



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

NEENAH COUNCIL-5514

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COUNCIL CALENDAR

January 2008

01/08/08	Business Meeting	St. Gabriel's	7 pm
01/12/08	Packer Concession	Lambeau Field	11 am
01/12/08	Knowledge Contest	St. Gabriel's Cafeteria	9 am
01/21/08	Rosary for Life	Planned Parenthood Oshkosh	6 pm

February

02/01/08	Brat Fry	Alcan Bell St.	9 am
02/03/08	Memorial Mass	St. Margaret Mary's	7:30 am
02/15/08	Valentine Dance	ARC	6 pm
02/18/08	Rosary for Life	Planned Parenthood Oshkosh	6 pm
02/24/08	Pancake Porkie Breakfast	St. Patrick's	7:30 am
02/22-24/08	Monte Alverno Retreat	Monte Alverno	Week End

Grand Knights Report:

Welcome, I hope you and your families had a joyous Christmas and a safe New Years. Although I couldn't stay long, I saw that all had an enjoyable time at the ARC Christmas party this past month. Upcoming events include the State Convention at the Kalahari (Wis. Dells) on 4/26-27, and a 4th Degree exemplification on 4/12 in Oconomowoc. Reservations for discounted rooms for each are due by March 15th. Contact me if interested. *A special waiver this year allows a 3rd degree Knight to enter the 4th Degree after only 6 months of membership (instead of a year).* In solidarity with Pope Benedict XVI's U.S. visit April 15-20, a limited edition certificate will be issued to all new members receiving their 1st Degree through June 30, 2008, and their names will be entered in a book that will be presented to the Pope. Their sponsor will receive a specially minted medallion. Let's get our Council represented in this special event. In closing, some of you have heard that I am considering resigning as Grand Knight after my 1st year is over and becoming our District Deputy. No decision has been made and I am prayerfully considering that option. Thank you.

The Knight of the Month December 2007 is *Ron Wisniewski*

The Knight of the Month for December exemplifies the meaning of Knighthood. He's an usher, volunteers at food pantries and the parish picnic. He participates in the ARC Valentine Dance, Brat Fries, Pancake and Porkies, the Knowledge Contest, Punt Pass and Kick, and the Wood Chippers. This past month, Ron Wisniewski completed chairing another successful ARC Christmas Party. Congratulations Ron.

The Family of the Month December 2007 is *Mike and Sylvia Bushman*

This Knight and his wife are very active in our Council, the community and at St. Patrick Church. Mike Bushman is an active Knight, attending most functions. He coordinates our Council's volunteers for one of our largest fundraisers, the Packer concessions. Mike also arranges buns at low or no cost for our other large fundraiser, the brat fries. He is now integrating our Council into St. Pats since many of their parishioners are Neenah residents. Outside the Council, Mike donates a lot of blood, and Mike and Sylvia are very involved with Best Friends, the Boys and Girls Brigade, and Habitat for Humanity. At Church, Mike prepares and serves all the soup for each of the parish fish fries (to feed 200-300 people), while Sylvia serves other food and helps with the cleanup. They are perennial volunteers at the Church's Building and Grounds Clean up days. The Stewardship/Communications Coordinator perfectly put it, "If Mike and Sylvia did anymore around the Church, we would have to put them on the payroll". Well done, Mike and Sylvia.

Financial Secretary's Corner

Brother Knights, back in December, all of you received your Annual Dues statement indicating amounts owed as of January 1, 2008. Up to now approximately 33% of the membership have paid their obligation. The Council has already paid your Per capita tax on your membership. All dues and the optional PKD payments can be put on the same check.

Do not combine dues and raffle ticket money on the same check!!!! As of this newsletter we have recorded 238 raffle tickets. Please try to sell them, or purchase them yourselves. Remember, our goal is 492. We receive back \$200 for each ticket sold which is added to our Vocation Fund. Congratulations are in order for members have attained the Honorary Membership. From all of us a huge thank you for your years of service to Gary Elmers, George Kessler, James Koziczowski, Joseph Nemecek, and Gerald Van Handel.

We still have Daily Meditation Prayer Books available for \$6.00 each, which make an excellent Christmas Gift.

Remember: Good actions are the Invisible Hinge on the doors of Heaven.

Knowledge Contest

Youth Knowledge Council will be January 12th at Saint Gabriel's. Volunteers should arrive at 9:00. The contest consists of Math and English and is open to 5th, 6th, and 7th Grade students of Neenah.

Memorial Mass

Our Annual Memorial Mass for departed Brothers will be held on February 3rd at the 7:30 am mass at St. Margaret Mary's with the ceremony and a breakfast in the basement after Mass. Reservations are needed so contact Lloyd Delveaux at 725-1196 by January 30th to reserve your place.

E-Mail Addresses

With the rise in postage we have come up with a way to save our Council \$5 per member per year for those Knights willing to receive their Newsletter via e-mail instead of snail mail. If you haven't signed up already just drop me a note at mbushman@new.rr.com. I will see that you are on the e-mail list and you will receive your newsletter before they are printed. I started e-mailing with the July newsletter. We have about 90 Knights signed up already. All new members with e-mail addresses on their form 100's are automatically added to the mailing list.

Donations

\$250 Mark Hawkins Family	\$200 Run for Life
\$250 Kathy Quicket Family	\$500 St. Margaret Mary's-Debt reduction
\$210 Scott Ryder- Deaconate Books	\$500 St. Gabriel's-Debt Reduction

Green Bay Packer Game Concessions

We have 10 people willing to work the Packer Play Off game on January 12th. We will meet at St. Gabriel's west parking lot at 11 am to leave for the game. **What to work the Championship game?** When Dallas loses on Sunday we will have another opportunity to work on the following week end, so I will probably need more volunteers, so call or e-mail me, my phone number is 725-6600 and my e-mail is mbushman@new.rr.com.

Rosary for Life

On the third Monday of every month a group of people get together and pray the Rosary in front of the Planned Parenthood building in Oshkosh. Members from our Council meet at the old Big Lots parking lot and car pool. We meet at 5:15 pm leave for Oshkosh at 5:30 pm, the rosary starts at 6 pm and you are back home by 7 pm. usually about 30 people in all attend this event. If you are interested in going drop me a line, my phone number is 725-6600 and my e-mail is mbushman@new.rr.com.

The Good of the Order

If anyone knows of any Knight who is in the Hospital or going in the Hospital, please call Mike Bushman at 725-6600. This will insure that we get them on our prayer list.

Please remember the following Brother Knights and loved ones in your Prayers:

Bob Spielbauer	Corrine Collar	Don Ashley	Lottie Karpinski
Ginny Lashua	Belva Simonis		