



Knights of Columbus

Holy Family Council 8948



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May 2009

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Young and old alike enjoyed pancakes, home made sausage and fresh maple syrup at our annual Cal Reetz Memorial Pancake Breakfast. Thanks to every one of you who make this such a success each year.

Food Truck

Thank you to everyone for making our March food distribution day a success. We had 70 volunteers, including students from OHS and COOR, and we gave out 191 boxes of food. This count was a little off from our previous average of about 250 boxes, but St. Francis Food Pantry in Prescott was very happy to receive the extra food we did not distribute.

Special thanks to the ladies who brought food for lunch, for Bruce David who brought fresh fish to fry, and to all the kitchen workers who made it go so smoothly.

Thanks, again, to Ed Wangler for driving over a fork lift to unload the food truck. Our next food distribution day will be on June 19. On that day we won't be having the high school groups to help so please mark your calendar and plan to come to work!

Paul Gotter

Belated Congratulations

Our Knight for the Month for February was Roy Kenworthy, and our Family



of the Month for February was Roy and Illa Kenworthy. Roy and Illa were not able to be present on the first Sunday of March when their nominations were announced

Roy is out of the hospital now, and he was able to join us at our April business meeting. Grand Knight Gerry Zupan presented the awards. Congratulations Roy and Illa. We're glad you were able to join us at the meeting. God bless you.

Calendar of Events

April

23rd MDOT Road Cleanup: meet at Parish hall at 4 PM

28th Work Bee: TBA

May

3rd First Sunday presentation

4th Social Night 7 PM

18th Business meeting 7 PM

24th Ascension of the Lord

26th Work bee

31st Pentecost: Corporate Communion and Rosary

June

1st Social Night 7 PM

7th Trinity Sunday First Sunday presentation

14th Corpus Christi

15th Business meeting 7 PM

19th Food Truck: Mass 9 AM, setup after Mass, distribution 1 PM

30th Work Bee

July

4th No parade for 2009

5th First Sunday presentation

6th Social Night 7 PM

15th Council audit 2 PM in parish hall
Budget review 3 PM in the hall

17th MDOT road cleanup: meet at the hall at 4 PM

20th Business meeting 7 PM

28th Work Bee

A Prayer for Vocations

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

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**Grand Knight's
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Monthly Meetings

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

Welcome back to two of our snowbirds, Willard Wangler and Vern Neubecker. I hear the forecast is for snow this week around here.

Tom Butler is out of the hospital and will be able to drive in late May. He is looking forward to being with us again. We send him our best wishes.

On Tuesday, May 5 in Lake City there is a training session on the changes in the Michigan raffle rules. These affect raffles, bingo, 50/50 and others. The session is at the American Legion hall from 12 to 4 PM.

Brothers, give yourself a big pat on the back for all the hard work you put in on the Maple Syrup festival. Everybody pitched in. The meat sales were good. The 50/50 went well too. You put in about 500 hours. Everybody did super and it was one of our best Maple Syrup festivals in a long time.

Well done!

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

Anthony McKinnon
SPC Stephen Muenz
(Fort Campbell, KY)
CPL Nathan Neubecker
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.

Be sure to bring items for the Shoeboxes for Servicemen. A list of needed items is in the church.

Service Programs



Church: We will be working on the eaves on the church. We already have a crew lined up.

Community: The next MDOT road cleanup is on April 23. Meet at the hall at 4 PM. Please sign the safety training sheet. Willard will handle the MDOT cleanup until July. Dale Teeples will take over then.

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: Doug Goulette has been doing a great job. Thanks, Doug, keep it up.

Food Truck: We did well on the March Food Truck, especially the lunch fish fry. We were a little down at 191 boxes. We expect to have about 250 boxes distributed. We donate any food left over to the St. Francis Food Pantry in Skidway Lake. They sent us a nice thank you card.

Family: The citations for Knight of the Month and Family of the Month were made at the Maple Syrup breakfast. Bill Burnahm is the Knight of the Month for March, and Frenchy and Franny Lamothe are the Family of the Month. Congratulations.

Easter Egg Hunt: Richard Dooley reports that 185 kids showed up to hunt for eggs and to get their Easter baskets. He said that they started at 1 PM sharp, and by 1:03 they were all done. He thanks you for your donations, and a special thank you to Greg Tabaka. Another event is planned for the Fourth of July.

