



# Knights of Columbus

## Holy Family Council 8948



Grand Knight: Gerald Zupan (989) 345-5015

June 2009

Financial Secretary: John Muenz (989) 343-2454

Be sure to give blood if you are able. Also, please help out with setup at 11:45 AM. They use some heavy equipment, and some strong arms and backs are needed for moving it in. Congratulations to Brother Bill Burnham. His donations are measured in gallons, not pints.

### Food Truck

The next Food Truck Day is June 19. There will be a business meeting on Monday of that week. We won't have the High Schoolers or the C.O.O.R< with us this time because school will be out. We need your help. Be sure to attend Mass at 9 AM and then come over to the hall and help set up and distribute food to our needy brothers and sisters in Ogemaw County.

I attended a meeting of the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan. The Food Bank distributes food to 22 counties in Northeastern Michigan. They stated some statistics for poverty in the counties they serve. This was from 2007 figures, and things are worse now.

Ogemaw County has the second highest poverty level of these 22 counties at 14% in 2007. The Food Bank distributes 180,000 pounds of food in our county, and our distributions account for about a third of it. To eliminate hunger in Ogemaw County about 840,000 pounds of food are needed. There is a great need to fill. See you on June 19.

*Paul Gotter*

### A Letter from a deployed American Serviceman

I just wanted to take some time to thank you for all your support. I get the feeling that sometimes you might not realize how much it means to us, deployed or not.

Being deployed, so far from home, it really makes me see all the things I have taken for granted over the years. Not that I meant to, but sometimes it happens. That's part of the reason I chose to write this letter. Because your support really does matter, and I know that you, and organizations like yours, (CCW, *K of C - ed*) are just as much a part of this battle as anyone standing beside me. It's true.

The effort, time, selflessness, thoughts, and wishes you provide us on a daily basis are just proof to the enemies of this Great Nation. Proof that when one starts a battle with us, not only do they have to fight our advanced forces, but also a whole nation of dedicated Americans. And for that I salute you, great citizens.

Also, I know how much time, effort,

*continued on back page*

### Calendar of Events

#### May

- 24<sup>th</sup> Ascension of the Lord
- 26<sup>th</sup> Work bee
- 31<sup>st</sup> Pentecost: Corporate Communion and Rosary

#### June

- 1<sup>st</sup> Social Night 7 PM
- 7<sup>th</sup> Trinity Sunday First Sunday presentation
- 14<sup>th</sup> Corpus Christi
- 15<sup>th</sup> Business meeting 7 PM
- 19<sup>th</sup> Food Truck: Mass 9 AM, setup after Mass, distribution 1 PM
- 30<sup>th</sup> Work Bee

#### July

- 4<sup>th</sup> No parade float entry for 2009
- 5<sup>th</sup> First Sunday presentation
- 6<sup>th</sup> Social Night 7 PM
- 15<sup>th</sup> Council audit 2 PM in parish hall
- Budget review 3 PM in the hall
- 17<sup>th</sup> MDOT road cleanup: meet at the hall at 4 PM
- 20<sup>th</sup> Business meeting 7 PM
- 28<sup>th</sup> Work Bee

#### August

- 2<sup>nd</sup> First Sunday Presentation
- 3<sup>rd</sup> *No Social Meeting*
- 16<sup>th</sup> K of C Picnic 1 PM at the home of Joe and Linda Hintz
- 17<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting 7 PM
- 25<sup>th</sup> Work Bee: To be announced
- 30<sup>th</sup> K of C Rosary and Corporate Communion 9 AM

O God, who wishes all people to be saved, touch with grace the hearts of many young men and women, moving them to offer themselves as candidates for the priesthood and religious life.

Inspire fathers and mothers and all members of Christian families to become aware of the great need for religious vocations.

Endow all people with reverence for these sacred callings that they may encourage many to serve God and mankind in the ranks of religion .....These blessings we ask through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

**Knights of Columbus  
Holy Family Council 8948  
PO Box 401  
Rose City MI 48654  
Grand Knight: Gerry Zupan (989) 345-5015**

