

Knights of Columbus



St. Mary Mystical Rose
Council 7561

October

2008

Peyton Harvey

Fund Raiser

Brother Knights,

At our council picnic, we were approached by a local family with a request for a spaghetti fundraiser for Peyton Mackenzie Harvey, daughter of Mike and Lorri (Jusko) Harvey. At our September meeting, we voted in favor of helping this family in conjunction with the Armada Lioness. A spaghetti dinner will be held on Friday, October 24th from 5:00 - 8:00 PM. If you wish to volunteer to help with this project, contact Ed or Carol Seefried at (586) 784-9804 or email carol.seefried@sbcglobal.net. Below is a brief history about Peyton. If you would like additional information, please visit the Peyton Harvey website at www.PeytonsPlace.org.

Peyton Mackenzie Harvey is the 5 year old daughter of Mike and Lorri (Jusko) Harvey. She was a very happy and healthy toddler. Suddenly, on April 6, 2005, at the age of 23 months, she suffered the trauma of ruptured aneurysms in her brain. She underwent 3 surgeries to repair the aneurysms and remove bone to relieve swelling. The bone was replaced on her 2nd birthday.

During her 7 week stay at Children's Hospital, Peyton suffered strokes throughout her brain and as a result Peyton's brain is traumatically injured. Her doctors give no prognosis. Peyton has Cerebral Palsy, Reflux, seizures occurring daily, Diabetes Insipidus (Unable to self-regulate her sodium level) and Precocious Puberty. She is on several medications. She receives an injection in her thigh muscle every 4 weeks to halt puberty.

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FALL FESTIVAL

We are just about a week away from our largest fundraiser of the year. This year's Fall Festival will take place on Saturday, October, 11th and Sunday, October, 12th. This will be our 6th annual Fall Fest and is expected to bring in record crowds. Over the past 5 years we have gradually been building up this weekend and the progress is shown by our attendance numbers.

Just a short rundown of last year's Fall Fest. We had over 40 crafters. We also had over 400 cars at the car show, over 500 breakfasts served on Sunday, a very large 50/50 raffle and a fabulous Chili Cook-off with over 8 chefs cooking up their favorite recipes. Last year we ended up donating over \$2,000 to local charities. Over the past 5 years I feel that we have done a fine job showing those who attend our event how big hearted, caring and gracious the Armada K of C families are. I have repeatedly heard from those attending that they feel like part of our family due to the hospitality they are shown when they visit us.

I know this year will be just as successful as years past. However, we **DO** need your help. If you have helped in the past, please come back and give us a hand. If you are new to the council, please bring your families out and give your K of C family a hand. The more workers we have, the more time we will all have to enjoy this weekend. For anyone who is working on Sunday, we will be serving breakfast to all workers (7:30 for the early morning crew and any time after to the workers who come before 11:30). We will also be serving dinner in the hall after the event so please stay and join us.

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MAJOR DEGREE AT HALL

Brother Knights,

On Sunday, November 2nd, we will host a major degree at our hall. This could be a great opportunity for our council to gain some new members and perhaps upgrade some of our First Degree members to become Third Degree. If you know a First Degree member or you are a First Degree member, we encourage you to participate in this major degree. Our officers have been inviting many members of St. Mary Mystical Rose Parish to join our council and it is our goal to try to fill our annual quota of six new members at this upcoming major degree. If you know of any worthy candidates, please encourage them to fill out a form 100 and contact Andy Vandevelde so that we may interview them before our October 8th meeting when we hope to vote on these prospective new members.

Joe Bova

BRIDAL SHOW

We have now held two bridal shows to promote our hall. We held one in the winter show season and one in the fall season. We are already planning our next Bridal show for the winter season to be held January 18th. These shows provide the only real advertising for our hall. They also provide us the opportunity to meet with many prospective brides who may decide to rent our hall for their weddings and showers. The gown vendors who pay to participate in our shows have asked us to provide models for a fashion show at the event. Obviously this is a problem with a men's organization, but if you could ask your wives or your daughters if they would like to participate, it would be appreciated and they might even have fun dressing up.

Models are needed in every shape and size, but the gown vendors do ask for ladies to be at least 5' 5" since they will be wearing off-the-rack dresses and they don't want the dresses to be too long. Volunteers would be volunteering for one fitting prior to the event in addition to their time at the event. If any ladies or teens are interested in helping us, they can email Brenda Bova at ArmadaTownship@aol.com or call (586)871-3806.

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Brother Knights,

As Building Committee President, I would like to update you about the status of the hall. Our wedding season is winding down and it was a good season. However, it wasn't as good as in the past, as we all know, because of the catering dilemma. Things are looking bright for 2009.

