



Knights of Columbus

Council 10963

April - June 2008 Newsletter

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From Your Grand Knight

Gentlemen,

This past quarter has been a tough one. Between Easter preparations, taking on monthly breakfasts and the Dawson fund raiser we pretty much maxed out the council this year. I have been concerned about the growing lack of a quorum at the meetings. It seems like weekdays do not work for us.

I have talked to many of you about the subject of changing the meeting day and it seems the overwhelming consensus is Sundays. This makes sense from a logistics point of view. Many members who are willing to attend the meetings live outside of the local area. Gas price and the time it takes to get to Old St Pats after work is an issue for many.

Meeting one Sunday a month seems like the best solution. Moving the meetings to Sundays leads to a new issue which is what about the family? If we agree to move the general meeting on Sunday a month we would necessarily have to include the rest of the family and we would have to be creative. Perhaps we could incorporate a pot luck, activities for the children, in any case with a little Yankee ingenuity we could make it work. In order to change the meeting date we must pass a resolution. This will require a quorum and a vote. So when you hear the resolution is coming up for a vote...please plan to attend.

Lastly, congratulations to the newly elected slate of officers. I look forward to serving with you this coming year. Please check the website for names.

Vivat Jesu,

Michael Cesar
Grand Knight, Council 10963

Knights of the Month

Apr '08 – Jesse Sutton
May '08 – Mike Brcic
Jun '08 – Mike "Cheese" Provensano

Knight of the Year

2007-2008 – Jim Stephenson

Families of the Month

Apr '07 – The Kummet Family
May '07 – The Galbraith Family
Jun '07 – The Pariseau Family

Family of the Year

2007-2008 – The Kummet Family



Upcoming Events

- July 1 – Our Lady of Charity Icon (Hour of Prayer) – OSP Church, 6pm
- July 7 – State Membership Seminar, HCCS Clinton, 6:30pm
- July 9 – Host 4th Degree Meeting/Dinner – OSP PC, 6:30pm - ALL ARE WELCOME.
- July 20 – St Patrick's in July BBQ, OSP PC, Noon
- July 22 – District Cascade Meeting, St Patrick, Brighton, 6:30pm
- July 25 – Vocation Day, Lansing Lugnuts, Oldsmobile Stadium. Lansing, 5pm

Prayer

It has been my desire for some time to include more spiritual things in both our meetings and communications. The only difficulty is that I only have so many hours I can commit to the Knights. I would love it if one of you could volunteer to take this on. In the meantime here is a little inspiration I received at a recent time of Eucharistic adoration.

There are many types and formats for prayer. I would like to share with those interested one I learned from my confessor when I reverted back to the Catholic Faith. Perhaps it will help you in your personal prayer.



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An acronym I learned to help me pray is A.C.T.S. Like the **Acts of the Apostles**. Each letter in the acronym help me remember a part of prayer I don't want to skip. The letters stand for Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication.

Before embarking on the journey of prayer, it is best to prepare and quiet our interior. This is also known as a prayer stance.

Adoration

"Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name..."

Starting out praising and adoring our LORD is one of the best ways to work into prayer. Praying the divine praises

(<http://www.preces-latinae.org/thesaurus/Euch/Laudes.html>)

or just meditating on the names of God I found has a similar affect of preparing the soul to meet our Lord.

Confession

"forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us..."

As with any good relationship, we before we go very far we need to clear the air. Any impediment to our LORD answering our prayers must be addressed. Note: this is not to be confused with the sacrament or Reconciliation. It may, however, consist of a provision or personal resolution to get there at the next opportunity. Recognize your failings before God and resolve to remedy asap.

Thanksgiving

Now that we have prepared our hearts and consciences it is appropriate to approach our LORD with a thankful heart. Take this time to review your blessings and thank God for them.

Supplication

"give us this day our daily bread...and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

During this time you can open and read from the scriptures. The readings from the day or just choosing a chapter and begin reading. The point of this time is communication. Listen while you read the scriptures. I usually try to take an extended time of silence and readiness here. After you have listened to our LORD you are ready to make your concerns known to Him. Sometime it may be appropriate to journal your requests for the purpose of seeing them answered.

I have briefly, and I mean briefly, discussed one way to pray. I hope for those of you who have difficulty praying because you don't know what to say or how to pray, that this will be helpful. However you choose to pray, be faithful and consistent. Remember, it is better to be faithful than to be successful – especially if the two are in conflict.

Quarterly Events Recap

(I apologize in advance if I left off names. Some time has passed since these activities and my memory is fading. If you would like to help with more accurate reporting then please let me know.

We have an immediate need for a Publicity Director.)

Right to Life Dinner – Angela and myself were treated this year by the St Marys council in Pinkney. We were grateful for their generosity since we were not able to purchase tickets this year. The speaker was the wonderful Bishop Carlson of the Saginaw Diocese who spoke about the fight for life in our Country. There is no doubt he is pro-life. It was a great time.

The State Convention – The weather this year was the best I have seen in the last 5 time I been there. Both your delegates, Dave and myself, were present and ready to work. On Friday, our council received an award for the fastest growth in the 1st half of the year with 220% of quota! Cardinal Maida, our new Bishop Boyea and Bishop Carlson said the masses at the Island. This year was also an election year. There were no major resolutions to approve and 5 candidates for State Office. Ken Unterbrink won on the second ballot.



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Mothers Day breakfast – Even though we didn't charge the Mothers for breakfast this year, we still made a modest profit. Special thanks to Jesse Sutton for coordinating the event and all who showed up the night before to prepare the strata.

Chili Cook-off – The chili cook-off, planned by Mike Brcic and executed by Mike (Cheese) Provencano turned out, by the grace of God, wonderful. The morning was hot, the parish center was in disarray due to ceiling repair and it was donut Sunday! In all that mess Carla (our parish administrator) and her family set up tents and extension cords. The Kummets shifted donut Sunday gears and filled several huge thermos' with cold ice water and lemonade in stead of the usual milk while Dan Krebs and Cheese set up tables and chairs out side in the back of the parish center. I had the duty of selling tasting and voting tickets and Michelle Wruble calligraphed the winners certificates. Many others helped out as well. By 3pm the chili pots were empty and the winner needed to be announced. The first place winner was our very own Rob Choals. Second was my lovely wife Angela and third place was Mary Anne Bastian. Thanks every one. It looks like we raised a little over \$400.00 for the Dawson Family.