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.



District Deputy's Remarks

*"As for me and my house,
We will serve the Lord."*

Joshua 24:15

Thank you for the get well card and the nice picture. I have that picture looking at me when I wake up. I know what you all are doing and I'm very happy about it. As Fr. Miro mentioned, the Knights were started to take care of widows and orphans. When you take care of someone who needs help you can bring a smile to a child's face. Membership is important. Look for someone who will be not just a member but a good Catholic man who thinks like you do, and who wants to serve his Lord and his neighbor. Talk to a guy like that. Bart Stupak is a Knight and he is a good Catholic man who stands for what we stand for.

That's about all I have this time. I'll be here for your June meeting and hopefully I will have the new District Deputy with me then. Keep up the good work.



Knight of the Month

*from the desk of Joe Hintz
KofC Council 8948 Family director*

The Knight of the Month for April, 2009 is Bill Burnham.

Brothers, Bill Burnham is a very active member of our council. He is a past Grand Knight and is our current Two Year Trustee. He has served as Membership Director for three years and was very instrumental in adding many new members to

Please pray for those who are sick or in distress

Gail Gotter:
Elmer O' Farrell
Roy & Illa Kenworthy
Chuck & Marge Rank
Frenchy Lamothe

Chaplain's Remarks

I have been reading the handbook for Knights of Columbus chaplains. It says that the chaplain should go to the state convention.

The Knights of Columbus was founded as a benevolent fraternity for Catholic immigrants, and especially to help with burials and help take care of widows and families. That's part of what the insurance program is for.

You are a fraternity that helps widows and others. You are accomplishing that work of caring for people in need very well. I ask you to keep up the good work you're doing.

I saw Elmer and Frenchy in the hospital. Keep them in your prayers. Congratulations on your Maple Syrup festival. It's

Knight of the Month continued

our council. including 11 members in the fiscal year 2007/2008 alone.

Bill is a Eucharistic Minister and Greeter at church. He participates in the Venison Stew Dinner, Rifle Raffle ticket sales, the annual ARC Christmas Party for the mentally challenged, Food Truck distributions, Maple Syrup Festival, Work Bees, Road Cleanup, Tootsie Roll drives, and was very actively involved with the Christmas Tree farm. He attends Corporate Communion, council Rosaries, and Life Chain events.

Bill loves to work with others sharing his skill in fly tying. He has offered many classes to teach others the are of this fascinating hobby. He takes pride in creating Christmas tree ornament glass bulbs with his unique flies suspended inside. Bill also enjoys collecting duck decoys, and is an avid gun enthusiast.

Bill is one of the more active blood donors. He recently received his Twenty Five Gallon Blood Donor award, a milestone that is achieved by only a few.

Bill has been married to his wife Josephine for 49 years and they are looking forward to celebrating their fiftieth anniversary coming up in 2010. They have three children and three grandsons.

Bill is a blessing to our council and it is an honor to name him Knight of the Month for April 2009.



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Family of the Month

*From the desk of Joe Hintz
K of C Council 8948
Family Director*

The Family of the Month for April, 2009 is Joseph and Marie Lamothe.

Well known as Frenchy and Franny, they are very active members of our council and church. frenchy is our current Worthy Outside Guard and regularly attends meetings.

You would not be able to attend any of the Knights functions without finding Frenchy's presence. He participates in the Work Bees, Venison Stew Dinner, Maple Syrup Festival, Food Truck distributions, Road Cleanup, Tootsie Roll drives, and sells Rifle Raffle tickets in the fall. He has also been in charge of kitchen duties.

Frenchy is well known for his warm smiles and hugs given out at the annual



ARC Christmas Party for the mentally challenged, posing as Santa. It is heartwarming to see the laughter and smiles as he dances with the kids and adults.

Fran and Frenchy take part in most of the Knights family functions also. You will find them at the Social meetings, the annual Knights of Columbus family picnic, Corporate Communion, Council Rosaries, and the Life Chain prayer service. Frenchy is also a collector at church, and he and Fran are greeters. Fran is also a member of the Holy Family Council of Catholic Women.

Frenchy and Franny have been married for 44 wonderful years and have 4 children and, at last count, 4 grandchildren.

Frenchy and Franny are a blessing to our council, church, and community. It is an honor to name them as Family of the Month.