Brenda Bova has done a great job on the bridal shows. With these shows, it has started us up on an advertising budget to promote the hall for our wedding season. We are also promoting Christmas parties by sending our advertisements to businesses and by having our first Corporate Open House. This open house will be directed toward business owners, supervisors, and community leaders. I hope this will enhance the interest in Christmas parties, sports banquets and other community functions to be held at our hall. If you have someone in mind, please have them contact me.

Our slow season is coming up and we will need to support our K of C functions, such as the Texas Hold'Ems, breakfasts, and Euchre parties. We need to attend these events and bring family and friends. I feel many of us don't support these functions because we feel all it does is support only the hall. But making this hall successful enables us to let charitable organizations use it, free of charge, to raise money for the community and their organizations. Over the last couple years, the hall has been donated for events such as spaghetti dinners, blood drives and other fundraisers. This has allowed charities to give back more to our community. We are working on a program for 2009 to encourage other non-profit organizations to do the same.

If anyone would be willing to work with us on this program, please let me know. This program will show that the Knights of Columbus are also supporting this community with the use of our hall, and not just through our monetary donations given to charities.

Thank you for your time and support,

John Victor, Building Committee President

FUND RAISER

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Her ophthalmologist says there are no treatments for her to regain vision. The neurologist states that he cannot help her regain brain function. Peyton cannot walk, talk, sit up unsupported (she has no trunk control), crawl, roll to either side, stand or do anything for herself. Peyton has a feeding tube that is used for medications, nutritional shakes, and liquids (she is unable to swallow without choking).

For the past three years, Peyton has been in physical & occupational therapies through Children's Hospital, but has been discharged due to little progress. Her at-home therapy is given by her mother, Lorri who is neither a physical or occupational therapist. Peyton is a student at Glen Peters School through the Macomb Intermediate School District. Peyton is able to smile, move her head & left arm. She recognizes voices. She seems to be aware of activity around her but her cognitive level is that of a 6 month old with severe multiple impairments. She is not able to do anything for herself. She is completely dependent on others.

Everyday since Peyton came home, her parents would stay up past midnight researching every possible avenue to help her, from hands-on prayer to chiropractic, to acupuncture, to magnets, therapeutic bodysuits, hyper baric oxygen treatment, etc. If it was out there, they found it, researched it and tried various treatments.

They have prayed everyday, multiple times; wondering why this happened to her. They continue to pray and talk with God hoping that he leads in the direction to get Peyton healed. Now they believe that they have found it.

Her parents want to take her out of the country for medical treatment that is not available in the US. This treatment is not covered by health insurance and will cost \$30,000. If further treatments are needed, they will be provided for \$12,000 per treatment. They have spoken to the doctor who performs the procedure and he feels that if Peyton receives the procedure, she will be normal in her lifetime. They have spoken to parents of other children who have received the treatment. Their results are miraculous. There are no negative side effects.

Any financial help that Peyton receives would be greatly appreciated. The family would so much like to have their little Peyton back and feel that this is the only treatment that can achieve this. An account has been established at National City Bank in her name and a website has also been established to keep everybody informed on Peyton, her progress and fundraisers on her behalf.

To access the website, go to www.peytonspplace.org any time. You can also contact Peyton's family at (586) 727-1323 or lorriharvey@hotmail.com.

Thank you for your support!
Joseph Bova, Grand Knight

FALL FESTIVAL

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The two biggest areas where we need your help is for the car show on Sunday, we need help with registration/parking 7:00am-11:30 and judging the cars, 11:30 till done. If you have never done either of these things I assure you that we will be there to assist you. Both activities are a lot of fun and very rewarding.

So please, come out and join your fellow Armada Knights of Columbus brothers and sisters. If you have any questions feel free to call me at 784-4201.

Ken Cazabon, Chairman 2008 Fall Festival

Set-Up and Clean Up Committee

Each time we have a function at our K of C Hall, such as a wedding, funeral luncheon or event of most any kind, it requires a set up before and a clean up after.

We have formed a committee of names and phone numbers of people we can call for help when needed. It would be very helpful if more names could be added to the list as everyone is not always available and the same people would not be asked each time.

If you could help, please call me.

Howard Weiler
586-749-5664

Creek Center Investments

I first would like to thank the many investors who came forward to purchase shares to save our K of C Hall. This made it possible to bring our payments up to date. Along with our hall rentals and K of C funds all payments are now being made on time and we still have investment money left.

