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From The Grand Knight



As we start the season of Lent, it is always good to reflect on the purpose of Lent. Lent is to be a season of fasting, self-denial, Christian growth, penitence, conversion, and simplicity. Lent, which comes from the Teutonic (Germanic) word for springtime, (I had to look that one up) can be viewed as a spiritual Spring cleaning; a time for taking spiritual inventory and then cleaning out those things which hinder our personal relationships with Jesus Christ and our service to Him. Thus, it is fitting that the season of Lent begins with a

symbol of repentance; placing ashes mixed with oil on one's head or forehead. However, we must remember that our Lenten disciplines are supposed to ultimately transform our entire person; body, soul, and spirit. Our Lenten disciplines are supposed to help us become more like Christ. That fact that we are Knights helps us with this. March is always a busy month for us and this one is no different.

First, we have a Charity Poker Fund Raiser. These funds will be used to help the Council support all those charities that are in need. Second, we have the Parish Fish Fries. Once again the Knights will be supporting this Parish function. If you can sign up to help out, please do so. We are always in need of help at the end of the night to do the clean up. In April we will be planning to clean the Church windows before Easter Sunday. Keep a look out for an upcoming date. We also have the MI Drive on Palm Sunday Weekend.

I would like to extend a heartfelt Thank You to all of you who over the past two months have been praying for my father-in-law, Brother Ted Miarka and my mother-in-law, Florence Miarka.

Florence was called home to the Lord on February 21st. My wife and her family would like to thank all of you for your kind words and prayers. Brother Ted is recovering from his heart condition and with the support of his children is dealing with the loss of his wife of 49 years. Ted and Florence's son, James Miarka, is also a member of our Council along with their son-in-law, George Papagni.

The past few months has once again shown me what it means to be a Knight. A Knight is someone who is there for his brother Knight when asked and even when not asked. He is someone you can lean on. He will pray for you and with you and support you. He will help you find your strength when you need it. He is truly your Brother. As Knights, we do for others when we can. If anyone knows of a brother Knight in need please reach out to him. If you have not had a chance to attend a meeting, now is a good time to stop by. Come in, say hello get, up to date on the business of the Council and socialize with your brothers.

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Upcoming Events

MARCH

- 3/3 Council Planning Meeting 7:30p
- 3/5-3/6 Monthly Bagel Sales - Team A
- 3/8 4th Degree @ St. Isidore 7:30p
Crossroads Pregnancy Dinner
- 3/12-3/14 Charity Poker Fundraiser
- 3/17 Council Business Meeting 7:30p
- 3/27 Corporate Communion

APRIL

- 4/3-4/4 Monthly Bagel Sales - Team B
- 4/7 Council Planning Meeting 7:30p
- 4/12 4th Degree @ St. Isidore 7:30p
- TBD Church Window Cleaning
- 4/15-4/17 MI (Tootsie Roll) Drive
- 4/21 Council Business Meeting 7:30p
- TBD Shelby Road Clean Up

MAY

- 5/5 Council Planning Meeting 7:30p
- TBD Men's kNight Out
- 5/10 4th Degree @ St. Isidore 7:30p
- 5/14-5/1 Monthly Bagel Sales - Team C
- 5/16 St John Vianney Council Founded
May 16, 1996

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In closing, please take the time to prepare yourself for Easter and work on making that change you have been thinking about. I personally know of a few things I'm going to work on. I won't ask Denise, but I am sure she probably has more than a few suggested changes for me and not just for the 40 days of Lent. Anyhow, let's use this time to improve ourselves and be more like the person God wants us to be.

God Bless you and yours and I hope to see you all at one of the many events coming up.

Vivat Jesus

Matthew J. Meagher

Grand Knight #11772

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Brothers,

We have several activities coming up that we need your help with. As always we appreciate any assistance you can give.

Starting this coming Friday and continuing with every Friday during Lent, the parish will be holding fish fries. We can use help with serving, cooking, and cleaning. Please watch your email for more information.

