

**Knights
of
Columbus**



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

**April/May/
June
2005**

Celebrate—Faith —Family—Fraternity

From the Pen of the Grand Knight

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Prayer Corner

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

Pope John Paul II, 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 Knights,

Vivat Jesus!

Our 25th Anniversary is fast approaching. Please reserve May 7th on your calendar and plan on joining us for dinner and dancing in the Parish Activity Center. More information can be found in the newsletter.

Our busiest volunteering quarter is now over. A big "Thank You" is due all those members who worked our Country Breakfasts, Fish Fries, Free Throw Tournaments, Mentally Impaired and Membership Drive. While final numbers are not in as I write this article, I know that through your efforts and the great support of our Parish members and community, these events were a rousing success. I am especially proud of the excellent job done by the chairmen of these events - Jamie Bridson, Mark Luther, Dan Martin, John Albert and Marc Daniels. Our Council owes them our gratitude. The Desert Formation Experience Fish Fry night made in excess of \$1,000 for our seminarians' trip.

As the weather warms we still have events scheduled that need your help and support. Prime importance to the financial health of our Council is the June Golf Outing. This event is a big money maker for the Council. For ten years PGK Frank Urban has been carrying too much of the load. Our goal is to give Frank the opportunity to play in the event this year! Whether you're a golfer or not, we need your help to make this event a success. Some of these jobs do not need to take a lot of your time. Pre-event help is

needed in getting sponsors, golfers, prizes, advertising, etc. On Golf Day, June 12, we need help setting up, checking in golfers, cooking hot dogs at the turn, 50/50 raffle, preparing/serving the meal, clean-up etc. This event gives you the opportunity to socialize with fellow workers and the golfers, and there is always a great meal. Call Frank ASAP at 248-437-0311 to see how you can help him.

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

Month	Knight of the Month	Family of the Month
January	PGK Wally Wolfe	Brother Vince & Lady Valerie Stackpoole
February	Brother Tony DiCola	Brother Dan & Lady Kit Martin
March	Brother Jon Albert	Brother Joe & Lady Phyllis Betz

We currently have a number of Brother Knights, their spouses or relatives on the Parish Sick list. Please keep them in your prayers.

*Fraternally,
Fred Heiler, Grand Knight
Father Edmund Battersby Council 7586*

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Please keep in mind the upcoming elections for the new fraternal year. If you want to run for an office or have a brother Knight to nominate for office. Now is the time to act. Put your list of names together and attend the May meeting to nominate your candidate. The June meeting we elect officers for the council.

Thank you for acting quickly on this matter.....

Chaplain's Report

One of the things that I appreciate most about our Catholic faith is its commitment to reason, moderation, and common sense. When you know a little bit about the history of the church and the teaching of the church, that truth becomes perfectly clear.

I started thinking about this the other day while sorting out some files. I found an excerpt from the Rule of Saint Benedict that got me thinking. Benedict was born in 480 AD in central Italy. At a young age, he left home to live as a hermit. But word of his personal holiness drew others to him and, before he knew it, a community had formed around him. To keep order and to provide for their common life, Benedict wrote a rule for monasteries that is still in use today. Here are, a couple of excerpts from the chapter on the appointment of the abbot:

"Let/the, abbot always 'set mercy above judgment, 'so that he may obtain mercy; let him hate ill-doing but love the brethren; in administering correction, let him act with prudent moderation; let him always distrust his own frailty and remember that the bruised reed is not to be broken. By this we do not mean that he should allow evils to grow, but that... he should eradicate faults prudently and with charity, in the way which may seem best in each case."

Benedict says that, in correcting the monks, the abbot should be prudent and reasonable, "lest being too zealous in removing the rust he break the vessel."

And the rest of the rule is written in the same tone, with common sense guiding the lives of the monks toward the Lord and his gospel.

Benedict is a good example of what's best in the tradition of the church. You can find this kind of moderation in the official teachings of the church and you can see in church history that the church flourished in times when it sought the center in theology and liturgy and struggled when it fell to the extremes.

In these days, when it sometimes feels like the church is being tugged in every direction by extremes-as it did during the last election, for example-it seems worthwhile to reflect a little bit on the best in our tradition that seeks the middle of the road. It was Saint Thomas Aquinas who said, as a matter of fact, "virtue stands in the middle."

In our dealings with one another as members of the church, as members of a family, or as members of society as a whole, I often think of a saying that was dear to the heart of Pope John XXIII: "Unity in necessary things; freedom in doubtful things; charity in all things." If we were to put that into practice, with reason and moderation, how different life might be!

