

**Knights
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**“The Crusader”
Fr. Edmund Battersby
Council #7586
South Lyon, Michigan**

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Celebrate—Faith —Family—Fraternity

From the Pen of the Grand Knight

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Brother Knights,

Vivat Jesus! I hope you had a Merry Christmas holiday, and I wish you a Happy New Year.

*It is a pleasure to start this article by welcoming five new Brother Knights to the Order. Welcome Brothers **Tony DiCola**, **Mark Orzechowski** and **Ted Speers** who received 1st to 3rd Degrees at Holy Family Council in Novi on November 7th, and to **Gary Beasley** and **Terry Delaney** who received their 1st Degree at St. Joseph on December 16th. This Degree was held in honor of Brother John Betley, PGK, FDD. We also had two Brothers received their 2nd and 3rd Degrees – **Gene Marquardt** on October 3rd at Fr. Renaud Council in Plymouth and **Eric Heining** on November 7th at Holy Family in Novi. With these five additions less four losses due to suspension/withdrawal, we have 152 active members and should be a plus three going into 2005.*

*I am pleased to announce that we have a new **Family Director**, **Brother Mark Rinkel**, who will be looking for ideas and help in planning and running more activities for the family. We want to open these to the Parish and hopefully this will help us in recruiting some younger members. I also am pleased to announce that **Brother Gene Marquardt** has accepted the position of Two Year Trustee replacing PGK Steve Schuldt who continues as our Youth Director.*

Congratulations are due the following members for service to the Council/Parish:

*Month Brother Marc Daniels and Lady Cheryl October Family of the Month
Brother Mark Luther – October Knight of the Month*

Prayer Corner

Please keep these Brother Knights, their families and friends in your prayers:

Clergy of the Council, Brother Knights who passed away, Brother Knights in service, Brother Knights who are homebound, Brother Knights who are ill or in distress.

Brother & PGK Jim Dean – November Knight of the Month
Brother Jamie Bridson and Lady Kathy – November Family of the Month
Brother Dan Martin –December Knight of the Month
Brother & PGK Ken Ruczko and Lady Becky – December Family of the Month

Brother Frank Krupansky - Honorary Lifetime Member of the Knights.

Brother Knights please review the Calendar of Upcoming Events and help where you can. In January, we have the Council Free Throw Championships, Euchre Night w/Youth Group and Country Breakfast. In February, we have the District Free Throw Championships, three Fish Fries, Membership Drive and Country Breakfast. In March, we have three Fish Fries and the Mentally Impaired Drive. Whatever time you can spare helps make the task easier for everyone. If you have limitations due to health, age or other, call anyway. There may be some way you can help, and it's a great way to meet other members of the Council (see below also). Chairmen of these events are:

- **Free Throw Championships – Dan Martin 248-437-9172**
- **Country Breakfast – Jamie Bridson 248-437-9416**
- **Fish Fry – Mark Luther 248-437-7489**
- **Membership Drive – Mac Daniels 248-437-2391**
- **Mentally Impaired Drive – Jon Albert 248-437-7728**

We currently have a number of Brother Knights or their spouses on the Parish Sick list. I am looking for help in calling and/or visiting them. In addition, we need to call/visit some of our Honorary Lifetime Members who we have not heard from in awhile. If you are interested, please call me at 248-437-6621 or e-mail me at fmheiler@ameritech.net .

Finally, I would like to thank all the Brother Knights and their Ladies that have helped out the Council during the first six months of my term. A special thanks is due PGK John Betley and Brother Dan Martin and Lady Kit who have continually bailed me out of trouble.

Fraternally,

Fred Heiler, Grand Knight

COUNTRY BREAKFAST

These are the dates for the Country Breakfasts for 2004-2005 Fraternal year.

January 23, 2005
February 27, 2005
April 24, 2005
May 22, 2005

Any Brother Knight who would like to help with the Country Breakfast please call Jamie Bridson (248) 437-9416 or e-mail (jebridson@comcast.net).

Jamie Bridson Chairman

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

By now you've probably heard about the strategic planning process in which the Archdiocese of Detroit is presently engaged. Our parish is participating along with most of the other parishes of the Archdiocese. The result everyone hopes for is a workable, practical plan for the next five or so years for the Archdiocese and its parishes.

Two situations have forced this planning process. The first is financial. The Archdiocese doesn't have the resources to lend to parishes at the rate it once did. At one time in the not so distant past the Archdiocese, was able to freely loan money to parishes to pay for capital expenditures, and, in some cases, even, ordinary operating expenses. That's no longer true, which, means that parishes which can't support themselves can no longer depend on the Archdiocese for help in the way they once did.

The second issue is, of course, the priest shortage. As the number of priests has continued to dwindle, we've reached the point where there are not enough priests to staff the 300 or so parishes in the Archdiocese. Besides that, the average age of diocesan clergy continues to rise each year. We're not getting any younger!

Mainly for those two reasons, each parish is asked to produce a self-assessment that will be submitted to the vicariate pastoral council (VPC). Each of the VPC's will review the parish self-assessments and make recommendations to the cardinal which may include the closing, clustering, or merging of parishes and schools. It's hoped that the final plan for the Archdiocese will be ready for implementation in Advent 2005.

Our parish has begun its participation in the process. Our vicariate pastoral council representatives and a committee from the parish pastoral council have been meeting to work on the self-assessment. Leadership groups in the parish—including the Knights—have had a chance to view the video about the process prepared by the Archdiocese. Eventually, the parish self-assessment will be shared with, modified by, and approved by the parish pastoral council.