We have a charity poker tournament this weekend (March 12, 13, 14, and 15). There are still several slots that we need help. Please see your email for details.

There will also be a Corporate Communion on March 27 at the 9:45 mass.

Fraternally Yours,

Tom

JANUARY CONGRATULATIONS!

Knight Of The Month

Marty Hildreth

Family Of The Month

Rick and Lisa DiPirro

FEBRUARY CONGRATULATIONS!

Knight Of The Month

Tom Weisner

Family Of The Month

Bruce and Chris Randall

Knights of Columbus Prayer for Vocations

O God, who wishes all people to be saved,
touch with grace the hearts of many young men and women,
moving them to offer themselves as candidates
for the priesthood and religious life.

Inspire fathers and mothers and all members of Christian families
to become aware of the great need for religious vocations.

Endow all people with reverence for these sacred callings
that they may encourage many to serve God and mankind
in the ranks of religion.

These blessings we ask through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Sponsored Seminarians:

Our council is sponsoring the following seminarians:

- Christopher Beran
- Patrick Gonyeau
- Salvatore Palazzolo
- Paul Snyder
- Anthony Valenti



**SACRED HEART
MAJOR SEMINARY**

St. John Vianney, Curé of Ars, pray God to bless all
priests, and to bless our seminarians now preparing for the
sacred priesthood; grant them success in their studies and
perseverance in their efforts. Amen.

CHANCELLOR'S PAGE

Brother Knights

This month, I wish to express my sincere thanks to the membership for the donation of \$300.00 to Crossroads Pregnancy Center.

Your Chancellor, Michael Chopp

POPE BENEDICT XVI'S March 2011 Prayer Intentions

For Latin American Nations. That the nations of Latin America may walk in fidelity to the Gospel and progress in justice and peace.

For Persecuted Christians. That the Holy Spirit may give light and strength to those in many regions of the world who are persecuted and discriminated against because of the Gospel.

Solemnity Of The Annunciation

On Friday, March 25, 2011, the Solemnity of the Annunciation, at St. Edmund's Church (14025 Twelve Mile Rd), the Knights of Columbus will have a 7:00 p.m. mass and rosary for the Unborn Child and to pray for an end to abortion. During this Lenten season, please take this opportunity to come to this special mass and let's pray together for an end to abortion.

A Pro-Life Prayer For Our President And Public Officials

Lord God, Author of Life and Source of Eternal Life, move the hearts of all our public officials and especially our President, to fulfill their responsibilities worthily and well to all those entrusted to their care. Help them in their special leadership roles, to extend the mantle of protection to the most vulnerable, especially the defenseless unborn, whose lives are threatened with extermination by an indifferent society. Guide all public officials by your wisdom and grace to cease supporting any law that fails to protect the fundamental good that is human life itself, which is a gift from God and parents. You are the Protector and Defender of the lives of the innocent unborn. Change the hearts of those who compromise the call to protect and defend life. Bring our nation to the values that have made us a great nation, a society that upholds the values of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all. Mary, the Mother of the living, help us to bear witness to the Gospel of Life with our lives and our laws, through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

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Most Reverend Robert J. Baker

Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama

*“Now choose life, that both you and your children
may live.”*

(Deuteronomy 30:19 NIV)

Crossroads Pregnancy Center

Assists women and men who are involved in a crisis pregnancy

<http://crossroadspregnancy.org/cpc/index.html>

Abigayle Ministries

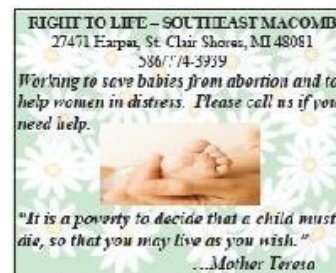
Offer hope and a future to homeless single pregnant women.

<http://www.abigayleministries.org/>

Priests For Life

Adoptions information.

