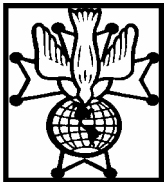




THE COUNSELOR

The Knights
of Columbus
St. Francis
Council
#4401



Our Lady of Sorrows Parish
Farmington , Michigan
October 2009

Grand Knight's Report



Now that we have had time to recover from an excellent day at the Annual K of C Corn Roast, I can say that it was an awesome event. The weather was perfect for playing games, socializing with other families, and for eating corn. We ate the better part of 200 ears of corn, so that meant that I cooked that many ears of corn and boy, was I busy. We also kept our hotdog and hamburger cookers busy.

I would like to thank Mike Kramp and Fred Arganoza for all of their hard work in getting this event put together. I also want to thank the crew who are too many to mention, that stepped in for Mike on the Corn Roast day, as Mike was having the satellite Corn Roast with his family in the great North Country. Lastly but surely not least, I want to thank Rick David and his nephew for grilling the hotdogs and hamburgers. I can honestly say that a good time was had by all.

We still have a couple of events left on the calendar like the PGK ball and the Memorial Mass so please mark your calendars. We also have a first degree initiation before our October meeting. If you have somebody that would like to join the Knights, have him fill out a Form 100 and bring him to the October meeting and he can be initiated before the meeting.

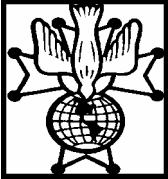
Remember that it only takes 24 hours a year to be a Knight.

Fraternally yours,
Ed Waldecker Jr.
Grand Knight



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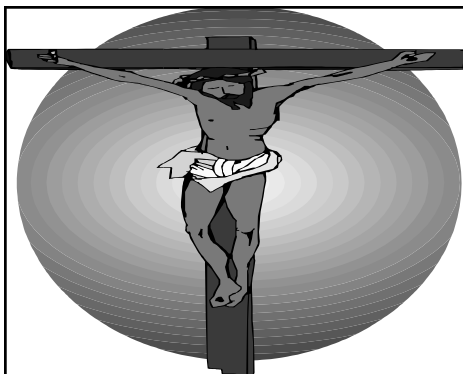
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**50/50 & CAPSULE
DRAWING
WINNERS**

The capsule drawing member was Jerry Myles.

The winner of the 50/50 drawing was George Ehlert.

**Prayers
For:**

ILL and RECOVERY

Joe Smith, Richard Bolton,
Bishop Reece,

Kathleen Kowlaski, Donna
Walker, George Curran Jr.,

Marcella Curran, Scott
Blevins, Lorraine Smith, Pat
McCallion, Pat Wagner, Rose
Novosad, Kathi Gross, Rusty
Gates, Peggy Rinckey, David
Hagemann, June Spytzman,
Steve Martz, Charlotte Martz,
Gary Francis, Barbara Hillery,
Delphine Hejka, Bette Curran,
Jack Covey, Pat Brunswick,
Scott Blevins

DECEASED

Deacon Jim Sanders (1st Anniv)

Darrel Fuller, Anne Fich, Sena-
tor Ted Kennedy, Crescencio
Arganoza, Mark Pascoe

The aborted

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

The unemployed, the unborn,
Kids starting school, Eugene
Truskowski,
40 Days for Life,

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Don McKeever is the Knight of the Month.

K of C JACKETS AND SHIRTS

Anyone interested in purchasing a K of C
jacket or golf shirt with the K of C logo and
Council number 4401 on them should con-
tact Randy D'Amore by e mail at

uccrandy@msn.com

or at the meeting. Just give him your name,
size and color preference (blue or white).
Randy is trying to keep the price for the
shirts under \$25.

Upcoming Events

October Meetings

3rd Degree Business Meeting

Wednesday, October 7th 7:30pm



4th Degree Business Meeting

Wednesday, October 14th 7:30pm



3rd Degree Officers Meeting

Wednesday, October 21st 7:30pm

Past Grand Knights' Ball

Saturday October 3, 2009

4:30 Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows

6:00 Reception, Dinner and Dancing at Monaghan Council

MEMORIAL MASS

Sunday, November 1, 2009

Our Lady of Sorrows at 11:00



St. Francis Council

Religious and Vocations Appreciation Dinner

St. Francis Council will be hosting a Religious and Vocations appreciation dinner on Friday, November 20th, 2009 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Our Lady of Sorrows school cafeteria. Priests and other religious will be our honored guests for an evening of food, fun and gratitude for the tremendous work they do for the church.

