

Knights of Columbus



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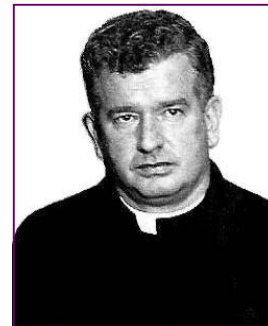
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Prayer Corner

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

Pope Benedict 16th, Clergy of the Council, Brother Knights who passed away, Brother Knights in service, Brother Knights who are homebound, Brother Knights who are ill.

"The Crusader" Fr. Edmund Battersby Council #7586 South Lyon, Michigan



Celebrate—Faith —Family—Fraternity

From the Pen of the Grand Knight



Dear Brother Knights

Vivat Jesus

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and may 2010 be a great year for all of us.

The 4th quarter capped a very good year for the Council. The schedule included the Knight to Remember Dinner Dance, 3 Country Breakfasts, Participation in 3 Major Degrees, Christmas Card Sale, HCCS Sweatshirt Drive, Spaghetti Dinner, Children's and Adult Christmas Parties, Our Mass for Deceased Members, and Monthly Rosaries.

I cannot thank enough, the many volunteers who made this all possible. Your efforts allowed the Father Battersby Council to donate \$22,000.00 over the last year!

As we begin the New Year we look forward to continuing the pace with 2 Free Throw Competitions, 3 Country Breakfasts, 6 Fish Fries and our annual MI Drive.

Inside the Newsletter you will find a schedule of events and a list of all the committee chairmen. Please give one of them a call to join in the fun. The more people lifting, the lighter the load.

Membership has flourished under the leadership of new Membership Director Rob Kubiak. In the first half of the Fraternal Year Rob has brought 8 new 3rd Degree members into our Council, they are. Duane Novak, John Renahan, Adam Devergilio, Colin Kobe, Kenneth Weingartz, Anthony DiMaria, Jamie Kubiak and James Long. Please join me in welcoming them to the Council. This break-neck pace has been a result of the hard work put forth by Brother Rob, please help him by referring a family member or friend for membership into our Order.

Congratulations to the following members and their families recognized for their service to the Council and Parish.

Knight of the Month

Family of the Month

October: David Huck

October: Mitch & Anita Berendt

November: Gary Clark

November: Mark & Patty Roma

December: SK John Betley

December: Bob & Marge LaFrance

Planning Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month, each month except July and August. The purpose of these meetings is to set the agenda of the next scheduled Business Meeting and they are open to all members of the Council, and I would ask that time permitting, all new business come through the Planning Meetings. In this less formal setting it is much easier to discuss the proper format to bring new business before the council and answer necessary questions without the cumbersome rules of parliamentary procedures required at a regular business meeting.

When I became Grand Knight last July, one of the first things I set out to do was to conduct the business portion of our Business meetings in one hour or less if possible, this is a time frame recommended by Supreme. I will never attempt to discourage or stop any member from bringing new business before the Council. I would actually encourage it. If you will help me in this way I am confident that it will allow us to keep our meetings interesting, relevant and timely. If you ever have questions please give me a call.

By now all members with email should have received a questionnaire for the Annual Survey of Fraternal Service. This is a Supreme Council report and is a requirement for the Michigan Achievement and Star Council Awards. By returning the completed questionnaire you will help us provide accurate and timely information to Supreme Council.

Fraternally

Marc Daniels, Grand Knight

A Knights Pledge

By definition commitment is a pledge to do something; the state of being bound emotionally or intellectually; a course of action. As a Catholic our pledge goes a step further by not only committing to our faith, but we are also expected to establish a priority of commitment - God, family, work and so on. I know from experience as a Catholic Christian, a husband and father at times it can be a difficult effort to balance these priorities and yet strive to meet my responsibilities on a daily basis.

As the DGK for our council, I have found that even in these times of uncertainties, and economical hardships, our council continues to demonstrate a strong commitment to our community that runs deep within our fraternity. I continually witness seasoned and new members providing a heartfelt desire and willingness to meet these commitments head on and provide the necessary efforts to support the needs of others in our community.

