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COUNCIL CALENDAR

March

03/03/09	Business Meeting	St. Gabriel's	7:00 pm
03/08/09	Pancake/Porkie Breakfast	St. Patrick's	7:00 am start
03/14-15/09	Peanut Butter and Jelly	Both Churches	After Mass
03/14/09	2 nd and 3 rd Degree	Fond du Lac	10:30 am
03/15/09	2 nd and 3 rd Degree	De Pere	10:30 am
03/16/09	Rosary	Planned Parenthood, Oshkosh	6:00 pm
03/21/09	State Convention Meeting	Nicolet Clubhouse Menasha	9:00 am
03/22/09	Memorial Mass and Breakfast	St. Gabriel's	TBA

Grand Knights Message

Before I begin, I would like to thank our Deputy Grand Knight, Jon Bolwerk, for filling in for me last month. As you should have noticed, you were asked to sign in after showing your membership cards tonight. Mike Bushman is in the process of attending other Council meetings to speak about the Packer concessions. At the same time, he is bringing back ideas that may be of interest to us. This is one of them. This process will make it easier for the Warden to vouch for the membership and it gives our Recorder a written record for the minutes. You will see other subtle changes, all within Supreme approved protocol in the coming months. We have to start being in compliance with the very basic protocols, such as membership cards, salutes, and chamber set-up. One change I brought up early in my term that worked well, when followed, was that all members give any financial or project requests to the Trustees as soon as they have them. This gives the Trustees time to do research and make recommendations. Don't hold them until the meeting. I admit I have bypassed this step when time was of the essence, but will try to abide by it in the future. I know I have the authority, with the Trustees approval, to spend up to \$500. Many Councils do this, with the Officers input, in order to save time at the business meetings. I think it's worth a longer meeting so we can vote on all our donations as a Council. After all, it's through all your hard work that we have these funds to donate, so you will have a voice in the distribution of these funds. In closing, at the beginning of this Lenten season, let's remember the Readings of this past Sunday and how we should resist temptation in our lives. It's not easy, myself included, to always treat our fellow Knights, brothers, and sisters with the respect and support they deserve. Look through the negatives for the positives in others. After all, it's the way we should be living as the Catholic Gentlemen we are.

Knight of the Month for February is Ron Fedenko:

Our Knight of the month is a 1st Degree Knight that joined our ranks just about a year and a half ago. In the community he is involved with the Fun Run, and presented our Council with our participation plaque. He's involved at St. Gabriel Parish as an usher. He hasn't stepped up to chair any committees, but has volunteered at our activities including our pancake and porky breakfasts and the ARC Christmas Parties. Ron Fedenko is a good Knight that jumps in when needed. Thank you Ron.

Family of the Month Andy & Lori Miller

This third degree Knight received his 1st Degree just over 10 years ago, and followed it up less than 4 months later with his 2nd and 3rd Degrees. Though Andy Miller doesn't attend many meetings due to a professional conflict, he lives his life as a Knight should. He is heavily involved with youth sports including coaching at Seton Catholic Middle School. He is also involved at St. Gabriel elementary School, including, but not limited to their largest annual fundraiser, Brewfest. For our Council, Andy has volunteered at the Packer game concessions, the tootsie roll drive, along with his daughter, and is currently involved with the upcoming K of C State Convention. Besides attending and giving his input at the planning meetings, he is volunteering at the convention and has assembled a raffle prize to donate. His wife, Lori, is involved at St. Gabriel School including PTO, Market Day and co-chairing Brewfest. Both their children are involved with school activities including sports and scouting. Congratulations to a family we can be proud of.

For those of you that didn't hear, our December Family of the Month, Art Schmeichel and his family were chosen by the State as the Green Bay Diocesan Family of the Month for January. This is based on merit and is well deserved. Congratulations to Art, Mary, Megan, and Morgan

2009 State Bowling Tournament

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

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

Brother Knights; Now in the third month of a new year, I once again ask that you make sure your membership card is up to date. We still have several members who are not current. Remember, it's your obligation. Do not hesitate to call me if you have a problem. My phone number is 920-722-3690.

As stated previously, our goal for State Raffle Tickets in our Council is 516. At present we are not even half way! Please try to sell them as soon as possible. Remember, for each one sold, our Council receives \$2.00 in return, which is put into our Seminarian Support Fund. I have more tickets if any one needs them.

Remember: "Christian character is not an inheritance; each individual must build it for himself!"

Pancake and Porkie Breakfast

Pancake and Porky breakfast is scheduled for February 15th after each mass at St. Margaret Mary's. Lloyd mentioned a lot of members have signed up to help. Contact Lloyd if you would like to help.

2nd and 3rd Degrees

There will be 2nd and 3rd Degrees on Mar 14th in Fond du Lac and March 15th in Depere. We have one member scheduled for the 3rd Degree in Fond du Lac. We have 50 members who could go through 2nd and 3rd Degrees. If you wish to participate, contact Bob Yost.

Rosary for Life

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.

Memorial Mass

There will be a Memorial Mass breakfast at St. Gabriel's on March 22nd. Mass is at 8:30. A sign-up sheet was passed around. Please call Marv Spielbauer at 725-2168 if you wish to attend by March 17th.

Recognition Dinner and Dance –

This year's recognition dinner will be held Tuesday, April 21 at the K of C Hall in Menasha, 746 Third St. The evening will start at 5:30PM with music and cash bar. Dinner will be served at 7PM with awards ceremony to follow. The dinner will be catered by Schweitzer's catering and the music, provided by the Do Nut Hole group, will continue until 10PM.

The cost is \$13.00 per person. Please call Jerry Robak at 722-3311 for reservations by Thursday, April 16.

You may bring one or more guests. The council will pay for the dinner for prospective member guests and their wives. Other guests, such as friends and relatives, should expect to pay the same \$13.00 per person.

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
Karin Scribner	Bill Haga	Richard (Pat) Ryan	Father Ingold	Father Allen	Sylvia Bushman
Ginny Bolwerk	Ron Wisniewski	Gary Banks	Gerry Van Handel		