



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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## COUNCIL CALENDAR

### October

10/13/08	Rosary for Life	Planned Parenthood, Oshkosh	6:00 pm
10/19/08	Packer Concessions	Lambeau Field	11:00 to ?
10/20/08	Rosary for Life	Planned Parenthood, Oshkosh	6:00 pm
10/20/08	Brat Fry	Alcan, Bell St	8:30 am
10/25/08	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree	Sts Peter and Paul, Green Bay	10:00 am
10/27/08	Rosary for Life	Planned Parenthood, Oshkosh	6:00 pm

### November

11/04/08	Business Meeting	St. Gabriel's	7:00 pm
11/09/08	Pancake/Porkie Breakfast	St. Gabriel's	7:00 am to Noon

### Grand Knights Message

Good evening. First, I would like to welcome the newest Brothers to our Council. They were installed as Knights of the 1st Degree on October 1st at a well attended Degree at St. Margaret Mary's. They are: Tim Hamblin, Gary Neumeyer, Jim Rappl, and Tod Sorensen. Congratulations. Three of these new members attended our new member steak dinner. The dinner was a great success, with 4 of the 5 prospects filling out form 100's. The fifth is currently enrolled in RCIA. Thank you, Jerry Robak and all the volunteers, that made the dinner a success.

This month the Diocesan meeting was held in Green Bay. It opened with a 1st Degree, with our Worthy District Deputy, Dan Stunger, doing an excellent job as the Chancellor. The main point pertaining to the Councils was the Culture of Life Fund (Res. 302). The resolution includes a \$3.00 assessment per member per year to support State Respect Life Programs. At the meeting, we were also given an option to raise the funds called Lifesavers for Life. It's operated similar to the Tootsie Roll Drive, but using lifesavers rolls, and mainly collecting at Church. After cost, 75% of proceeds would be Council directed to a qualified Pro Life organization. We can use proceeds to pay the assessment. The remaining 25% goes to the State Respect Life Fund. There are also many changes coming up in our insurance program. Some are new policies and some are increased prices, especially if you are a smoker. Contact our insurance agent, Michael Kordiyak at 920-604-0495 or [Michael.kordiyak@kofc.org](mailto:Michael.kordiyak@kofc.org). The meeting concluded with the awards. It was a pleasure to accept: 100% PKD, Fr. McGivney Award, Complete Council Award, and the Columbian Award. It is because of the Knights in this Council that we received these awards. You should all be Proud. How about Star Award next year?

This past Saturday was the 1st organizational meeting for the State Convention. The convention is being held at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel April 24-26. Districts 9 and 10 are the official hosts. Our Council will be involved with the hospitality room, family tour planning, program book, and the raffles. April may seem a long way off, but we must get started on a number of items before the November 8th planning meeting. We are looking for raffle prize commitments or ideas. Any proceeds, after expenses, will be split among the participating Councils. We are also selling ads for the program book. I have order forms up front, or can e-mail them to you. Let's show the state that our districts can host the best convention they've seen.

Also new this year, the state is requesting donations for Christmas for all seminarians in the state. The donation can be gas cards, phone cards, toiletries, grocery gift cards, etc. This is a great place to use the scrip that's sold at Church and School. Please try to have any donations to me by November 17th, so I can get them turned in. What a way to support our future Church Leaders.

Thank you for all the Knights and their families who helped out during our "crunch week" with: New Member Steak Dinner, 6 brat fries, Punt, Pass and Kick, Packer concessions, and the St. Margaret Mary Rummage Sale. It's because of your dedication that we can be as active as we are and achieve what we do. Thank you, and God Bless.

### The Knight of the Month September 2008 is *Paul Wolters*

The Knight of the Month for September has spent the past year as our newest trustee. Paul Wolters can be found at most of our council meetings and events, including brat fries, Packer Concessions, ARC events and more. He is our unofficial Council photographer, having a camera wherever he goes. Paul has agreed to be one our Council's committee leaders for the upcoming State Convention. Paul is also a Warden for the Allouez Assembly #1199 Fourth Degree.

Besides the Knights activities, Paul is an Adorer at the Perpetual Adoration Chapel, and devotes time to serving Communion at the hospital and St. Gabriel's, ushering, transporting the sick, and volunteering at the Christine Ann Center, St. Vincent de Paul's, Fishes and Loaves, and Parish activities. Congratulations Paul, a true example of Knighthood.

### **The Family of the Month September 2008 Marv and Ruth Spielbauer**

This Knight and his wife are very active in our Council and at St. Margaret Mary Church. Besides attending most meetings and being our Council's round table coordinator at St. Margaret Mary's, Marv takes it upon himself to acquire the necessary meat (at discounted prices) for our Brat fries and the food for our 1<sup>st</sup> Degree ceremonies. In addition he gets the word out to members to attend the degrees in support of the new candidates. Marv, along with his brother Norm, did a good job in the set-up, serving and clean-up this past Wednesday for our 1<sup>st</sup> Degree. The next morning, both Marv, and Norm were pounding the crosses into the ground in front of St. Margaret Mary Church to signify Respect Life Month. Marv is also chairs the annual Pancake and Porky breakfast at St. Margaret Mary's. At Church, he coordinates the 14 Eucharistic Ministers for shut-ins, substitutes as an usher, and assists the youth advisory team in finding meats for their dinners. Both Marv and Ruth are involved at St. Vincent de Paul, the stewardship committee, and the annual Parish rummage sale. Ruth chairs the bake sale portion at the rummage sale. On her own, Ruth is also a holy duster, prepares funeral meals, host coffee and donuts, and assists in the Parish office. Congratulations Marv and Ruth, you are a great asset to our community.

### **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; The year of 2008 is fast coming to an end and your most important obligation to the Council are **you dues**. We still have members holding 2007 membership cards. As of this newsletter, **you are**. I have stated many times, if you have a monetary problem, don't hesitate to give me a call. Something can always be worked out. New 2009 billings notices will be mailed in December and payable either January 1<sup>st</sup> or July 1<sup>st</sup> 2009. First Degree members please take note of the upcoming **2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree** to take place in Green Bay on October 26, 2008. The requirements are to be a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree member with paid up 2008 membership card. Entry deadline is October 17, 2008, registration is at 10 am. Please call me at 920-722-3690 or Grand Knight Chuck Rohr Jr. at 920-751-0595 with your intentions.

**Remember: If you are the salt of the Earth, you will make someone thirsty!**

### **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](mailto:mbushman@new.rr.com).

### **Green Bay Packer Concessions**

We will need Knights to work the Packer Concessions. If interested call Mike at 920 725 6600. Online training is at [www.nhtius.com](http://www.nhtius.com). Anyone wishing to work the games must take the test and notify me please. The games we are working are, 11/30/08, and 12/28/08. The booth is in our name so we will help to fill any voids at the other games.

### **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](mailto:mbushman@new.rr.com).

### **40 Days for Life**

40 days for life started on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Please go to the 40 days of life website at [www.40daysforlife.com/grandchute/](http://www.40daysforlife.com/grandchute/) to sign up for a time.

### **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