At times, this drive to provide for others through time and talent by our brother knights seems to go unnoticed. However, even though there is little fan fare outside of our council regarding the success of our sponsored events, be assured that our church groups, our charities, and our community have taken notice and appreciate all that we do.

We as knights must understand that the success of our pledge cannot always be directly measured, but will always be observed by others. For example, through the combined efforts of the councils activities and the dedication of our Membership Director (Rob Kubiak) our council is well on its way to very successful membership drive this year. Just as important is that we are beginning to attract a younger generation of members all recognizing the added value the knights have brought to our community. In my conversation with these new knights they are very interested in being active within the council and eager to support events that are beneficial to others in need in our community by fulfilling the pledge of the knights.

To the members that are currently active in supporting our council's events, we thank you for all of your hard work this year and your continued dedication to the pledge. For those existing and new members who have not had the opportunity to become active to promote these events, we look forward to your future support in the upcoming year.

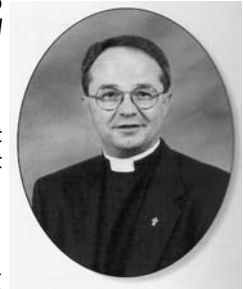
Frank Mardeusz
Deputy Grand Knight



FROM THE CHAPLAIN

When I was a seminarian in the early 1980's at Saint John's Provincial Seminary in Plymouth, Michigan, the seminary curriculum was much as it had been for hundreds of years. We had classes in scripture, classes in dogmatic, systematic, moral and sacramental theology. We had liturgical theory and practice. We studied Christian anthropology. If you compared our course of study to what it had been a hundred years before, there would have been only small differences. For example, we had classes in pastoral psychology that might have been new but the program was generally the same.

At the Catholic University of Leuven (KUL), I took a class entitled Environmental Ethics which, in the 80's, I don't think we could have even imagined. Maybe—barely—at that time we had begun to think about the environment and our impact upon it but there was no discipline per se called environmental ethics.



What was surprising to me in the course at KUL was how developed the discipline is and how complex it is. Obviously, in the last 25 years, a lot has been done to make environmental ethics a respectable and respected area of moral study. Not surprisingly, thought about the moral ramifications of how we treat the environment and God's creation is all over the board. Theologians and ethicists come at it from every direction and come to all sorts of conclusions about our moral duties, some of them completely contradicting the conclusions of their colleagues. What is good is that the discussion has begun and is advancing.

Here's an example of an issue in environmental ethics. When goods are held in common, one of the problems is that no one individual (or institution or government) is necessarily responsible for taking care of those goods; maybe—or maybe not—someone will step up to take responsibility. That's so with things like the air, the oceans, the forests. They "belong" to everyone, but who will take care of them? In a smaller, more immediate way, think of litter on the parish property. Whose responsibility is that since we all use the property to some extent? That common territory—church property—is seemingly nobody's responsibility since it "belongs" to everybody, except that the parish pays people to clean it up.

In case you're thinking that environmental ethics might just be a passing fad, consider that Pope John Paul II began talking seriously about respect for creation and the duty of Christians to show respect in practice. And, perhaps a little surprisingly, Pope Benedict XVI has been dubbed the "greenest pope in history" for his consistent and ongoing call for respect for God's creation. It seems that environmental ethics, in theory and practice, is here to stay.

While it's a complicated theological area, we can certainly agree on some simple and obvious things: that God is the creator of all and that, as Genesis tells us, God's creation is good; that we are gifted as stewards of this creation, caretakers, those who have a responsibility toward all of creation; whatever it may mean to "fill and subdue the earth" [Gn 1:28], we are bound by responsibility toward the earth and all its creatures as well as our duty to one another; like all our endeavors, in the end we will answer to God for our actions and omissions.