Father Ken Chase

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

April 2005

2,3	Sat., Sun.	<i>K of C Rosary after Masses</i>
4	Monday	<i>Day of the Unborn Child (Observed)</i>
5	Tuesday	<i>Day of the Unborn Child Mass @ 7:00 PM</i>
7	Thursday	<i>Business Meeting @ 7:00 PM in Multi-Purpose Room</i>
21	Thursday	<i>Planning Meeting @ 7:00 PM in Church Library</i>
23, 24	Sat., Sun.	<i>Quarterly Membership Blitz after Masses</i>
24	Sunday	<i>Country Breakfast after 8 & 10 AM Masses</i>
30	Saturday	<i>K of C Rosary after Mass</i>

May

1	Sunday	<i>K of C Rosary after Masses</i>
5	Thursday	<i>Business Meeting @ 7:00 PM in Multi-Purpose Room</i> <i>- Open Nominations for Officer Positions</i>
7	Saturday	<i>Council 25th Ann. Mass @ 5:00 PM (Corporate Communion)</i> <i>Council 25th Ann. Dinner/Dance in Activity Center</i>
19	Thursday	<i>Planning Meeting @ 7:00 PM in Church Library</i>
22	Sunday	<i>Country Breakfast after 8 & 10 AM Masses (Tentative)</i>
26-28	Thur. - Sat.	<i>K of C State Convention—Mackinac Island</i>

June

2	Thursday	<i>Business Meeting @ 7:00 PM in Multi-Purpose Room</i> <i>- Election of Officers</i>
4, 5	Sat., Sun.	<i>K of C Rosary after Masses</i>
12	Sunday	<i>Golf Outing - Rolling Meadows Golf Course</i>
16	Thursday	<i>Planning & Social Meeting @ 7:00 PM in Church Library</i>
28	Tuesday	<i>Cardinal Maida's Golf Outing—St. Johns, Plymouth, MI</i>

July

2, 3	Sat., Sun.	<i>K of C Rosary after Masses</i>
7	Thursday	<i>Business Meeting @ 7:00 PM in Multi-Purpose Room</i>
21	Thursday	<i>Planning Meeting @ 7:00 PM in Church Library</i>

Country Breakfast

We served 136 people on February 27th at our Country Breakfast. After supplies, we made a profit of \$363.00. Our next Country Breakfast is April 24th during our membership drive weekend.

THANKS** to all who have helped, you guys are **GREAT !!!

Jaime & Kathy Bridson

Mental Impairment Drive

Thank you to all of you who could not participate this weekend in the Mentally Impaired (M.I.) Drive. Despite the weather, we raised approximately \$11,640, nearly \$300 more than last year. This means that we'll be able to donate approximately:

*\$4,290 to the St. Louis Center in Chelsea
\$2.146 to the South Lyon Special Olympics
\$2.146 to South Lyon Special Education
\$2.146 to the State Council charities*

Here are a few statistics:

*63 guys were in the street or at the bank or grocery stores
230 hours were logged collecting donations
150 hours were spent in the counting room
We gave away 8700 Tootsie Rolls, which is 29 cases
'Profit' per Tootsie Roll was \$1.28 (up from last year's \$1.22)
We collected \$431 per hour during the 27 hours of the Drive
We collected \$50.61 per hour (every hour counts)
We gave away 322 Tootsie Rolls per hour, which is about 5 each minute*

*Again, **THANK YOU** very much for your time during this weekend. I and the charities we donate to appreciate your efforts.*

I'm looking forward to next year!!!

*Jon Albert
Chairman*

ROSARY PILGRIMAGE**SPONSORED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS****MAKE YOUR PLEDGE TO PRAY ROSARIES FOR**

- World Peace
- The special intentions of the parish, the congregation, and visitors
- For the canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney, and in Michigan Bishop Frederic Baraga and Venerable Fr. Solanus Casey, OFMMCAP
- For the intentions of the Pope, your Bishop, and for Religious Vocations
- Reparation for sins of humanity especially those of immorality

With the conditions around the world the need for prayer is all the more required, and through This Rosary Pilgrimage, we are asking you to pray to help the cause for world peace. For the special intentions of your parish, the congregation, and visitors. For the canonization of Bishop Frederic Baraga, Venerable Fr. Solanus Casey, OFMCA founder of the Detroit Soup Kitchen, and Father Michael J. McGivney apostle to the young, and protector of Christian family life. The Knights of Columbus has been a moral beacon since Fr. McGivney founded the order in 1882 with special focus on the culture of life. Our principles of the order are charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. All practicing Roman Catholic men over 18 years of age should look into joining this Catholic Organization. For religious vocations, especially for our candidates for the Roman Catholic priesthood, and also the individuals for the permanent diaconate, lay ecclesial ministry as well as other religious and civic leadership roles. Also, with so many un-repenting sins weighting down our nation especially those of immorality, then we must continue our efforts to make reparation. If we are truly in earnest about saving the souls of our fellow men then, this rosary pilgrimage must not wither, but expand, it is an effective spiritual weapon against the evils afflicting society. During this fifty-seven day Rosary Pilgrimage the Knights of Columbus are asking you to make a Rosary Prayer Pledge. We hope you will pledge to pray (1-5-10-20-50-100, or more) rosaries during the year 2005 for these causes. This pledge form showing the total number of rosaries you pledged must be returned during this 57 day pilgrimage, from April 1st to May 27th 2005. Your pledge will help the rosary goal count grow.

Please, return the form to Fred Heiler, Grand Knight.

PLEASE REPORT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ROSARIES YOU PLEDGE TO PRAY FOR THE CAUSES MENTIONED ABOVE !

NAME:

CITY:

DIOCESE:

NUMBER OF ROSARIES YOU PLEDGE TO PRAY IN 2005: ()

APRIL/MAY/JUNE

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Grand Knights—Past & Present

Gary Fett	1980
Paul Metro	1980—1982
Dennis Buchta	1982—1984
Ed Oleski	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**

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