For all the parishes in the Archdiocese, these are challenging times. And for some parish communities these are difficult and worrisome times. It's perfectly clear that business will not go on as usual in the next couple years. The changes that are coming will affect all the parishes to some degree or other.

This is certainly the time to be patient, open, and willing to listen for and accept the guidance of the Holy Spirit. As our parish goes through this process along with the rest of the Archdiocese, I want to ask your prayers for the most successful outcome possible.

Father Ken Chase

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

January,2005

1,2	Sat. Sun	<i>K of C Rosary after Masses</i>
5	Wed	<i>DD Winter Meeting@Mon Hunt Council @ 7:00 pm</i>
6	Thur	<i>Business Meeting@ 7:00 pm in Multi-Purpose Room</i>
8	Sat	<i>Council Free Throw Championship in Gym @ noon</i>
9	Sun	<i>Major Degree Fr. O'Kelly Council, Dearborn 1st Deg. 10am 2nd Noon</i>
20	Thur	<i>Planning Meeting @ 7:00 PM in Church Library</i>
22	Sat	<i>Major Degree—St. Perpetula Council, Waterford 1st 11am 2nd 12:30</i>
23	Sun	<i>Country Breakfast after 8 & 10 am Masses</i>
26	Wed	<i>Euchre Party with the Youth Group 6—9 pm</i>

February

3	Thur	<i>Business Meeting @ 7:00 PM in Multi-Purpose Room</i>
5	Sat	<i>District Free Throw Championship in Gym @ noon</i>
5,6	Sat, Sun	<i>K of C Rosary after Masses</i>
11	Fri	<i>K of C Fish Fry</i>
17	Thur	<i>Planning and Social Meeting @7:00 in Church Library</i>
18	Fri	<i>K of C Fish Fry</i>
20	Sun	<i>Corporate Communion Mass @ 8:00 am</i>
25	Fri	<i>K of C Fish Fry</i>
26, 27	Sat, Sun	<i>Quarterly Membership Blitz after Masses</i>
27	Sun	<i>Country Breakfast after 8 & 10 am Masses</i>

March

3	Thur	<i>Business Meeting @ 7:00 pm in Multi-Purpose Room</i>
4	Fri	<i>K of C Fish Fry</i>
5,6	Sat, Sun	<i>K of C Rosary after Mass</i>
11	Fri	<i>K of C Fish Fry</i>
17	Thur	<i>Planning Meeting @ 7:00 pm in Church Library</i>
18	Fri	<i>K of C Fish Fry</i>
18-20	Fri-Sun	<i>Mentally Impaired Drive (formerly MR Drive)</i>

Brother Knights and Ladies

"Charity is a habit, not a gush or sentiment; it is a virtue; it is a quality of the soul, rather than an isolated good deed." Fulton Sheen

Once again you answered the call by responding with great vigor. I am proud to announce that this year we collected a total of 138 sweatshirts for the boys and girls at Holy Cross Children's Services, (Boysville). Through the generosity of our parishioners and you Brother Knights and Ladies, we by-passed last years figure.

We loaded the District Deputies vehicle to the max; trunk, package tray, seats and floor with boxes, boxes and more boxes. Our DD informed me that Brother Francis reported at the winter meeting that approximately 6000 sweatshirts were collected Statewide.

STAND TALL BROTHER KNIGHTS,

Our thanks to our **Worthy Chaplain, Father Ken**, for allowing us the opportunity to make this appeal and to **people like you who are a wonderful reflection of God's love.....THANK YOU.**

May the heavenly gift of the Infant Jesus fill your home with health, peace and joy.

**John F Betley, PGK, FDD.
Council Advocate**

A Great Big THANKS to all the Knights who helped make the 'Keep Christ in Christmas' Christmas card sale a success. And, thanks to everyone who bought the cards and helped us raise \$241.00, which we can use for the good works of our counsel.

I am looking forward to your support again next year. This year we sold 100 boxes of cards and looking forward to selling even more next year.

Thank you.

**Jim Dean
Chairman**

NOTICE:

Please submit your membership dues to Bob VonBerge , council financial secretary.

Thank you in advance

***COUNCIL FREE THROW
SATURDAY, JAN. 8, 2005 NOON***

***ANNUAL EUCHRE PARTY
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 26, 2005 6-900PM***

***HIGH SCHOOL SPRING RETREAT
FRIDAY-SUNDAY, MARCH 12-14
PASSION, COMPASSION, AWARENESS***

FRIDAY FISH FRY



DURING LENT

PUT THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR

JAN/FEB/MAR.

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Grand Knights—Past & Present

Paul Metro	1980—1982
Dennis Buchta	1982—1984
Ed Olesky	1984—1986
Dick Snyder	1986—1988
Frank Urban	1988—1991
Steve Schuldt	1991—1993
John Betley	1993—1995, 2003
Kenneth Ruczko	1995—1998
Robert von Berge	1998—2000
Walter Wolfe	2000—2002
James Dean	2002—2003
Fred Heiler	2004—

Did you Know??

Long-term care insurance is not limited to old age problems. Debilitating accidents or illness can strike any of us any time. Long-term care insurance is one way to have all or some of the cost of long-term care services paid by your policy benefits, rather than from your assets. Long-term care insurance offers you the flexibility to customize your coverage to your needs.

“THE CRUSADER” PUBLICATION SCHEDULE**Article Deadlines**

- 1st Quarter—June 15th**
- 2nd Quarter—September 15th**
- 3rd Quarter—December 15th**
- 4th Quarter—March 15th**

BLESSED NEW YEAR



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