Practically speaking, there's a lot we can do and it doesn't have to be difficult or controversial. We can consume less. We can reuse and recycle thoughtfully. As families and households we can take simple steps not to waste so much and to use what we have in a respectful and reasonable way. As a parish we've tried to do that in the past and will continue to implement green measures. We can tread more gently on this earth of which we are only temporary custodians. As in all things that bear on any human community—in this case the entire human community—nobody should have to do something but everybody should have to do something.

The world has changed dramatically since I was a seminarian more than 25 years ago but it was reassuring, in one sense, to see the daily seminary life at the American College in Leuven. It goes on much as seminary life has for hundreds of years, since the Council of Trent. The disciplines of theology are growing and changing, perhaps, but the purpose is the same: to help us know and praise the God of creation in whom we place all our hope.

Father Ken Chase

Vocations Are *Everybody's* Business

**FR. EDMUND BATTERSBY COUNCIL #7586
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP
In memory of PGK RICHARD SNYDER**

Fr. Edmund Battersby Council # 7586 has set up a scholarship fund in memory of Past Grand Knight Richard Snyder. The Scholarship is a one-time \$500 grant awarded to a member, or member's son or daughter who plans on attending college. The applicant must be a current High School Senior for the present year.

Anyone interested in applying should fill out the attached form and return it as directed below. The deadline for receiving applicants is April 30, 2010. The successful applicant may have the award announced at their High School Honor's Night.

Fr. Edmund Battersby Scholarship Committee

**FR. EDMUND BATTERSBY COUNCIL #7586 SCHOLARSHIP
In Memory of Past Grand Knight RICHARD SNYDER
2010 APPLICATION**

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Name of Parents _____

Address (if different) _____

Phone (____) _____ Parish _____

High School _____

Address _____

1. High School Activities:

Social - _____

Athletic- _____

Other - _____

2. Planned College _____

3. What field of work do you intend to follow after your education is complete?

Note:

1. Father or Applicant must be in good standing in Fr. Battersby Council # 7586.
2. **Applicant must have a 3.0 G.P.A. or better to qualify.**
3. High School transcripts must accompany this application.
4. Letters of Recommendation may be presented to the Committee: however, they are not required.
5. After a review of the applications, an interview with the Scholarship Committee may be required..

Applicant's Signature _____

Parent's Signature _____

Return to St. Joseph Parish Office Attn: Fr. Battersby Council #7586, or mail to: Fr. Battersby Council #7586,
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<i>Council Director</i>	<i>OPEN</i>		
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<i>Children's Christmas Party</i>	<i>Ken Ruczko</i>	<i>(248) 486-3299</i>	<i>kfruczko@charter.net</i>
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<i>Free Throw Competition</i>	<i>George Miller</i>	<i>(248) 486-9648</i>	<i>george.n.miller@jci.com</i>
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<i>Christmas Card Sale</i>	<i>Gary Clark</i>	<i>(248) 486-5560</i>	<i>clarkga@yahoo.com</i>
<i>HCCS Sweatshirt Drive</i>	<i>OPEN</i>	<i>(248) 486-6584</i>	<i>tonydicola@sbcglobal.net</i>

If you would like information on any of the open positions please contact Marc Daniels or Frank Marduez at the numbers above.

RIGHT TO LIFE

Update on what is going on: In Washington D.C. there is a health care insurance reform legislation bill. We are being asked to e-mail our State Senator and ask her not to change the funding for abortion. Right now it prohibits using federal money for abortion services.

(senator@stabenow.senate.gov). Upcoming events: Wally Wolfe and myself will be attending the March for Life in Washington

(Roe vs Wade) 1/22/10. We want to thank you for your support. Also, Right to Life dinner at Burton Manor is March 25, 2010.

Guest speaker will be Archbishop Allen Vigneron Please contact me if you would like to attend.

Thank you,

Gary Beasley, Right to Life Chairman



Vocation Corner

Father Battersby Council has supported vocations for many years. This year we are supporting three seminarians and one postulate.

