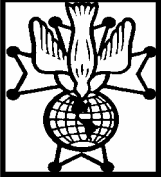




THE COUNSELOR

The Knights
of Columbus
St. Francis
Council
#4401



Our Lady of Sorrows Parish
Farmington, Michigan
March 2010

Grand Knight's Report



By the time you receive this month's newsletter, we will have had our major degree. This is a large undertaking and requires the help of many men to make this project happen. So, thank you gentlemen for getting this project together and making it successful. This annual event is something that all men should experience as it reaffirms the principles of our order and brings us back into focus on who the Knights of Columbus are.

Another defining event for us at this time of the year is the MI Tootsie Roll Drive. Last year we collected around \$6,000; this year I think that we can improve. To achieve this lofty goal we need to call all hands on deck. We have many time slots to fill; there are various street corners to man and three storefronts to station. We have various opportunities; please don't feel that you have to stand in the road to collect for the MI Drive.

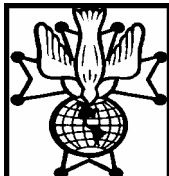
During this Lenten season, we are all preparing for the Easter Feast. For those of us whose Lenten sacrifice is a little light this year please consider the MI Drive to help fill in the gap.

Fraternally yours
Ed Waldecker Jr.
Grand Knight



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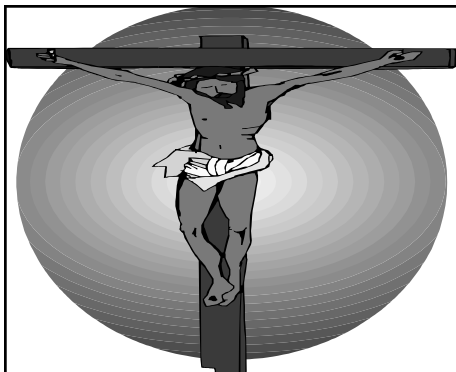
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50/50 & CAPSULE DRAWING WINNERS



The capsule drawing member was George Jagitsch.
The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Bill McKeever.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Ed Waldecker, Sr. is the Knight of the Month.

Prayers For:

ILL and RECOVERY

Bishop Reiss, Pat McCallion, Pat Wagner, Steve Martz, Fr. Jim Thoman, Fred Mallia, Philip Nuar, Sister Mary Rita Sayers, Gary Francis, Margaret Andrews, Colin Pohl, Amanto Damore, Mary Campbell, Kathleen Pranger, Cecilia Bachorski, Dick Bolton, Marcella Curran, Peggy Rinckey, Roberto Arganoza, Jack Covey, Lorraie Smith, Joe Smith, Josephine Osin, Betty Carter, Pat Brunswick, Sandra Baker, Gerry Surowic, Mary Jo Abad, Allison Mummert, Wanda Gurirguis, Bill Holloway, Eddie Heier, John Lanzon, Dewitt Meadows

DECEASED

Lynda Campbell, Lucy Mastangel, Elaine Clemons, The aborted

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

The people of Haiti, the homeless, an unborn child in need of prayers, my son's health, the unemployed, the unborn, Political leaders, All Police, Fire, Emergency & Rescue Person-

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 contact 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.



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Upcoming Events

March Meetings

3rd Degree Business Meeting

Wednesday, March 3rd 7:30pm



4th Degree Business Meeting

Wednesday, March 10th 7:30pm



3rd Degree Officers Meeting

Wednesday, March 17th 7:30pm



Mentally Impaired "Tootsie Roll" Drive

March 26-27-28

News and Notes

Nominations for the state convention delegates were held at the February 3rd business meeting. The nominees were:

Delegates: Ed Waldecker, GK

Mike McKeever, PGK

Alternates: Russ Waldecker, PGK

Bill McKeever, PGK

Chancellor's Corner

Jesus will see us through.

Scrambling to get everything ready before I took off for all the 40 Days for Life events for the opening night, I was very concerned about how I would fill the early morning hours every day. So I reeled off a quick prayer, "Jesus, You are going to have to help me." Then I picked up a book I had just bought that I planned to give to my daughters to read, *U GOT 2 Believe!* I had bought a half dozen books from the *Our Sunday Visitor* Website for my daughters, and I was going to read each one before I gave it to one of them.

Thinking that I would not spend all my time parading back and forth in prayer in front of the abortion clinic that night, I planned to spend some of my time reading spiritual material. For some reason, I flipped open the book and the first words I saw were this passage:

"Don't be afraid. Put your faith in Jesus. He will see you through."

With a smile and a thank you, I closed the book, finished my packing, and took off.

May God's Face Shine Upon You!

Bill Martz

Chancellor

Vocations Committee News

The Our Lady of Sorrows Vocations Committee had a very successful Eucharistic Exposition with Adoration and Evening Prayer this past January 15. It was attended by about 50 or 60 parishioners who prayed for vocations.

A spaghetti dinner is being planned for April 11 at 3:30 in the school cafeteria. It will raise money for seminarians to travel to the Holy Land. This is a revival of an event that took place a couple of years ago. Seminarians will attend and will participate in a "Stump the Seminarian" contest. The "Stump the Seminarian" contest is a lot of fun for kids and adults alike. This is also Divine Mercy Sunday and there are plans to pray the Chaplet before dinner. Watch the Counselor or the parish bulletin for more details.

KofC Guard Fred Arganoza and I are members of the parish Vocations Committee. If you would like to volunteer or would like more information, feel free to contact me at 248-312-9299 or jeffrey.mcgowan@sbcglobal.net.

Vivat Jesus!