**Grand Knight's  
Comments**



**Council Officers**

Chaplain	Fr. Miro Wiese, OFM	989 345-3422
Deputy Grand Knight	John Peralta	989 685-3032
Chancellor	John Florian	989 685-3465
Financial Secretary	John Muenz	989 343-2454
Warden	Mike Peters	989 473-2924
Advocate	Vern Neubecker	989 345-2051
Recorder	Joe Hintz	989 345-3060
Treasurer	Irvin Booms	989 473-3090
Inside Guard	Bill Hool	989 473-4865
Outside Guard	Joseph Lamothe	989 685-2648
3 Year Trustee	Frank Hacht	989 345-0285
2 Year Trustee	Bill Burnham	989 685-3147
1 Year Trustee	Ralph Schnautz	989 345-3755
District Deputy	Pat Copland	989 739-5044

**Council Committees**

Program Director	John Peralta	989 685-3032
Church Director	Frank Hacht	989 345-0285
Vocations Chairman	Richard Mc Cleary	989 473-2482
Community Director	Willard Wangler	989 345-2695
Pro-Life Couple	Don & Carla Fritz	989 685-2650
Public Relations	Tony Brent	989 343-0401
Family Director	Joe Hintz	989 345-3060
Hours Coordinator	Glen Painter	989 685-2238
Youth Director	Eric Strawsine	989 345-3306
Membership Director	Douglas Goulette	989 685-3863
Retention Chairman	Richard Mc Cleary	989 473-2482
Member	Joe Hintz	989 345-3060
Member	Richard McCleary	989 473-2482
Member	Paul Gotter	989 685-3527
Insurance Representative	Dominic Borowiac	989 710-0191
Newsletter Editor	Tony Brent	989 343-0401
Advertising Chairman	Joe Oswald	989 345-9964

**Christopher Land Committee**

President	Joe Hintz	989 345-3060
Vice President	Vern Neubecker	989 345-2051
Treasurer	Don Fritz	989 685-2650
Secretary	Ralph Schnautz	989 345-3755

**Monthly Meetings**

Business	3rd Monday	7 PM
Social	1st Monday	7 PM
Officers	3rd Monday	6 PM
Work Bee	Last Tuesday	4 PM

Thank you to Janette McCleary for working on our tax report, and a special thanks to Dick McCleary for getting the carnations that were handed out to all the moms after Mass on Mother's Day. Great job, Dick.

The following Brothers have been nominated for the next fiscal year thanks to Tom Butler's good work:

- Grand Knight: John Peralta
- Deputy Grand Knight: Greg Tabaka
- Chancellor: John Florian
- Recorder: Joe Hintz
- Treasurer: Irvin Booms
- Advocate: Vern Neubecker
- Warden: Mike Peters
- Inside Guard: Joseph Lamothe
- 3 Year Trustee: Gerald Zupan
- 2 Year Trustee: Bill Burnham
- 1 Year Trustee: Frank Hacht

New officers will be installed by our new District Deputy on Monday, July 6.



**Please pray for our men and women in  
service to our country and for their  
families**

- Anthony McKinnon
- SPC Stephen Muenz  
(Fort Campbell, KY)
- SGT Nathan Neubecker USMC
- PFC Scott Evens
- PFC Sabrina Evens
- DC 3 Tyson Dziurman USN
- CPL Seth Allard
- SPC Frank Hoffman
- Wade Miller SAFU
- Stacy Miller USAF
- Michael O' Farrell National Guard
- Bill Strawsine: USN

Write to them often. Letters from home mean so much. Ask them if they have a buddy who doesn't get much mail, and write to him too. See the letter from one of our servicemen elsewhere in this issue.

## Service Programs



**Church:** Nothing on the agenda for a Work Bee, but we'll contact you if something needs doing. We need to organize a cemetery committee to get some younger guys to help out.

**Community:** The next MDOT road cleanup is on July 17. Meet at the hall at 4 PM.

**Council:** Several of us have received a reply from US Rep. Bart Stupak stating that he will oppose the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA). The post cards you sent him have been received, and he promises to oppose any such legislation.

**Membership:** Welcome to our newest Brother Rick Smith. He completed his First Degree Exemplification on May 7.

**Food Truck:** The next Food Truck is on June 19. Please attend Mass at 9 AM and then come help set up and distribute food.

**Family:** The Knight of the Month for May, 2009 is Willard Wangler. The Family of the Month for May, 2009, is Irvin and Marlene Booms. Congratulations.

**Volunteer Hours:** Deacon Glen Painter, 685-2238. Please get them in so Glen can submit them. He is very busy these days serving as a Deacon. The diocesan task force has finished their work. The results are on the diocesan web site. Thank you for the Vacation Bible School donations.