The seminarians are Brent Kryda, Paul Snyder and Eric Tarachowski who are attending Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit. We are also supporting Sister Michael Vincent of the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

January

- 2,3 Sat, Sun K of C Rosary after Masses
 7 Thur Business Meeting @ 7:00 PM in Multi-Purpose Room
 9 Sat Council Free Throw Championship in Gym @ 1.00 PM
 9 Sat K of C Bowling Tournament
 10 Sun Country Breakfast after 8 & 10 AM Masses in Multi Purpose Room
 16 Sat Parish Soup & Bread Dinner after 5 PM Mass
 21 Thur Planning Meeting @ 7:00 PM in Room 7 (3rd Thurs..)
 30 Sat Major Degree @ St. Therese of Lisieux Cncl., Shelby Twp. 1st-9:30 AM/2nd-11:00AM

February

- 3 Wed Euchre Party with Youth Group/Parishioners @ 6 PM
 4 Thur Business Meeting @ 7:00 PM in Multi-Purpose Room
 6 Sat District Free Throw Championship in Gym @ 2:00 PM
 6,7 Sat, Sun K of C Rosary after Masses
 14 Sun Country Breakfast after 8 & 10 AM Masses
 18 Thur Planning Meeting @ 7:00 PM in Room 7
 19 Fri Fish Fry in Activity Center
 21 Sun Corporate Communion @ 8 AM Mass
 21 Sun Major Degree, Fr. O'Kelley Council, Dearborn, MI 1st-10:00 AM/2nd-12:00 Noon
 26 Fri Fish Fry in Activity Center

March

- 4 Thur Business Meeting @ 7:00 PM in Multi-Purpose Room
 5 Fri Fish Fry in Activity Center
 6,7 Sat, Sun K of C Rosary after Masses
 7 Sun Diocesan Free Throw Contest
 12 Fri Fish Fry in Activity Center
 13 Sat Major Degree @ Fr. Ging Council, Ortonville, MI 1st-9:00 AM/2nd-11:00AM
 14 Sun Country Breakfast after 8 & 10 AM Masses
 18 Thur Planning Meeting @ 7:00 PM in Room 7
 19 Fri Fish Fry in Activity Center
 20,21 Sat, Sun Membership Blitz after Masses
 25 Thur Right to Life Dinner - Burton Manor
 26 Fri Fish Fry in Activity Center
 26,27,28 Fri-Sun Mentally Impaired Drive (Room 7)

April

- 1 Thur Holy Thursday Mass followed by Adoration in MPR - Meeting moved to 4/8
 2 Fri Kitchen Cleanup 3 -7 PM
 3,4 Sat, Sun K of C Rosary after Masses
 8 Thur Business Meeting @ 7:00 PM in Multi-Purpose Room
 15 Thur Planning Meeting @ 7:00 PM in Room 7
 17 Sat Christian Service Spaghetti Dinner after 5 PM Mass

Council Officers: 2008-2009

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Grand Knights—Past & Present

<i>Gary Fett</i>	<i>1980</i>
<i>S. K. Paul Metro</i>	<i>1980—1982</i>
<i>Dennis Buchta</i>	<i>1982—1984</i>
<i>Ed Oleski</i>	<i>1984—1986</i>
<i>S. K. Dick Snyder F.D.D.</i>	<i>1986—1988</i>
<i>S. K. Frank Urban F.D.W.</i>	<i>1988—1991</i>
<i>S. K. Steve Schuldt</i>	<i>1991—1993</i>
<i>S. K. John Betley F.D.D.</i>	<i>1993—1995, 2003-2004</i>
<i>S. K. Kenneth Ruczko</i>	<i>1995—1998</i>
<i>S. K. Robert von Berge</i>	<i>1998—2000</i>
<i>S. K. Walter Wolfe</i>	<i>2000—2002</i>
<i>James Dean</i>	<i>2002—2003</i>
<i>Fred Heiler</i>	<i>2004—2007</i>
<i>S. K. Tony DiCola</i>	<i>2007—2009</i>

Newsletter Notes
 Extra Council newsletters are on the bookrack in the room just off the gathering space. Check the Knight's of Columbus bulletin board for more articles about the council.

"THE CRUSADER" PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

Article Deadlines

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR



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