



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Knights of Columbus

February 2012

Sanford MI Council 8043

## Grand Knight's Column

Hello to all Brother Knights, Spouses, and Families.

I would like to start out by sharing some examples of the great charitable works carried out by the State and supreme levels of the K of C organization. The examples were shared with attendees at the last district-wide K of C meeting that our warden and membership director, Jerry Ciuk and I attended. The Supreme council of the Knights of Columbus was one of the 1<sup>st</sup> responders after the 9/11 attacks on the world trade center. They started the heroes fund with 1 million dollars. Future donations came from many, the largest being \$20,770 from the Michigan State Council. The fund donated a large sum to each family of the emergency responder victims. The Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus was also one of the first organizations to respond to the Haiti earthquakes and they also have offered prosthetic limbs to every child impacted. The Michigan State Council of Knights of Columbus has provided funding to Holy Cross Children's Services for over 60 years. They help support 20 centers including the St Vincent Holland House in Saginaw. They have helped over 180,000 children and some have gone on to very successful and distinguished careers. I share this because I want everyone to know that all of the charitable works and sharing of time of each and every member does make a difference and does not go unnoticed. Many people benefit from the charitable works of the knights including many people and organizations right here in Midland County.

We have many active members that volunteer in many capacities within the K of C organization and without and I thank all of them. One example is Stew and Vickie Woods and their family. They have been on a mission for the last year working with the Tribes in North Dakota. Thanks to Stew and family for the great example. I would also like to thank Don Fortier for again stepping up and volunteering to organize the 1<sup>st</sup> communicant dinner. Thanks to all!! Without you the K of C would not be what it is today!

### VIVAT JESUS

Frank Allbee, Grand Knight

## Good of the Order

Please keep the following people on your prayer list and in your prayers: Percy Allbee, Judy Ahearn, Ann Andrews, Debby Bailey, Anna Batcke, Dodie Batcke, Kevin Batcke, Gary Beyersdorf, Cherie Edgar, Jean Edgar, Wilbur Edgar, PGK Arnie Fuhrman, Sally Fuhrman, Ethyl Gilmet, Truman Gilmet, Scott Hall, Fr. Jim Hast, Shirley Holato, Mary Jane Howe, Deacon Ed Kebblish, Kelly Keeley, Jerry C. Kole, Don Majeske, Joy Majeske, Eugene Mayer, Zach McCann, Marguerite Mueller, William Mueller, Rick Muter, Linda Nightlinger, Laz Olvera, Helen Pytlak, John Pytlak, John Riha, John Roberts, Dr. Cindy Ruszala, Louis Schmidt, Albert Schrader, Marguerite Schrader, Dee Siegel, Jennifer Sisco, Aubree Snow, Clare Stong, Wes Tacey, Gus Vitale, Olympia Vitale, Ned Weckesser, Jerry Wirbel and Ron Zitta.

## Blood Drive

Our next drive is Saturday, March 10 from 7 AM – 1 PM. Please donate your blood or some chili or both.

Our last drive was January 14. We collected 29 pints - 36 registered. Thanks to all for your donation of blood or food or both.

## Special Olympics

Due to the lack of snow, the Winter Special Olympics has been cancelled. Too bad, as the athletes really look forward to this event, as do the Knights in assisting them.

Spring Track & Field will be on May 19. Please save this date.

## Key Dates to remember:

Please volunteer to help if you can.

Feb 6	Council Meeting – 7 PM
Feb 26	Pancake Breakfast – 9 AM – 12:30 PM
Feb 27	Officers/Directors Meeting – 7 PM
Feb 29	Family Hour of Prayer – 6 PM

## Knight and Family of the Month - January

**Knight of the Month – Ken Sisco**

**Family of the Month – DGK David Schrader family**

Congratulations to both knights and to Marguerite.

## Dues are Due

Just a reminder that everyone should have received his 2012 dues and that they are now due. Please give this a priority. Please consider the two voluntary requests for Take 5 and Sacred Heart Major Seminary.