<http://www.priestsforlife.org/testimony/adoptionworksforeveryone.html>



Drug and Alcohol Awareness Poster Contest Winners:



Pictured with Sir Knight Thadd Opiola are Kristin Hoffman, Grant Hoffman, Carson Kresevich, Laura Guilbault, and Michael Guilbault.

DIVISION: 8-11

Drug Awareness & Abuse

1st Prize	Michael Guilbault
2nd Prize	Laura Guilbault

Alcohol Awareness & Abuse

1st Prize	Jacqueline Jozefczyk
2nd Prize	Kristin Hauffman
Honorable Mention	Gloria Regis
Honorable Mention	Carson Kresevich

DIVISION: 12-14

Drug Awareness & Abuse

1st Prize	Mathew Jozefczyk
2nd Prize	None

Alcohol Awareness & Abuse

1st Prize	Grant Hoffman
2nd Prize	Jackie Okuniewicz

Let Us Offer Prayers For Our Brothers, Family And Friends:

Jason Breeze – pray that new medicines will stop his seizures and eliminate the need for brain surgery
 Ron Burke, Brother-in-law of PGK / Advocate Mike J. Mejia, who has been diagnosed with 4th stage cancer
 Jeanne Connelly, who had breast surgery
 Michael Davenport, colleague of PGK / Advocate Mike J. Mejia, who was diagnosed with Prostate Cancer
 Donna, sister-in-law of Brother John Pray
 Joanie Dunkelberg, friend of GK Matt Meagher, who is suffering with medical issues
 Eva Garza – 8 yr old who is friend of daughter – one kidney removed – pray for speedy recovery
 Terry Gery, wife of Brother Jim Gery
 Kay Hart, friend of BK George Stump, who has cancer
 Kim Joseph, friend of PGK Cliff Wasmund, who has cancer
 Eliza Kain, daughter of BK Dale Kain
 Ken Machala, friend of PGK Carl Grew, who has lung cancer
 Rachel McCormick who has brain cancer – pray for treatment to help & cure
 Florence Miarka wife of BK Ted, passed into Eternal life on February 21, 2011 – Let the perpetual light
 Ted Miarka in your prayers. He was rushed back to the hospital Jan 28, 2011 for on going heart issues.
 Samantha Meagher, daughter of Grand Knight Matt Meagher, who had surgery Sept 23, 2010
 Ed Murphy, who has Stage III Colon Cancer, friend of Brother Mike Flaker
 Conner O'Donnell, friend of the Matt Meagher Family, is a child with learning and other developmental issues
 Raymond Opiola, brother of BK Thad Opiola, who has medical issues
 Brother Jesus Plaza who is experiencing medical issues
 Dennis Porter, friend of BK Mike Flaker
 BK Dan Roche and all family members on the loss of granddaughter /daughter / sister Lauren Roche, on March 2, 2010
 Margaret Russo
 Jackie Stapels, daughter of Brother Lou Stapels
 Nicole Sulkowski, daughter of BK Brian Sulkowski
 Brother Jim Szandzik and his family
 Gerald Tuscany, father of Brother Pat Tuscany who is fighting cancer
 Brother Eugene Ureel, who is having health problems
 Brother Renato Villanueva, who is having health problems
 Alex Scapini, son of BK David Scapini who was diagnosed with a brain tumor
 Joseph Walega Jr., cousin of BK Rich Walega who has muscular scrolocious
 Robert Ward, friend of BK George, who is recovering from foot surgery
 Ernie Wasmund, uncle of Brother Cliff Wasmund
 Irma Werthman, mother of Brother Dave Werthman who has health problems
 Julie Zirado, cousin of BK Doug Black, who has an advance cancer medical condition



Prayer List:

If you have someone that you would like to add to our Prayer List, please email or call our GK Matt Meagher at 'grandknight@stjohnkofc.com' or (586)786-7260.

