

# **Knights of Columbus**

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## **February 2010 NEWSLETTER UPDATE**

**Vivat Jesus**

**This month we are publishing an update to the bimonthly newsletter in order to keep the council members informed of upcoming events that were not publicized in the regular newsletter or to remind you of events you may have forgotten about. The Grand Knight and the Council officers appreciate your support at the Council functions. We need your input and presence to have a successful fraternal year in 2009-10. Any suggestions for improvement of this update are welcome.**

**Among the major events in February are the Pancake Breakfast February 28th at St. Rene. Breakfast will be served from 8am- 12pm. In Conjunction with the breakfast is the Council's Quarterly Corporate Communion at St. Rene at the 8:30 Mass. All members and their families who attend the corporate communion will have breakfast at no charge. Remember you have to attend the 8:30 Mass and sit with the Council to receive breakfast at no charge. We will also be conducting a membership drive at St. Rene on February 28.**

**The PGKs are sponsoring a steak dinner on February 13 at \$9.00/person. Funds raised from the dinner will be donated to MI Drive.**

**Fish Frys will be begin on February 19 and continue thru Lent until Good Friday. Everyone's support is needed to make the Fish Fry the success they have been in the past.**

**In March on Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> there will be a Corned Beef Dinner to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. There might even be some green beer.**

**On April 12<sup>th</sup> the annual Clergy Dinner will be held to honor our priests. In this the Year of the Priest, try to make an effort to attend this dinner to express to our priests our appreciation for their service.**

**Don't forget the business meeting on February 4 at 8pm. Officers will meet at**

**7pm. Also remember in your prayers Jack Nixon, a member of Blessed Mary Virgin Assembly and PGK of Father Heary Council who passed away on January 16<sup>th</sup>. Attend your council events that are being put on for the benefit of our members. With your support St. Nick's will prosper.**

**Michael Gray, Grand Knight**  
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## **DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT**

**My Brother Knights, Vivat Jesus and God Bless;**

**On Tuesday, January 19, 2010 our Worthy Grand Knight, Mike Gray, our Financial Secretary Bob Pawlik and myself were in attendance at the Winter District Meeting. There was so very much discussed that I hope that between the three of us we get everything out to you the membership.**

**Let me start by reporting some good news. Last year the state Tootsie Roll drive for the Mentally Impaired brought in \$1,296,295.00. Already this year \$281,000.00 has been raised, if we keep this up for the remaining of the year we will manage to break last year's numbers. Keep up the good work gentlemen.**

**The bad news is that most Councils throughout the state are down on new enrollments. Add to this the following; there are presently 1,200 suspensions, 698 this year alone, 4800 have left the Knights, with only 1402 new members enrolling. We all need to find a way to peak interest in enrolling new members. The Knights when founded was done so when Fr. McGivney asked himself "How do I get men more involved with the Catholic Church?"**

**As Knights we need to ask ourselves, what can I do to become more involved as a Knight and therefore be further involved with my beloved Catholic Church? As Fr. McGivney once stated; "Knights are men of action!" So let us from this day forward become "men of action." Let us be more active in our Council and in our Catholic Church.**

**On Thursday, March 25, 2010 the Knights of Columbus Michigan State Council and Right to Life of Michigan Educational Fund will present the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Respect Life Dinner with special guest Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron. Tickets are \$50.00 per person - \$475.00 per table of ten – Sponsorships start at \$200.00. In regard to this I plan at the February meeting making a proposal that our Council would purchase tickets for one table, offering one seat each to Fr. Ben from S.S. Cyril and Methodius and Fr. Steve from St. Rene Goupil. The remaining eight seats to be**

given away in a drawing at the March meeting to four members and their guest. So, if you have any strong feelings either pro or con on this, I suggest that you be in attendance at the February meeting, likewise at the March meeting if this proposal passes, and you have a desire to attend the dinner.

As a reminder to those that may have forgotten and to those that may not be aware; a new Web site - [www.fathermcgivney.org](http://www.fathermcgivney.org) - devoted to the life and legacy of Father Michael J. McGivney, founder of the Knights, has been launched to promote his cause for canonization and spread the message of his spiritual genius.

Father Ben from S.S. Cyril & Methodius and a group of twenty-five people from the Parish will be taking a trip to Tanzania this summer. Father has asked that if there are any members that have chalices that they would be willing to donate for him to take along, so that they may be used in the missions, it would be most gratefully appreciated. Please either contact myself or Fr. Ben directly.

**"Being pro-life doesn't save babies, acting pro-life does."**

O Heart of Jesus, all for Thee!

Daniel J. Looby, Deputy Grand Knight

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## **TEXAS HOLDEM**

**Our major fundraiser is the Texas Hold-em;**

**This event does not take much work just 4 hours of your time once every three weeks.**

**With this event we raise a substantial amount of the funds it takes to keep our council going.**

**We have started to be in a position of scrambling to get enough help to support this event for the last two months.**

**I am sure that we all have a busy schedule, I find myself with a heavy schedule and I am retired, so I am sure those with families must be busy too.**

**But, I only ask for four hours once every couple of months for the support of our council.**

**We need 20 workers for each month, please find the time to give your time.**

For February we will be working Tuesday February 16 thru Friday February 19. .  
So please keep the dates open.

Call 586-612-9484 to volunteer your 4 hours.

Jerry Mercier/ Dan Looby

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **February 2010**

**Thursday February 4th**

**Officers Meeting 7pm. Business Meeting 8pm**

**Saturday February 13**

**Steak Dinner sponsored by PGK**

**Tuesday February 16th thru Friday February 19th**

**Texas Holdem at Sunnybrook**

**Friday February 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Fish Fry 4pm - 7:30pm**

**Friday February 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Fish Fry 4pm - 7:30pm**

**Sunday February 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Corporate Communion at St. Rene 8:30am Mass**

**Pancake Breakfast at St. Rene 8am - 12pm**

### **MARCH 2010**

**Thursday March 4th**

**Officers Meeting 7pm. Business Meeting 8pm**

**Friday March 5th**

**Fish Fry 4pm - 7:30pm**

**Tuesday March 9th thru Friday March 12th**

**Texas Holdem at Sunnybrook**

**Friday March 12th**

**Fish Fry 4pm - 7:30pm**

**Friday March 19th**

**Fish Fry 4pm - 7:30pm**

**Saturday March 20<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner**

**Friday March 26th**

**Fish Fry 4pm - 7:30pm**

**Friday March 26<sup>th</sup>, Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup>, Sunday March 28<sup>th</sup>  
MI Drive (Tootsie Roll Fundraiser for Mentally Handicapped)**

**APRIL 2010**

**Thursday April 1st**

**Officers Meeting 7pm. Business Meeting**

**Friday April 2nd**

**Fish Fry 4pm - 7:30pm**

**Monday April 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Clergy Appreciation Dinner**