



KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

Msgr John J. Sprangers,
Council 10919

NEWSLETTER – May 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 – April 20

Grand Knight's Report – Happy Easter Brother Knights. During the time since our last meeting, we have celebrated Christ's passion and resurrection and His glorious celebration continues.

- Tonight we will open nominations for officers for the 2010-2011 fraternal year. Our current treasurer, Jim Golden, and current recorder, Dave DeWitt, have committed to serve another year. If you are not an officer, please consider an entry-level position of Inside or Outside Guard or Warden. I ask that all officers be committed to attending officer and general membership meetings and use every opportunity to acquaint themselves with the Knights of Columbus organization. This will keep our council's foundation strong into the future with a close group of officers. As an officer advances

through the officer positions, he should have a very good idea of the functions and duties of all the officer positions.

- This weekend, Cletus Baumgart and I will be representing our council as delegates to the state convention in Wisconsin Dells. Last weekend I attended and participated as a degree team member in the Wisconsin Eastern District 4th degree of patriotism exemplification held in Waukesha. 58 brother Knights joined the 4th degree, including 4 priests and 3 military members. Please consider the 4th degree. Next year it will be in Appleton.

- I think you can agree that our constitution and church are being severely challenged during this time. I encourage all of you to try your best to become informed about political and faith issues that as Catholics are so important to us. Tonight I ask you to join me in signing petitions to our senators and congressional representatives asking for their support for the "Life at Conception Act" declaring that unborn children are persons legally entitled to constitutional protection under the 14th amendment.

- Thanks to everyone that helped this past weekend with our annual Tootsie Roll fundraiser to collect donations for citizens with intellectual disabilities.

- In closing, I am looking forward to our busiest fundraising time of the year and wish you all a safe and enjoyable spring and summer season. May our thoughts be focused on our faith and filled with His Holy Spirit as we receive His unending grace everyday. Amen. Vivat Jesus, Karl

Communications

- Thank you note from Mount Tabor for our last donation.

- A request letter from the Community Benefit Tree was read. This fund helps people experiencing a medical crisis. Cletus Baumgart motioned to donate \$150. Seconded by Dick Tousey. Passed.

- Thank you from Jacob Mercer for our donation toward his trip.

Pro-Life - Karl invited everyone to join him in signing a petition to end abortion on demand by supporting the "Life at Conception Amendment" to send with our \$100 donation to the National Pro-Life Alliance. There are 5 petitions in all, to be sent

to US Senate Minority leader Mitch McConnell [R], US House minority leader John Boehner [R], US Senator Herb Kohl [D], US Senator Russ Feingold [D], and US Congressman Steve Kagen [D].

Excerpt from the petition -

... *WHEREAS: The 14th Amendment to the Constitution states: "nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty or property, without due process of law, nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the law";...*

<http://www.thepetitionsite.com/1/lifeatconceptionact>

Treasurer - \$1350 total from Tootsie Roll. Down a little from last year.

Membership - We have 1 new member prospect to read into the minutes - Marty Weyers motioned to accept Andy Spidle for membership. Seconded by Dick Tousey. Passed.

- Jerry Schoen reported he has created new history book DVD's. These are perfect for recruiting. Thanks Jerry for making new DVD's.

We will have a 1st Degree starting at 6 PM on May 18th before our general meeting. Please come early!

Church - At our officers meeting, we discussed a request from Nancy Schmoll, the Religious Education director for St John, asking if the Knights would again contribute toward the Echoes of Faith DVD series used for the training of our Religious Ed instructors. The cost of the materials will be \$500. The officers present recommended we ask for a motion at the general membership meeting. In a follow-up message, Nancy Schmoll reported they received support from the Golden Ticket Event reducing the remaining cost to \$233.25. Gary Dercks motioned to donate \$233.25 to cover the balance of this purchase. Seconded by Al Hangartner. Passed.

- Karl discussed the idea of promoting a Priests Appreciation dinner commemorating the Year of the Priest. It is hoped Fr Jim will be feeling better and can attend. Perhaps we could do it as a

fundraiser, with proceeds going for vocations. Karl and John Manser volunteered to committee this activity. Call Karl to assist.

- Gary Dercks reported he ordered 3 Ciboriums for the Eucharistic ministers to use to bring communion to nursing homes.

- Rod Runde reported Corpus Christi celebration will take place at Holy Cross church in Kaukauna on June 6 during and after the 11:00 Mass. Rod suggested Knights and Squires could attend together.

State KofC Camping weekend June 25-27 at Evergreen Campsites and Resort, Wild Rose - Make your reservations with the campground
Telephone: 920-622-3498
Toll Free: 866-450-CAMP
Fax: 920-622-3598
www.evergreencampsites.com

Youth - Karl reported made the awards to the winners of our Knowledge Contest this past Friday. The school principal assisted him and pictures will be submitted to the Times-Villager.

Squires - John Manser reported on the first Squires meeting held yesterday. Some fundraising concepts were discussed. Recruiting and advancement was also discussed. Please let us know of any young men you know that would be a prospect for Squires.

Nominations opened for elected Officers '10-11

Cletus Baumgart - Grand Knight
Ed Farrell - Deputy Grand Knight
____ - Chancellor
Dave DeWitt - Recorder
Jim Golden - Treasurer
____ - Advocate
____ - Warden
Bill Ellenbecker - Inside Guard
____ - Outside Guard

Nominations will remain open until we vote at our May meeting.

Good of the Order - Spiritual Growth - Gary Dercks lead a discussion of a portion of Pope

Benedict's address to the United Nations. "Human rights should not be viewed as merely the result of law making processes." "Humans have rights as a result of their being created in the image of God." We have to remember the unborn and the new born, the elderly and those who have mental handicaps because these people cannot always answer for themselves. At times, they may need someone to speak for them.

Must be Present to Win – April meeting drawing for \$50 – Tim O'Connell's name was drawn. He was not here so his name will go back for the next drawing. *Our next General Membership Meeting is on May 18 at 6:30 PM.*

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Officers Meeting -- May 4

☺ Our History Book received a gold award at the state convention. In addition, and primarily based on the content of our history book, Karl reported our council was selected the State Div 2 Champion for Program Activities and received a plaque.

☺ The Brat Fry made \$200 last Saturday. We will split the proceeds 25/75 with the Squires.

☺ Thank you from Scott Valentyn for our RSVP donation.
- Thank you from Nancy Schmoll for our donation toward the purchase of instructional DVD's.

☺ Lloyd Romenesko reported the Highway Cleanup was completed last week. Thank you Lloyd, Gene Janssen, Peter Arts, Jim Golden and Bill Ellenbecker.

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

☺ Pat O'Brien from Bay-Lakes Council Boy Scouts talked to us about a new program called Venturing. This is a co-ed program for ages 14 to 21. There are different Venturing crews - one assists habitat for humanity, another does white water kayaking, another does climbing activities, and another at Outagamie Conservation Club

includes shooting and conservation. The Venturing program wants to expand into more activities/programs through existing organizations and their activities.

www.scouting.org/scoutsources/Venturing.aspx

☺ **New area insurance agent**

Larry Putzstuck
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Appleton, WI 54914
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**Corpus Christi
(Feast of the Body of Christ)
June 6
Holy Cross Church in Kaukauna
During and after the 11:00 Mass**

OPPORTUNITIES For Knights

☺ **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
for volunteer information.**

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

☺ **Send letters of encouragement to our
seminarians. Their addresses are on our web
site.
<http://kofc10919.org/ActivitiesandEvents.aspx>**

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