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**COUNCIL CALENDAR**

**February**

02/03/09	Business Meeting	St. Gabriel's	7:00 pm
02/13/09	Valentine Dance	ARC of the Fox Valley	6:00 pm
02/15/09	Pancake/Porkie Breakfast	St. Margaret Mary's	Both Masses
02/16/09	Rosary	Planned Parenthood, Oshkosh	6:00 pm
02/20-22/09	Retreat	Monte Alverno	Weekend
02/21/09	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree	Mackville	10:30 am

**March**

03/03/09	Business Meeting	St. Gabriel's	7:00 pm
03/08/09	Pancake/Porkie Breakfast	St. Patrick's	7:00 am start
03/14-15/09	Peanut Butter and Jelly	Both Churches	After Mass
03/14/09	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree	Fond du Lac	10:30 am
03/15/09	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree	De Pere	10:30 am
03/16/09	Rosary	Planned Parenthood, Oshkosh	6:00 pm
03/21/09	State Convention Meeting	Nicolet Clubhouse Menasha	9:00 am
03/22/09	Memorial Mass and Breakfast	St. Gabriel's	TBA

**Grand Knights Message**

After compiling and sending the annual fraternal survey in, I am very proud to be a part of this Council. Last year, we had over 32,000 total hours of volunteer service. Over 19,000 were for the Church, 7,800 for the community, 2,200 for youth, and 3,400 for family, Council, and misc. These are great numbers but, after all, this is what Knights do. We serve our Church, community, family, youth and Council. Congratulations for another great year!

**Membership:** Looking at the winter months, you can see we're not as active as we are during the summer. How can we fill the gaps? New ideas and activities are the answer. We get these, along with more energy, through new members. Each of our members should ask a Catholic gentleman to join our ranks. Both you and your invitee will be glad you did. When was the last time you asked someone to join us? We have our pancake/porkie at St. Margaret Mary's Friendship Hall on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>. Invite a candidate to breakfast. We'll have a display and all the information that he would need. Besides, he'll see us in action.

**State Convention update:** We already have commitments for some very nice raffle prizes including a microbrew basket, designer chocolate basket, signed Packer football, flag poles and more. Let's add to this list. Remember, the more tickets we sell, the more profit there is to split among the host Councils. No prize is too small. We can combine smaller prizes to make up larger baskets. Some of the raffle prizes we need are for the Lady's Brunch. Volunteers are also needed. We will be needed in 2 hour shifts on Friday from 10:00 am – 8:00 pm, Saturday from 8:00 am – 6:00 pm, and Sunday from 8:00 am – 10:00 pm. There will be a private hospitality room for the volunteers from Districts 9 & 10. A wrap up meeting is at Nicolet Clubhouse March 21<sup>st</sup>. at 9:00 am.

**Degrees:** We have many members eligible for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> degrees. With the degrees so close, now is the best time to continue your journey in Knighthood. After all, we are about Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Become a total Knight. Requirement for 2<sup>nd</sup> degree is to be a 1<sup>st</sup> degree Knight. Requirement for 3<sup>rd</sup> degree is to be a 2<sup>nd</sup> degree Knight. There is no time requirement. 4<sup>th</sup> degree requires a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree Knight. You must be a Knight for at least 6 months. (This is usually a year) Give it some thought. Finally, I would like to thank Bob Yost and the Honor Guard members from Assembly 1199 that traveled to St. Margaret Mary Church this past Sunday. They led in the procession of Cub and Girl Scouts, and their leaders at the 9:30 Mass celebration of Scout Sunday. It was an impressive sight.

Thank you, and God Bless.

**The Family of the Month January is Norm and Mary Spielbauer**

This third degree Knight is in his 45<sup>th</sup> year of membership. Deacon Norm Spielbauer and his wife, Mary, are involved in the Church, community and at the Council level. In the community, he can be found at the hospital or visiting and distributing Communion to the sick. He is also involved with the Boys and Girls Brigade and Best Friends. With the Council, he can be found at most activities including the 2 ARC parties, Packer Concessions and pancake and Porky Breakfasts. At Church, Deacon Norm organizes the annual retreat in Oshkosh, distributes Communion, and works the Parish picnic. This past October, he helped Marv set out the Respect Life white crosses in front of St. Margaret Mary Church. With his wife, Mary, they are involved in various Church committees, and ministries, host coffee and donuts, and work the annual rummage sale. We are blessed to have them. Congratulations.

### **The Knight of the Month January is *Tony Ansems***

Our Knight of the month is a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight. At church he volunteers at coffee and donuts, the annual parish picnic, and prays at the Perpetual Adoration Chapel. He is also an after school 'Best Friend' through the best friends program. He is involved in many Council activities including, the Arc Parties, Packer concessions, tootsie roll drive and punt, pass, and kick. Tony Ansems is also involved in all our meetings as our treasurer. This month, Tony is chairing our Monte Alverno silent retreat. (*If anyone is interested in attending, let Tony know.*) Tony is an asset to our Council, and we applaud him. Thank you Tony.

### **2009 State Bowling Tournament**

Attention Knights: Council 5514 usually send 2 teams to the State Bowling Tournament. This spring we have 2 teams for the tourney in Sheboygan.

### **Adoration Chapel**

If anyone would be interested in filling a shift for the Adoration Chapel, either individually, or as a team, please contact Bob at 725-0415. He has a few opening. As a team, two people would only have to go twice a month or four people only once a month.

### **Financial Secretary's Corner**

We are now in the second month of a new year, time to check out your membership card. If you are still in possession of a 2008 card, it is now invalid. Please fulfill your obligation by paying your 2009 dues along with the optional PKD as soon as possible. *Remember, dues and PKD may be combined on the same check.*

As stated before, our quota for 2009 State Raffle Tickets is 516. At present, we have received 100 plus. Brother Knights, **Please** either buy or make every effort to sell the tickets in your possession. Every ticket sold adds \$2.00 to our Seminarian Fund for those of the Green Bay Diocese presently studying for the priesthood. Your Financial Secretary has additional tickets upon your request. Just call 920-722-3690, and I will get them to you.

**Remember: "It's the little things that make up the richest part of the tapestry of our lives!"**

### **Pancake and Porkie Breakfast**

Pancake and Porky breakfast is scheduled for February 15<sup>th</sup> after each mass at St. Margaret Mary's. Lloyd mentioned a lot of members have signed up to help. Contact Lloyd if you would like to help.

### **Valentine Dance at ARC**

The annual Valentine Dance for the ARC members is Friday February 13 at 6:00 pm. Colin will be setting up at 4:00 pm and needs about 4 Knights to help out. Just show up and pitch in, it is a lot of fun.

### **Rosary for Life**

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, start the rosary 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](mailto:mbushman@new.rr.com).

### **Monte Alverno Retreat**

Retreat at Monte Alverno is scheduled for February 20-22<sup>nd</sup>. Retreat will start at 6:00 with a dinner at Germania Hall. Currently six people are signed up, of which 4 are Knights. This is a silent retreat. Suggested donation is \$150. Contact Tony Ansems if interested.

### **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:

Don Ashley	Ginny Lashua	Belva Simonis	Willie Bolwerk	John Kessler	Dan Stunger
Karin Scribner	Bill Haga	Richard (Pat) Ryan	Father Ingold	Father Allen	Sylvia Bushman