Jeff McGowan

St. Francis Council
Spiritual Retreat
March 19th-21st, 2010
St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center
23333 Schoolcraft
Detroit, MI 48223

Come and join with your brother Knights as we gather for a very special weekend of prayer, relaxation, fellowship and spiritual renewal! For those of you that have never experienced a retreat, it is what I like to call, "A gift to yourself". A weekend away from the stresses of everyday life and a time for you to listen to God and to what His will is in your life. Each retreatant is given their own private room with private bath/shower facilities. There are quiet areas for reading and reflection, an extraordinary chapel for private prayer as well as where Mass, morning prayer, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation are celebrated. There are several acres of grounds for walking, and great meals provide nourishment for the body!

The retreat begins Friday night with registration starting about 4:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:45 pm. It runs all day Saturday and concludes with lunch on Sunday. The theme of this year's retreat is: **Knowing the God of Jesus**

The "God question" is the great question of life! Is there a God? What is God like? Who is God? What does God mean for me? In John's Gospel, the disciples of Jesus ask "Show us the Father, and that is enough for us..." (cf. Jn 14:8)

The question pops up in the midst of the experiences of life: when we marvel at the beauty of nature; when we rejoice in the gift of new life; when the experience of love reveals to us the beauty and delicacy of another's spirit; when, in the midst of turmoil and trouble, we are led to discover a way out; when we witness another person die and must confront our own mortality; when we struggle to answer the question of evil and suffering. All these experiences, which are common to adults, point to reality beyond ourselves and remind us that life has a depth and a mystery to it which we know is God. Yet, it is hard to be certain, to be sure.

It is in St. John's Gospel that we also read, "No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed him." This is the great gift of Christian faith; a sure and certain knowledge and understanding of divine reality that is shown in the life, words and deeds of Jesus Christ.

The retreat for this year focuses on the God revealed by Jesus Christ. Reviewing the Gospel record, we ponder the great mystery of God-with-us, Jesus, God in human existence, through whom we come to appreciate and trust in the mystery of God. The retreat invites participants to know the God revealed in their midst, and to come to a deeper understanding and faith for the God revealed to us by Jesus.

Suggested donation for the weekend is \$150.00 which is presented as your offering during the Sunday mass, so there is no need for any payment prior to that. The Passionists have always stressed that cost should never be a factor in whether someone should come. It is usually when you can least afford to come financially that you have the greatest need to come and receive God's love and mercy. To register, or for more information, please contact Gary Mallia at 248-442-7076 or at gmallia@twmi.rr.com



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8th Annual Mother & Unborn Baby Care Fundraiser

Featuring:

Brian Bosman - Live Music and More

The Ultimate Ventriloquist and Sing-Along Show!

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JOHN KRUSE

OF

The Devine Mercy Radio Network 1090 AM

SUNDAY

May 16, 2010

3 p.m.

Dinner at 4 p.m.

Show at 5 p.m.

Monaghan's Knights of Columbus Hall

19801 Farmington Road

Livonia, MI

\$20 per person

10 tickets for \$170.00

Children 12 & under free!!!

Show and Dinner included

Cash Bar

Face painting and entertainment for the Children!!

For more information call

Bill McKeever @ 313-330-5282

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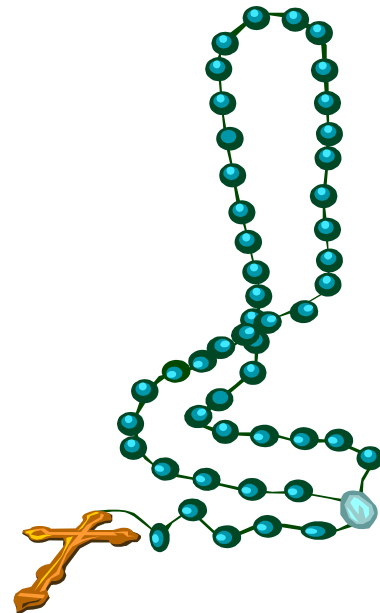
Dr. Nino Abate @ 248-345-1052

Fred Arganoza @ 248-477-2063

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



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



Donations for our Veterans are still needed!

With you help and donations, our Assembly has been able to provide veterans from all over the metro area with items to make their hospital stay a bit more enjoyable. Your books, games and toiletries donated at our meetings are delivered to the John D. Dingell VA Medical Center in Detroit. This facility is located on the Detroit Medical Center campus and provides full service medical primary, secondary and tertiary care.

If you would like to donate items, please bring them to the meeting. The following items are always welcome by our Veterans:

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| Scuffies | Writing Paper | Shaving Mirrors |
| Ditty Bags | Shaving Cream | Magic Slates |
| Feeding Bibs (18x36) | Tooth Paste & Brushes | Wheelchair Bags |
| Tracheotomy Bibs | Paperback Books (No Romance Novels) | Shampoo |
| Hair Brushes | Crossword Puzzle Books | Afghans (40x60) |
| New Playing Cards | Large Combs (not rat tail) | Denture Cleaner |
| Hand & Body Lotion | Deodorant | Soap (Liquid only) |
| Word Search Books | Magazines (3 Months old or less) | Mouthwash |
| After Shave Lotion | Pre Shave Lotion | Razors |
| Toe and Fingernail Clippers | Cologne | Pens & Pencils |
| White Socks (Without Elastic) | | |

All Table games (Monopoly, Checkers, Scrabble, Chess, etc.) - CD's, Model Kits (Cars, Ships, etc.)
Paint by Numbers—Rug Kits and Craft Supplies (IE: Needles, Yarn, Thread, Art Brushes, Beads, etc.)

Do Not Send:

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| Bar Soap | Used Playing Cards | Artificial Limbs |
| Hard Cover Books | Hair Picks (Metal) | Matches |
| Cassette Tapes | Home Baked Goods | Old Magazines |
| Glass Containers | Cigars or Cigarettes | Jigsaw puzzles |

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