We are excited to announce that we have Al Kresta, a national radio talk show host/journalist/author/evangelist as our special guest speaker for the evening. Heard on over 120 stations (990 AM locally) and Sirius Satellite, *Kresta in the Afternoon* looks at all areas of life through the lens of Scripture and the teaching of the Catholic Church and takes on all comers. He is the author of *Why Are Catholics So Concerned about Sin?: More Answers to Puzzling Questions about the Catholic Church*, a follow-up to the best-seller *Why Do Catholics Genuflect? And Answers to Other Puzzling Questions About the Catholic Faith* published by Servant Books.

The evening will also include the presentation of four scholarships to two seminarians and two postulantes.

Priests and Deacons from many local parishes as well as Sisters from local convents are being invited. Any brother Knight that would like to see a priest or religious invited to this event, please contact Gary Mallia by phone at 248-442-7076 or email at gmallia@mi.rr.com with the contact information for the invitee. We need to get the invitations out by mid-September, so please send this information soon!

Costs for the event will be \$25.00 per person. Tickets will be available for sale in September. With our Holy Father naming this liturgical year as the year of the Priest, our council is proud to recognize all of our religious! Please mark your calendars for November 20th and join us for the evening.

Gary Mallia - DGK

Religious and Vocations Appreciation Dinner Ticket request form

Name _____

Number of tickets @ \$25.00 each: _____

Address _____

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Phone _____

Email address _____

Please return this form along with your check made payable to:

**Knights of Columbus St. Francis Council #4401
Gary Mallia
29043 Raleigh
Farmington Hills, MI 48336**

Past Grand Knights' Ball
Saturday October 3, 2009
4:30 Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows
6:00 Reception, Dinner and Dancing at Monaghan Council.

Admission: \$20 per person. Seating is limited. Please purchase your tickets at the September meeting or mail a check, made out to St. Francis Council No. 4401, Knights of Columbus, to Randy D'Amore, 33800 W. 9 Mile Rd, Farmington, MI 48335-4710

MEMORIAL MASS

Sunday, November 1, 2009

St. Francis Council will celebrate its annual Memorial Mass for deceased members of our Council on Sunday, November 1, 2009. The Mass will be held in the Family Center Chapel of Our Lady of Sorrows at 11:00, and the celebrant will be our own beloved chaplain, Fr. Loren O'Dea. The Mass will be followed by a late breakfast at Monaghan Council on the west side of Farmington Road, north of Seven Mile Road in Livonia.

All members of St. Francis Council and relatives of our deceased brothers are invited and encouraged to attend. So that we may have an idea of the number of attendees, we are requesting that you call Bob Collins at (248) 626-6180 and advise the number of family members who will be attending: (1) the Mass, and (2) the late breakfast.

K OF C CHRISTMAS PARTY

Although we're still thinking about the Tigers and getting "psyched up" for college football, the Christmas holiday season will be upon us before we know it!

Please mark your calendars that the St. Francis Council 4401 Christmas Party will be on **December 12, 2009** at the American Legion Hall on Grand River in Farmington Hills.

More details will be forthcoming, but please set aside the December 12 date

First Degree Ceremony
October 7th, 7:00 p.m.

We will be conducting a First Degree ceremony on Wednesday, October 7th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall. Please plan on arriving by 6:45 p.m. so that we can begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. Immediately after the degree ceremony is complete, we will begin our business meeting. If for some reason, you are unable to attend the degree ceremony, please plan on arriving around 7:45 pm for the meeting. If the doors to the church hall are shut, please wait in the alcove until the doors are opened so that you don't accidentally interrupt the degree ceremony.

Thank you.

