - Marty Weyers, Greg Elrick, Pat Heuring, Rod Runde, Haini Ufi, Carl Vosters, Bill Ellenbecker, Peter Leitermann, Ed Farrell, Lloyd Romenesko, Bob, Heather and Danny Berken, Gary Dercks, Dick Tousey, Tim O'Connell, Randy Themar, Jerry Schoen, Tom & Ann Vandenberg, Dave VanEperen, Dave & Lynn Vanden Heuvel and kids.

LifeSavers 4 Life - Dick Evers, Ed Farrell, Dale Gralapp, Peter Arts, Carl Vosters, Lloyd Romenesko, Bob, Heather & Danny Berken, Tom & Ann Vandenberg, Dave & Lynn Vanden Heuvel and kids, Bill Ellenbecker, Peter Leitermann, Marty Weyers, Richard Hietpas, John Manser, Rod Runde & sons, Rand Themar.

☺ Thank you letter from Mission Honduras for our donation last year.

☺ Family of the Year - Ed Farrell will make to list of the 2009 FOM's. It was suggested we name Joyce Lukow as our Family of the Year. Everyone was in agreement.

- We will have a FOM Social after our March 16 meeting. Please stay and congratulate our special families.

**OPPORTUNITIES
For Knights**

CONTRIBUTE \$9.00 TO THE ULTRASOUND INITIATIVE.

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

☺ Valley Packaging - Special Olympics will be selling concessions at the Regional Basketball tournament. The tournament will be at Menasha H.S. We are still in need of volunteers willing to work in shifts in the concession stand between 8:00 and 4:00 on March 20. It is close quarters.

If anyone would be interested, contact me or e-mail me.

Thanks,

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