If you have returned your dues, as 113 of you (81% already have by January 21, I thank you.

Those who have not yet paid, second notices were sent out on January 21.

It will be too late to send in your activities worksheet and have it counted for 2011, but if you do send it, I will hold onto it and incorporate this into 2012.

If you have been sent a data sheet, this means that I do not have one as yet for you. Remember, for those of you who are married, this information is used to put your spouse's birthdate and your wedding anniversary in this newsletter – don't blame me if your spouse wonders why her birthday is not mentioned if you have failed to send me this data sheet.

**When returning your dues, please use the return envelope that I sent you with your dues notice.**

Since I will be in Florida for the next two plus months, there will be a bit of a delay in receiving your membership card as it will first come to my Midland address and then will be forwarded to my Polk City address. Thanks for your understanding.

**Also, Honorary and Honorary Life members – the annual Boysville quota is a state assessment for all active members, which the state may do. As a result, I have billed both of these two member classes for that assessment, and while it is marked "voluntary", it is indeed "mandatory" and your membership card will not be mailed out unless this amount is paid.**

## Form 100s for New Members

If you have any blank membership forms, please discard them if they have revision dates prior to 9/11 or 10/11 (shown immediately after the form number. The change has to do with the annuity rate that was shown on the back of the form. The current annuity rate can be determined by calling 800-524-3611 and then selecting option 7.

All new members can purchase an annuity for the new member and his spouse and will then be considered an insurance member.

Current members who wish to purchase an annuity from the Knights of Columbus should contact our council's insurance agent, Chuck Murray at 989-620-0122.

## February Anniversaries

Ron & Carol Monson	4
Dennis & Mary Kay Taylor	6
Chuck & Sandra Batcke	8
Greg & Sally Whitmer	17



## Knights of Columbus Sanford Council 8043



### Officers and directors

Chaplain - Fr. Dan Fox  
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 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Liaison – Fred Lyon  
 HCCS Liaison – Mark Wackerle  
 K of C Ins Agent – Chuck Murphy - 989-620-0122

### Fourth Degree Exemplifications

Most of you are aware that we publish the Midland assembly as a part of our newsletter. This degree – the patriotic degree, is offered twice per year in our district. Our district, District 4 encompasses the dioceses of Grand Rapids and Saginaw. Our next exemplification of the 4<sup>th</sup> degree will be in Saginaw at the Diocesan Ministry Center at 5800 Weiss St. on **Saturday, March 17**, beginning at 9 AM with registration.

The cost of this degree is estimated at \$70 which includes a banquet ticket. Your spouse or significant other is welcome to attend the banquet and the cost of a banquet ticket for her is \$30. A class picture will also be taken and its cost is \$10 – a very well done item which includes a folder with the certificate for the degree inside with the picture.

A tuxedo is required with the shirt being a laydown collar. Consider buying one instead of renting and you will have it for other 4<sup>th</sup> degree activities as well.

Should you wish to become a Color Corps member, the cost of the regalia is about \$400 which includes sword, cape, chapeau, carrying cases and service baldric. The assembly has a purchase plan where you can obtain the regalia at once and pay \$50/year until paid for.

### February Birthdays

Mary Jean Weber	2
Cynthia Kroll	5
Jim Lynch	5
PGK Dr. Irv Potts	5
PGK Jack Stong	8
Teresa Allbee	9
Mary Angus	9
Ned Weckesser	9
Gerald Nightlinger	11
Michael Stroman	11
Marguerite Schrader	16
Barb LaLonde	22
Ken Sisco	22
Chris Bond	23
Madonna White	23
PGK Bob Yahrmarkt	24
PKG Dennis Taylor	25
Pearl Wirbel	28

### Insurance Corner

#### Still have just group insurance?

As a Knights of Columbus field agent, I hear about group life insurance every week. If you have it, it's certainly not a bad thing, but it can be a misleading security blanket. Most times, the amount offered is far from what you need, and the only way to determine what you need is with a comprehensive needs analysis. Your group coverage is not based on any analysis. Instead, they apply a formula: you make X amount in salary and the group life is either a flat amount (\$15,000 seems popular) or a multiple of your salary (somewhere between 1.5 and 2.5 is common). Either way, it has nothing to do with the number of children you have, the mortgage balance you carry, or the amount of money your wife would need if you die. It's a completely random number.