Gary Mallia
Deputy Grand Knight
1st Degree Staff Captain

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

As our new fraternal year begins in earnest, it is good to explore ways we can make our council be even more successful in the future. One thing we are striving to do is to have more activities focusing on what we call Family and Youth activities.

If you have any ideas on how we can better serve either one of these two important efforts, please let me know. When we had our building on Middlebelt Road ,this council sponsored a Spelling Bee for 7th and 8th grade students in the area. We also hosted The K of C State championship and had contestants competing from as far away as Negaunee. There is also a "Free Throw" competition sponsored by the State K of C that we could avail ourselves to. Maybe you have some other ideas as well. We are still looking to reactivate our Squires Circle for young men , ages 11 to 18. In addition, we are looking for volunteers to direct these efforts. If you would be interested in helping, please let me know.

Don McKeever

Need Penance?

I invite you to join me and other Pro-Life Catholics and Brother Knights on Saturday mornings at 8:30 a.m. in front of the abortion mill located at 28505 Southfield Road. (Just South of 12 Mile) on the East side of the road. This is a **non-confrontational** protest where we recite the Rosary (takes about 20 minutes) and we go out for breakfast after. Remember, a small sacrifice from you today could save the life of an unborn child.

Call P.G.K. Bill McKeever @ 313-766-9110 for more information.



SENIORS/ RETIREEE'S LUNCHEON

WHERE: MONAGHAN COUNCIL
WHEN: THIRD THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH
TIME: 12 NOON
HAPPENINGS: LUNCH — GOOD CONVERSATION
 COME AND ENJOY AN AFTERNOON OF SOCIALIZING



Knights of Columbus

Canned Food Collection

As Knights, we are called to respond in charity towards our brother Knights and our community. Charity is our first calling, not only as a council, but as individual brothers and Catholic gentlemen. Recall the words of our Lord Jesus when he said, “...*when I was hungry, you gave me to eat...*”

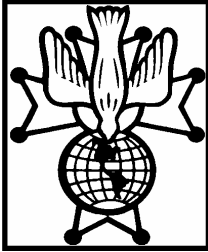
With economic times being as they are, many families within the parish and within our own brotherhood struggle to provide the necessities for their families.

Our council wants to do something to help those in need by collecting food for them.

At every General meeting, we're asking that all brothers bring a non-perishable food item (or two) with them. These items will be collected at the door as you enter the meeting room. If any brother has a need, all he need to do is contact the Grand Knight prior to the meeting. All food collected at that meeting will be given to this brother privately. If there is no brother Knight requesting assistance, the food will then be donated to the parish for distribution to needy families in the area.

If you would like to help with this program, but cannot attend the meetings, gift cards mailed to the council would be gratefully accepted as well as checks made out to the council with the words “Charity food drive” in the note field.

Thank you in advance for any assistance you can provide!



**4th DEGREE NEWS
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
ASSEMBLY #2136**



Sir Knights, Ladies, Families and Friends,
Vivat Jesus.

I am proud to announce the exemplification of two new Sir Knights into our honored assembly. They are Fred Arganoza and Nino Abate. Both are members of St. Francis council. I am sure their talents will be a great asset to the future of our fourth degree. We welcome these fine men and their families and we are glad to have them.

Some other activities we have in store for the fall are the provincial meeting on October 3. We have to be at the Best Western Sterling Inn by 9 a.m. I especially encourage all officers to attend as there will be breakout officer training sessions. We will be back in time to attend the PGK Ball that evening. Our next engagement is the Fall Harvest Dinner Meeting at Madonna College in Livonia. This begins at 2 p.m., the cost is \$20 each with an open bar. The ladies are invited and we will all be given tours of the new wing that will be dedicated to Cardinal Maida and Cardinal Szoka. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

God Bless America,
Russ Waldecker, Faithful Navigator

"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."

Ronald Wilson Reagan
40th U.S. President (1911-2004)

**GOD Bless and
protect OUR ARMED
FORCES ALL AROUND
THE WORLD**

St. Francis Knights of Columbus

Rosary Chain

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Dale Monette

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Fr. Brauer

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