---

### **Knight of the Month** *from the desk of Joe Hintz* *Family Director for K of C* *Council 8948*

The Knight of the Month for May, 2009 is Willard Wangler.

Willard is one of the true pioneers of our council, having joined back in 1984 at its inception. He is a past Grand Knight, past Recorder, Past Treasurer, and past Church director. He is our current Community Director and council Lecturer.

Willard has been very actively involved in all of the Knights activities. He participates in work bees, the Venison Stew Dinner, Rifle Raffle ticket sales, Food Truck distributions, Tootsie Roll drives, and the MDOT road cleanups. Willard has chaired the council MDOT Road Cleanup



program for the past 18 years. He attends the Social Meetings, Corporate Communion, Council Rosaries, Life Chain events, and has been known to take down a beer or two at the annual K of C Family Picnic.

Willard is also very involved with the church. He has been a reader, greeter, and collector. He is the Director for the Holy Family Cemetery.

Willard is also very involved in the community. He has helped with Hospice, donates blood, volunteers at the Ogemaw County Emergency Assistance Program, is a member of the Ogemaw County Fair Board, and is a member of the Lions Club.

Willard has been married to his wife Irvadine for 65 wonderful years. They have 5 children, 8 grandchildren, and 17 great grandchildren. Willard and Irvadine enjoy spending their winter months at their Florida home in Sebring, Florida.

Willard, you are truly a blessing to our council, our church, and our community. It is a blessing to recognize you as Knight of the Month for May, 2009.

---

### **Family of the Month** *from the desk of Joe Hintz* *Family Director for K of C* *Council 8948*

The Family of the Month for May, 2009 is Irvin and Marlene Booms.

Irv has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for 55 years. He is a past Grand Knight, Recorder, Treasurer,

---

### **Please pray for those who are sick or in distress**

Gail Gotter:: walking and going to therapy  
Elmer O' Farrell  
Roy & Illa Kenworthy  
Chuck & Marge Rank  
Jeff Hintz: accident with a log splitter, scared his parents, but not as bad as it looked.

### **Chaplain's Remarks**

I'm disappointed that my car is still broken. I'll expect the Clydesdales and their wagon to pull up at the rectory to take me grocery shopping.

One thing that bothers me when you are coming from the north on M-33 is that a couple of trees obscure the view of our parish sign at the corner of Peters Road. Our sign is licensed. I don't know what the rules are for trimming trees. I don't know whose they are.

Our graduate this year is Stephanie Babcock. She is a good kid, and we congratulate her.

You are doing good work and I encourage you to keep it up, not only in your parish but in the community as well.

Our parish will celebrate its centennial on July 26. We would like to have any pictures or stories or memories you have of the parish. We had the fire in 1934 that burned down the old wood church. There wasn't much left standing, because they only had buckets to fight the fire.

I understand that the Rose window up in the loft came from Germany, and that they re-leaded it to keep it from rattling in the wind. I'll have to track down that story.

Keep up the good work. Thank you.

---

### *Family of the Month, continued*

Advocate, and Trustee, and he is our current Treasurer. He actively participates in most all of the Knights functions. He is also a blood donor.

Irv and Marlene have been married for 53 years. They have 5 children, 16 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren. Irvin is a collector at church and he and Marlene are greeters. They both participate in the council's Corporate Communion and Rosary.

Irvin and Marlene are a blessing to our council, church, and community. It is an honor to name them as Family of the Month for May, 2009.

---

### **A Prayer for Life**

*Father and maker of all,  
you adorn all creation  
with splendor and beauty,  
and fashion human lives  
in your image and likeness.  
Awaken in every heart  
reverence for the work of your hands,  
and renew among your people a readiness to  
nurture and sustain  
your precious gift of life.*

*Grant this through our Lord  
Jesus Christ, your Son  
who lives and reigns with you in  
the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever.  
Amen*

Knights of Columbus  
Holy Family Council 8948  
PO Box 401  
Rose City MI 48654



*A Letter from a deployed  
American Serviceman, continued*

and money it costs to send out these packages. That alone is worth a great big thanks! But what you might fail to realize is the happiness and joy it brings us, before the box is even opened. Just knowing that somewhere in the country we fight to protect, someone took the time to put this together and get it on its way.

Well, let me tell you, that makes the jobs here a little easier.

In closing, I would like to thank you again for your outstanding support and steadfast dedication to us. It means the world to us, Honestly!

Sincerely,

Nathan Neubecker,  
Sargeant, USMC