

Knights of Columbus



St. Mary Mystical Rose
Council 7561

February

2009

ST. MARY MYSTICAL ROSE

COUNCIL 7561

HOSTS MAJOR DEGREE



Congratulations and hearty welcome to our newest members: Jim Pavelek, Brian Martin, Jim Kaltz, Jim Jurzysta and Robert Jackman. These new Brother Knights recently completed their 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degree when our council hosted two Major Degrees, one in November and one in January.

I am sure these new members will prove to be an asset to our council, community and the Knights of Columbus. Please take the time to get to know these new members and get them involved in our council activities because they represent our future.

To the members who recruited these new members, Congratulations and keep up the good work. We only need one more member to satisfy our quota for the year. However, we should set our goals higher. If you know of a worthy candidate, please invite him to join our council.

Vivat Jesus
Joseph P. Bova, GK

Have you ever been just sitting there and all of a sudden you feel like doing something nice for someone you care for? THAT'S GOD . . . He talks to you through the Holy Spirit.

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Guard	Ken Goike	586-784-9372
Guard	Bob Devers	586-752-3002
Guard	Howard Weiler	586-749-5664

Knights of Columbus Wearables

If you are looking to purchase an Armada Knights of Columbus shirt, jacket or baseball cap, please stop up at API Outfitters in town to place your order. Our council has picked a few different samples of items to order. However, you can place specialty orders for some out of the ordinary items you may want. When you go to API Outfitters ask for Joshua. Please note that it may take anywhere up to 2 or 3 weeks to receive your order. So, order early if you are looking to make a purchase for a birthday or Fathers Day. API Outfitters is located behind Licks Ice Cream and next to the Marathon Gas Station. If you have any questions you can call Ken C at 784-4201.

ATTENTION CAMPERS



We will be having a meeting for all members and families who are part of, or would like to be part of the camping group. This group is comprised of approx. a dozen families who go on various camping trips with fellow Knights and their families. This year's organizational meeting will be held during the February Social Night on February 20th. Social Night starts at 7 pm with the camping meeting starting at 7:30 pm. Please plan on attending so we can reserve our camping dates before all the good dates get filled .

Creek Center Investments

An investors and informational meeting will take place at the Armada K of C hall on Tuesday, February 24th at 7:30 PM. At this time, we will share with you how the investments have been used toward our K of C hall and how successful this has been.

There will also be information on upcoming bookings, activities and events at this hall. Anybody with questions or concerns will have a chance to have them answered.

This meeting is open to all investors and anyone else interested in this information. Shares of Creek Center Investments may be purchased at any time and would be available to anyone at this meeting.

Please take the time to attend this important meeting. Hope to see you on February 24th at 7:30 PM.

Howard Weiler, President
Creek Center Investments, LLC

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Wed., Feb. 4: Officer's Meeting 7:00 pm
Building Corp. Meeting 8:15
- Sun., Feb. 8: Country Breakfast at St. Mary Mystical Rose Church 8:00 am - 12:00 Noon
- Wed., Feb. 11: General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm
- Thu., Feb. 12: Texas Hold'Em at Snookers (see article)
- Fri., Feb. 13: Texas Hold'Em at Snookers (see article)
- Sat., Feb. 14: Texas Hold'Em at Snookers (see article)
- Sun., Feb. 15: Texas Hold'Em at Snookers (see article)
- Sun., Feb. 15: Bridal Show 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- Fri., Feb. 20: Social Night 7:00 pm
- Fri., Feb. 20: Campers meeting 7:30 pm at Social Night
- Tue., Feb. 24: Creek Center Investments meeting 7:30 pm
- Wed., Feb. 25: 4th Degree in Romeo 7:30 pm
- Fri., Feb. 27: Lenten Dinner
- Sat., Feb. 28: Euchre Party - Doors open at 6:30 pm
Play begins at 7:00 pm.
- Wed., Mar. 4: Officer's Meeting 7:00 pm
Building Corp. Meeting 8:15 pm
- Wed., Mar. 4: Texas Hold'Em at Snookers (see article)
- Thu., Mar. 5: Texas Hold'Em at Snookers (see article)
- Fri., Mar. 6: Texas Hold'Em at Snookers (see article)
- Sat., Mar. 7: Texas Hold'Em at Snookers (see article)
- Sun., Mar. 8: Country Breakfast at St. Mary Mystical Rose Church 8:00 am - 12:00 Noon
- Wed., Mar. 11: General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm
- Sat., Mar. 14: Euchre Party - Doors open at 6:30 pm
Play begins at 7:00 pm.
- Tue., Mar. 17: St. Patrick's Day Dinner
- Fri., Mar. 20: Lenten Dinner & Social Night 7:00 pm
- Sat., Mar. 21: Hall Spring Clean Up
- Mon., Mar. 23: 4th Degree in Armada 7:30 PM
- Fri., Mar. 27: Pasta Fundraiser for Peter Barachkov (Geier Family) 4:00 - 8:00 PM
- Sun., Mar. 29: Corporate Communion at Church 8:00 am.
Mass and Membership Drive
- Sun., Mar. 29: 4th Degree Exemplification at the Sterling Inn on VanDyke in Warren
- Tues. Mar. 31: Blood Drive 2:00 - 8:00 pm
- Wed., Apr. 1: Officer's Meeting 7:00 pm
Building Corp. Meeting 8:15 pm
- Fri., Apr. 3: M. I. Drive
- Sat. Apr. 4: M. I. Drive
- Sun., Apr. 5: M. I. Drive
- Wed., Apr. 8: General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm
- Sun., Apr. 12: Country Breakfast at Hall 8:00 am - 12:00
- Sun., Apr. 12: Easter Egg Hunt at Hall 11:30 am
- Fri., Apr. 17: Social Night 7:00 pm
- Sat., Apr. 18: Mom to Mom sale 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- Sat., Apr. 18: Euchre Party - Doors open at 6:30 pm
Play begins at 7:00 pm.
- Sat., Apr. 18: Major Degree hosted at Algonac K of C Starts at 9:00 am.
- Wed., Apr. 22: 4th Degree meeting at Romeo 7:30 pm.
- Sat., Apr. 25: Square Dance