Deceased Brother Knights:

Please keep the following deceased Brother Knights and their families in your prayers:

Mark Armstrong	Earl L. Diegel	David Mattingly	John Sinshack
Fr. John B. Baggarly	Maxwell J. Dranberg	George Pastorek	Leroy Slawick
Fr. John E. Beez	William V. Evans	George Payne	Phillip A. Tetreault
James M. Breen	John Harrida	James Prain	Teddy Witkos
Carl F. Cory	Chester Kata	Fr Francis D. Rabaut	
Dennis R Dezio	Walter R. Krygowski	Daniel Roguz	

Things We Can Do Better

The beginning of the year always brings with it a fresh feeling of a new start, a new opportunity, a renewed sense of energy.

While it is really nothing more than a turn of the page on the calendar and a single digit changed at the end of the numerical year, many of us awake on January 1 with a revitalized sense of purpose.

Often, this process of setting, stating and cementing a “new me” entails making new years resolutions: promises from me to me to change or improve something about myself that I (or others) don’t like. I’m going to lose weight, go to the health club four times a week, become more active in my parish life, and read a book a week. And that’s just January. There is a whole new list in February and March.

The point is two-fold: I’m not sure why January 1 is so magical, and there is a long list of things I can improve on!

Let’s talk for a moment about things we can do better. Going through life, or even a portion of life, with financial blinders on is a dangerous proposition. If this whole January resolution idea is at all motivational to you, maybe this would be a good time to talk about this issue.

Do you know how much life insurance you have on your life, including the specifics that surround any group coverage you may have at work? If you own term insurance, do you know when it expires? Do you know who your beneficiaries are? Is your life insurance properly structured to benefit your estate?

Does your wife know who to call when it happens?

Are you prepared for elder care? What happens if you need nursing home care...or equivalent care that you are lucky to be able to get at home? Do you know what the government will pay for? And what they won’t pay for?

Are you ready for retirement? At what age will your money run out? How much is enough? Do you have a defined benefit pension plan, or a defined contribution plan? Both or neither? How much will your government send you every month?

My point is that while we are making resolutions to look better and feel better, let’s not make it all about me. Let’s include some very important issues that we don’t often talk about: How can I make my family’s future look better? Obviously, in my opinion, your Knights of Columbus agent should be the first call you make. I can supply answers to all of the questions I have listed here, and answer any others you may have.

Your future is my concern. Call me today for more information about the power of ensuring a secure future for those you love.

Ted Czarny F.I.C.F.
Knights of Columbus
Field Agent
586 286-6026

2010-2011 Officers:

District Deputy	Jeff Gapczynski	263-5942
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Treasurer	Gerald Meagher	781-0391
Chancellor	Mike Chopp	786-1163
Recorder	Doug Black	781-4118
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3yr. Trustee	Len Kujawa	677-3711
2yr. Trustee	Ron DeVriendt	255-5488
1yr. Trustee	Ted Miarka	263-4353
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Inside Guard	George Barthel	786-1789
Outside Guard	Rick Dipirro	810-341-0137
Outside Guard	Bruce Randall	677-9296

Committee Chairmen and Directors:

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	Dave Werthmann	677-2066
Family Director	Fred Polega	786-3999
	Ray Pierce	677-5675
Youth Directors	John Pray	566-3820
	Ed Hughes	566-8476
	Chuck Gietzen	677-2505
Right to Life Couple	George and Susan Papagni	677-1116
	Dave and Carol Roland	781-5631
Membership Director	Thad Opiola	610-2273
Insurance Field Agent	Ted Czarny	286-6026
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Newsletter/Web/Photo	Marty Hildreth	248-413-9554
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	Thad Opiola (Team B)	510-0702
	Paul Leidal (Team C)	677-0197
Charity and Donations	Al Woznicki	786-5397
	Doug Black	781-4118
	Marty Hildreth	248-413-9554
Degree Team	Cliff Wasmund	781-4729
Widows Web	Bruce Randall	677-9296
	George Stump	786-0938
Knights Daughters	Need Help	



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