It can also disappear at any time. All of us know people – friends, family members, neighbors – who have lost their jobs. When the job is lost, so is the group life insurance coverage. If the company experiences difficulty and budgets need to be cut, group life can be reduced or eliminated. And that decision could be made at the worst possible time for you.

Most group life insurance coverage reduces or disappears when you retire. Many times it can be converted, but at a very expensive premium (remember, you're no kid anymore when you retire, and premiums do rise as you get older). Just because you turn 65 doesn't mean you no longer need life insurance or need less coverage. Actually, the opposite is true. And, if you have had a significant health problem, your premiums can be considerably higher.

Do you still own just group life insurance? It must be supplemented with a personally owned portfolio. I can tell you exactly how to blend your group benefit with your K of C life insurance so things can be in your control. Don't let the feeling of security that group life provides distract you from the real issue: taking control of your family's financial future!

To learn more about our products, contact me today.

I'm at e-mail - [Charles.Murphy@kofc.org](mailto:Charles.Murphy@kofc.org) or call me at 989-620-0122 – let's get together.

**Chuck Murphy**

**Important note - if you are receiving this by mail, each newsletter costs the council \$0.90 each and every month (printing and postage). It also takes about four hours in taking this to get printed and picking it up, folding it, taping it and attaching labels and stamps. If you can receive this by e-mail and are not currently, please send an e-mail to [perrinebatcke@yahoo.com](mailto:perrinebatcke@yahoo.com) with Newsletter Saver in the subject line and I will send you this newsletter by return e-mail to make sure you can open it. This month I will electronically send out 144 newsletters (saving us almost \$130 via e-mail versus 43 by snail mail (COSTING US OVER \$38/MO)).**



# James Cardinal Hickey Assembly 2974

Michigan District 4

Midland MI

January 2012

## OFFICERS

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F. Inner Sentinel

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F. Outer Sentinel

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3-YR Trustee

Frank Cieszlak  
2-Yr Trustee

Irv Potts  
1-Yr Trustee

## Meetings

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays  
7PM  
St. Brigid School  
– Room 230  
130 W Larkin St  
Midland MI  
48640

## Next meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 24 at 7:00 PM in the St. Brigid School - Room 230.

## February Birthdays

SK Dr. Irvin Potts	5
SK Jack Stong	8
Lady Teresa Allbee	9
Lady Karen Berg	10
SK Rev Ricky Varner	14
SK Rev James Wm Bessert	23
SK Robert Yahrmart	24
SK Dennis Taylor	25

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SK Thomas & Lady Maribel Erickson	3
SK Dennis & Lady Mary Kay Taylor	6
SK Charles & Lady Sandra Batcke	8
SK Mark & Lady Renee Larsen	15
SK John & Lady Lorraine Talbot	26

## Next Exemplifications

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## A Win-Win Situation – Copying Costs

Staples has offered us a chance to save 10% each time we use them with the possibility of getting an additional 10% back at the end of the year if we use \$1,000 of copying. So, if you need copying done, consider Staples and provide them with #5773369573 and you will save 10% on your order immediately and will help us get to the \$1,000 amount that we need to get another 10% on the total. Of course, if you have a business that does a lot of copying; you can obtain a number for your business and take advantage of this savings yourself.

## Good of the Order

Please pray for Rhonda Bankstahl, Anna Batcke, Dodie Batcke, Kevin Batcke, Carrie Berney, Father Jim Bessert, Brother Francis Boylan, Carlene Cieszlak, Dr. Janee Clark, Chris Emeott, Fr. Richard Filary, Arnie Furhmann, Sally Fuhrman, Ethyl Gilmet, Truman Gilmet, Rod Hoverman, Don Majeske, Joy Majeske, Eugene Mayer, Rick Muter, Louie Schmidt, Clare Stong, Dave Thomas, Cathy Wishowski, all of the sick on the parish lists, all victims of natural disasters and all those in uniform protecting our way of life. Please remember all in your prayers.