This hall is so important because without it our upcoming Fall Fest and Car Show and the many social times just wouldn't happen. Also our charity functions such as our many blood drives and fundraisers for those in need would not happen. Last month's Tethered Balloon Rides for Children's Miracle Network would not have taken place.

There is now a marketing committee to advertise and promote our hall for future rentals.

I would like to make it known that shares can be purchased for \$250 per share at any time by new investors or present investors wanting to add more. This is a good investment in the future of our K of C Hall.

If you are interested or need more information, call Howard Weiler at (586) 749-5664.

Howard J. Weiler

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Wed., Oct. 8: General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm
Sat., Oct. 11: Fall Festival (see article page 1)
Sun., Oct. 12: Fall Festival /Car Show (see article page 1)
Fri., Oct. 17: Family Social Night & Hayride 7:00pm -
Please bring a passing dish and a friend!
Sat., Oct. 18: Euchre Party - Doors open at 6:00 pm
Fri., Dec. 19: Social Night, Caroling and Cookie
Exchange 6:45pm (article page 3)
Tues., Oct. 21: Blood Drive 2:00 - 8:00 pm (article page 3)
Wed., Oct. 22: 4th Degree Meeting, Creek Center, 7:30 pm
Fri., Oct. 24: Peyton Harvey Spaghetti Dinner 5 - 8 pm
Tues., Oct. 28: Creek Center Open House noon - 4:00pm
Sat., Nov. 1: Texas Hold'em & Millionaire's Party, 7:00
Sun., Nov. 2: Major Degree (see the article this page)
Wed., Nov. 5: Officer's Meeting 7:00 pm
Building Corp. Meeting 8:30 pm
Sat., Nov. 8: Goike Scholarship Euchre Party 6:00pm
Wed., Nov. 12: Dinner & Rosary with widows at 6:30 pm
General Membership Meeting 7:00 pm
Sun., Nov. 9: Country Breakfast 8:00 am - 12:00 Noon
Sun., Nov. 30: Corporate Communion at church 8:00 am
Wed., Dec. 3: Officer's Meeting 7:00 pm
Building Corp. Meeting 8:30pm
Wed., Dec. 10: General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm
Fri., Dec. 12: Bulb Exchange (CHAIRMAN NEEDED)
Sun., Dec. 14: Breakfast with Santa 8:00 am - 12:00 Noon
Sun., Jan. 18: Winter Bridal Show 4:00 pm - 7:30pm

NOTE: February Bowling Tournament in Battle Creek - Contact Mel Campbell for details at 810-395-7616.

ANNUAL WIDOWS DINNER

Brother Knights,

At our November 12th General Membership meeting, we will honor our members who have passed on before us. All of our widows will be invited to join us for dinner at 6:30 PM. Dinner will be followed by a rosary and a reading of the names of our passed Brother Knights.

In my opinion, this is the most important meeting of the year. It exemplifies why our order was founded, to support the widows and orphans of Brother Knights. I would like to have as many of our members as possible attend this meeting and show your support to our widows and passed members.

If you are able to join us for dinner, please email me at JoeBoval@aol.com or call me at (586) 784-4147 so that we may properly plan our meal.

KofC INSURANCE

This month's column is for the baby boomers. Do you know what that is sneaking up on you?

Retirement!

Ouch, I know, It's hard to believe isn't it? Seems like just yesterday...

But it's coming and coming fast. That's actually the good news.

Let me share with you some tidbits that may be of interest:

The trend by companies to freeze or end their employee pension plans may have a big impact on baby boomers now on the cusp of retirement.

Boomers with pension plans have counted on monthly retirement checks at the end of their career, but increasing numbers of employers are ending their plans or halting future benefit accruals. Those at greatest risk include boomers in their late 40s and early 50s who are still at least a decade from retirement but too old to save enough to make up the difference in their pension benefits.

An August, 2005 survey by PricewaterhouseCoopers showed that nearly half of companies that expected to change their pension plans in the next year were considering freezing benefits for all employees. More than a third that offered pensions have already pared back these benefits over the last three years.

"This will definitely be a problem for baby boomers." says Karen Friedman at the Pension Rights Center. "You've been at a company under the plan and worked for years with that expectation and then it's taken away."

You can reach me at 1-800-660-7087 or e-mail jamesparker@kofc.org. Call me - let's talk!

James Parker, KofC Insurance Field Agent

We will be holding an Open House on October 28th, noon to 4pm at the Creek Center K of C Hall to promote rental services of the hall. We will be promoting family and corporate Christmas Parties as well as community and school events.

