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COUNCIL CALENDAR

December

12/01/08	Business Meeting	St. Gabriel's	7:00 pm
12/05-06/08	Christmas Giving	Boy's and Girl's Brigade	9:00 am-4:00 pm
12/07/08	Packer Concession	Lambeau field	7:00 am
12/15/08	Rosary for Life	Planned Parenthood Oshkosh	6:00 pm
12/20/08	Christmas Party	ARC Menasha	
12/23/08	Christmas Giving	Boy's and Girl's Brigade	7:30 am-?
12/28/08	Packer Concession	Lambeau field	7:00 am

January

01/06/09	Business Meeting	St. Gabriel's	7:00 pm
01/10/09	Knowledge Contest	St. Gabriel's	8:30 am
01/12/09	District Deputy's meeting	Neenah Host	TBA

Grand Knights Message

Good evening. We are winding down the year, and the number of events is lessening, but that doesn't mean we don't have important business ahead. There are Packer games, the ARC Christmas Party, the Brigade Christmas Giving Program, and more. Please look at the schedule and see where you can help. This past month we held our best ever annual Pancake and Porky breakfast benefiting St. Gabriel Parish. Thanks to all the members, spouses, and children who helped.

Our annual surveys are due in to me asap. They can be found in the back of the meeting room, online at our website, or by calling me. As of now, I only have a handful turned in. We are required to submit the results to the Supreme Council. We also use the results to promote our Council. All hours are counted, not just those for the Knights. Youth sport coaching, school volunteering, Church, St. Vincent de Paul's, food kitchens, helping the elderly or disabled all count. **Our members should be proud of the countless hours devoted to our Council, Parishes, youth, community, and family.**

If you have any candidates in waiting, let's get the form 100's turned in, and the new member welcomed to our Council this month. This is the last month that the prospect can purchase the new member whole life policy for \$50 by filling out the current form 100. If the candidate wishes the new member annuity, he should complete the new form 100. This new form will be the only option as of Jan 1st. Remember the 4th Degree Exemplification this upcoming April in Appleton. Our Order's top Degree is available to any 3rd Degree member who has been a Knight for at least 1 year.

We are in the midst of a special season. This past Thursday we celebrated Thanksgiving, and remembered the many things to be thankful for, including the fraternity of our Brother Knights in this organization. This month we rejoice in the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. Let's remember the reason for the season, and not let commercialism rule our Holiday. Enjoy the time with your families and Churches. Don't forget the Christmas collection for the Seminarians. Our DD, Dan Stunger, has to take them this weekend to the state meeting. If you wish to donate, you can contact Dan at 920-997-1861 (Home), 631-949-1698 (Cell) or schnookchef@aol.com.

I wish you and your families a joyous Christmas and a safe New Year. Thank you and Keep Christ in Christmas.

I will be out of the country from Dec 18 until the weekend preceding the meeting. If anyone comes up with topics or questions to be discussed at the meeting, please email me at crohrjr@kofcneenah5514.com or crohrjr@hotmail.com. I can't guarantee that I will have computer access this time although I am taking my laptop.

The Family of the Month November 2008 Ryan and Christina (Chrissie) Goethel

Even though Ryan & Christina Goethel are not a member of the Knights of Columbus it is indeed an honor to recognize them as the Family of the Month. They are active in different capacities at both St. Gabriel and St. Margaret Mary Parishes. Ryan has been chairman and ever dedicated to the Fish Fry's at St. Gabriel during the Lenten season, plus many of the other activities. Chrissie is involved with the Social Concerns committee at St. Gabriel and was responsible for the recent

Stewardship/Ministry Sunday making the congregation aware what ministries a parishioners can volunteer for at St. Gabriel. Chrissie is also revising the St. Gabriel's Ministry Catalog, which will show the many possibilities for volunteering. This revision of the Ministry Catalog will be coming out soon. Ryan is the Bears Den leader at St. Margaret Mary's School. He also chaired the fall campout for the scouts of the 2 Parishes and helps with most other scouting activities. Ryan cooked for the St. Margaret Mary Catholic School's week pancake and porky breakfast. At St. Margaret Mary's school, Chrissie is on the health and wellness committee and is the FACES (parent/teacher organization) volunteer coordinator. This is all done while raising their 4 children, with 2 more on the way. Here's a perfect example of what a Family of the Month should be.

The Knight of the Month November 2008 *Tom Pawlowski*

Tom Pawlowski is an Honorary Member in the Knights of Columbus who has just completed his 32nd year as a Knight. He is an active member of St. Gabriel Parish. Tom is very dedicated to our Lord and on a daily basis spends time in prayer. Tom, for many years has been responsible as the coordinator, and put in many hours for the Twin City Catholic Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel located at St. Margaret Mary Church. The Knights would like to recognize Tom for the many hours of work and dedication he has performed for many years.

2009 State Bowling Tournament

Attention Knights: Council 5514 usually sends 2 teams to the State Bowling Tournament. This spring we have 2 teams for the tourney in Sheboygan.

Youth Knowledge Contest

Knowledge contest is scheduled for Jan 10th at St. Gabriel's school. Volunteers are asked to please show up at 8:30. We are usually done by 11:00 am.

Adoration Chapel

If anyone would be interested in filling a shift for the Adoration Chapel, either individually, or as a team, please contact Bob at 725-0415. He has a few opening. As a team, two people would only have to go twice a month or four people only once a month.

Financial Secretary's Corner

Remember: "God is the silent partner in all great enterprises!"

E-Mail Addresses

With the rise in postage we have come up with a way to save our Council \$5 per member per year for those Knights willing to receive their Newsletter via e-mail instead of snail mail. If you haven't signed up already, just drop me a note at mbushman@new.rr.com.

Newsletter mailings

The months of December 2008 and January 2009 will be send by snail mail (U.S. Postal Service) to all members. The December mailing will contain your dues notice for 2009 and the January newsletter will contain your State Raffle tickets for 2009. We will resume e-mails in February.

Rosary for Life

October is Pro Life Month. Every Monday of this month a group of people get together and pray the Rosary in front of the Planned Parenthood building in Oshkosh. Members from our Council meet at the old Big Lots parking lot and car pool. We meet at 5:15 pm, leave for Oshkosh at 5:30 pm, start the rosary at 6 pm, and you are back home by 7 pm. Usually about 30 people in all attend this event. If you are interested in going, drop me a line; my phone number is 725-6600 and my e-mail is mbushman@new.rr.com.

Christmas Giving

Volunteers are needed to deliver toys on December 23rd at 7:30. If interested, contact the Boys' and Girls' Brigade or simply show up.

The Good of the Order

If anyone knows of any Knight who is in the Hospital or going in the Hospital, please call Mike Bushman at 725-6600. This will insure that we get them on our prayer list.

Please remember the following Brother Knights and loved ones in your Prayers:

Don Ashley	Ginny Lashua	Belva Simonis	Willie Bolwerk	John Kessler	Dan Stunger
James Rhyner	Bill Haga	Richard (Pat) Ryan	Father Ingold	Father Allen	