## Schedule of Events

The following events are open for all assembly members:

Jan 24	Meeting –St. Brigid Room 230 – 7 PM
Feb 28	Meeting –St. Brigid Room 230 – 7 PM
Mar 17*	Exemplification – Saginaw – 9 AM?

See Color Corps notes for other opportunities

\*Color Corps regalia required

## Color Corps Notes

Thanks to all who turned out for the various events the past month.

Following is the most current list of Color Corps events that I have. All but the Exemplification are invitations from the Saginaw and Chesaning Assemblies. If you can attend any of these an help out the assemblies, please do so. They would really appreciate your effort.

January 22, 2012 Corporate Communion at St. Michael 9:00am Mass in Oakley.

February 5, 2012 Corporate Communion at Immaculate Conception 10:30am Mass 708 Sanderson, St. Charles.

March 17, 2012 Fourth Degree Exemplification at Saginaw Diocesan Center for Ministry, 5802 Weiss St., Saginaw.

March 24, 2012 Corporate Communion at Sts. Peter & Paul 5:00pm Mass, 4735 W. Michigan Ave., Saginaw.

Please try to be there at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled event; please let me know (989) 893-9622) if you can attend...

Frank Cieszlak, Color Corps Commander

## Dues

You should have received your annual dues notice. Dues remain at \$18 (\$10 for Honorary, \$0 for Honorary Life members), plus voluntary opportunities of \$2 for the chalice fund and \$5 for the Holy Cross Children's Service religious education fund. In addition, this year, we are putting on a voluntary contribution of \$5 that will put your name on a signature ad for the March and October exemplifications.

Please make your check payable to **JCH Assembly 2974. DO NOT COMBINE WITH YOUR COUNCIL DUES. Please use the return envelope that I sent you with your dues notice. The Post Office is forwarding these to my January-March Florida address.**

We provide a chalice once per year to a missionary or needy local priest with the names of those Sir Knights who have departed this life during that past July 1-June 30 timeframe. The cost of the chalice and the case is \$245 plus the cost of engraving.

The religious education fund allows the staff at Holy Cross Children's Service to provide each student a class in religious education. As each of the schools is a chartered school, no public funds can be used for this purpose, so some years ago, the 4<sup>th</sup> degree was asked if we would assist in this important endeavor.

Please remember to fill out and return the activities survey. These hours allow the Knights to maintain its non-profit status. I must have this no later than 1/28 in order to be counted this year.

Finally, for those who did not yet complete one, there is a data information sheet. In addition to your own data, you are asked to fill in your spouse's name and date of birth (at least the month and day) and your wedding anniversary. Clergy, please put down your ordination date.

As of this date, 43 of our 55 members (78%) have remitted their dues and/or voluntary assessments.

Second notices will be sent out the week of 1/23/12. Save your assembly postage by remitting your dues now!

## Getting This By Snail Mail?

Help us save printing and postage. Send me an e-mail at [perrinebatcke@yahoo.com](mailto:perrinebatcke@yahoo.com)



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**Knights of Columbus Sanford Council 8043**

February 2012						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jan 29	Jan 30	Jan 31	1	2	3	4
	Officers/Directors Meeting – 7 PM				Fish Fries: Auburn 2:30-7 St. Brigid 4:30-7	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Council Meeting – 7 PM					
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	Mar 1	Mar 2	Mar 3
Pancake Breakfast 9 AM – 12:30 PM	Officers/Directors Meeting – 7 PM	4th Degree Meeting 7 PM – St. Brigid	Family Hour of Prayer – 6-7 PM		Fish Fries: Auburn 2:30-7 St. Brigid 4:30-7	