SOCIAL NIGHT

Please come join your fellow K of C brothers, sisters and children on the third Friday of each month at 7:00pm. This is the time for our Family Social Night.

You are also more than welcome to bring other family members, friends or potential new members to the K of C. Past social nights have included activities such as: right-left-center dice game, multitude of card games, kids playing video games, board games and I hear there may even be a Guitar Hero tournament soon (for kids and adults). We have also seen members; construct quilts, knit, crochet and even make holiday crafts. All that we ask of you is to bring a small dish (deserts, snack) to share in fellowship.

Mark your calendar for October 17th social night when we will be holding our Annual Hay Ride. We will be taking a journey around our property for this ride. We will NOT be driving on any roads.

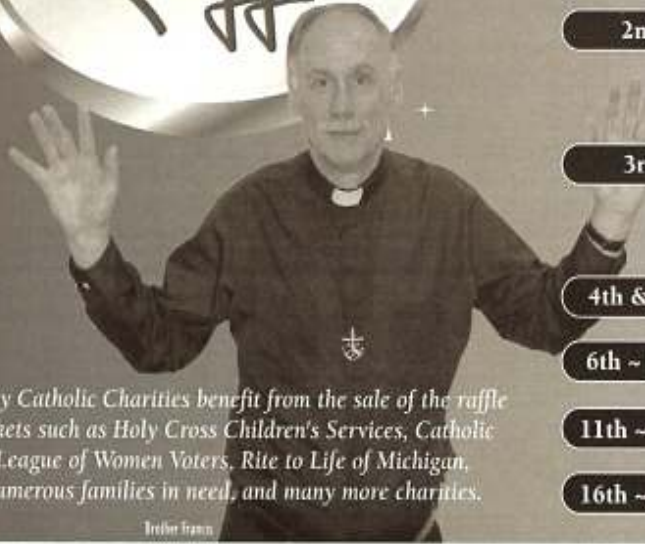
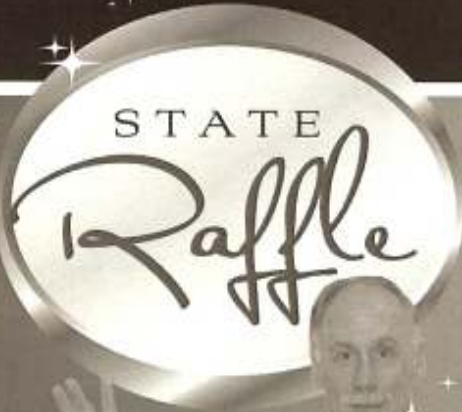
You may also want to mark December 19th social night when we will be heading over to Fair Acres to entertain the residents with our version of their favorite Christmas Carols. We will meet at the hall at 6:45pm. We are also trying to add a little sweet tooth action to that day by exchanging Christmas cookies. Anyone who wishes to partake in the exchange is asked to call Laura Cazabon 784-4201 for further information.

BLOOD DRIVE

On Tuesday, October 21st from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM we will be holding our fourth blood drive of this year. The three previous blood drives this year have been very successful and 158 pints of blood have been donated. Thank you to every donor.

There is always a shortage of blood and the Red Cross needs the help of anyone who can donate. Please, if you can, be a donor on October 21st and help to make this blood drive a success. It is by appointment or walk-in.

Howard Weiler
Blood Drive Coordinator



Many Catholic Charities benefit from the sale of the raffle tickets such as Holy Cross Children's Services, Catholic League of Women Voters, Rite to Life of Michigan, numerous families in need, and many more charities.

Photo: Francis

1st PRIZE

39 MONTH LEASE ON EITHER A 2009 CADILLAC ESCALADE OR LINCOLN NAVIGATOR (ALL TAXES AND FEES) ~ OR ~ \$30,000.00 IN CASH

2nd PRIZE

2009 GREY WOLF BY CHEROKEE 30UR BUNK MODEL TRAVEL TRAILER (ALL TAXES INCLUDED) ~ OR ~ \$20,000.00 IN CASH

3rd PRIZE

A FULL KITCHEN OF JENN AIR APPLIANCES (ALL TAXES INCLUDED) ~ OR ~ \$10,000.00 IN CASH

4th & 5th PRIZE

\$5,000.00 IN CASH

6th ~ 10th PRIZE

\$2,500.00 IN CASH

11th ~ 15th PRIZE

\$1,000.00 IN CASH

16th ~ 25th PRIZE

\$500.00 IN CASH

FALL FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11TH & SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12TH

This is the main fundraising event of the year for your Council.

We need your help : preparation - during - clean-up!

Call Ken Cazabon at 784-4201 and tell him when you can work.