Millionaire Party News

During the past few years our council has been hosting Millionaire Parties at our facilities. These parties, which were conducted with licenses from Michigan's Charitable Gaming Division, have been quite successful. However we have experienced declining participation during the past year. One of the main reasons for this decline is the establishment of permanent poker rooms within the local area.

Our council has holding some of Millionaire Parties established poker rooms work profit groups and supplies, equip- workers required. The non-profit group is responsible for supplying the license and two workers that have the responsibility of chairperson and record keeper.



elected to try our future at one of these rooms. These with non-supply all the ment and for an event.

Two Millionaire Parties have been scheduled with Snookers Pool and Pub, which is located in Utica. The first of these four day events has been scheduled from February 12th through February 15th and the second event has been scheduled from March 4th through March 7th. The events are scheduled from 5:00 PM to 2:00 AM during the week and from 2:00 PM to 2:00 AM during the weekend. Council members are needed to support these two upcoming events. The plan is to recruit 2 people for each day of the event. If enough people volunteer the weekend shift could be split up to reduce the number of hours any one person would need to work. While working these shifts is on a volunteer basis Michigan Charitable Gaming rules allow the chairperson and record keeper to be compensated with \$50 for each day of the event. The current plan is to compensate the workers based on the licensing guidelines.

If you would like to obtain some additional information or volunteer to work one or more of these days, please contact Jim Raska at 810-395-7913.

K of G State Raffle

Just a reminder, you still have time to buy or sell state raffle tickets. The drawing will be held on Feb. 21, 2009 at 1:00 PM. This is the main fundraiser for the State Council, used to support many Catholic charities, such as Holy Cross Children's Services, Catholic League of Women Voters, Right to Life of Michigan and numerous families in need.

BUILDING CORP.

Hello Brother Knights,

First of all I would like to thank those people who have stepped up to help with the hall. It has been great to come into the hall and see it cleaned up, organized, repairs made, bar and kitchen towels washed and folded, all without asking anyone to do these things.

The progress of the hall has been good, we are on the banks' good side again. Phone calls for quotes are coming in every day and we already have bookings into October, along with potential customers for 2010.

With us now having a liquor license, we will be needing a committee to handle this task (ie: inventory, bartender training, scheduling, and bookkeeping). Also, we need to build up the marketing committee to make this hall even more successful! I will be scheduling meetings to structure these committees all this month.

If you are interested in any of our committees, please contact me by phone at 586-255-8889 after 6:00 pm or on weekends, or by e-mail at creekcenter@yahoo.com. We will also be holding a hall clean-up on March 21st at 8:00 am. Hope to hear from you!

Thank you,

John Victor
B.C. President

Right to Life News

Subject:

Opposition to U.S. Senate Bill No. S2020
Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA)

Definition:

To prohibit, consistent with Roe v. Wade, the interference by the government with a woman's right to choose to bear a child or terminate a pregnancy, and for other purposes.

Note:

If this bill was to become law ALL Catholic hospitals, doctors, nurses, and pharmacists that oppose abortions, birth control, etc., based on their religious beliefs will be required to provide such services.

The Michigan State Executive Secretary of the Knights of Columbus has provided petition signature sheets opposing passage of this subject bill. Bill number S2020.

The petition specifically states "I oppose the so called 'Freedom of Choice Act.' FOCA would overturn all of the common sense federal and state laws passed in the last 35 years that regulate abortion by protecting women and their unborn children. FOCA is a radical attempt to enshrine abortion on demand into American law. I join Right to Life of Michigan and its affiliates in their mission to restore legal protection to the unborn."

Petition signature sheets will be available at our next general meeting on Wednesday, February 14, 2009.

President Obama has stated that he would sign the legislation should it pass Congress.

"Life is Good"
Ralph Roy

St. Patrick's Day Dinner *March 17*

The place to be for St. Patty's this year is the KofC Hall (Creek Center). Celebrate with your brothers and their families.



PETER BARACHKOV SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER AND BONE MARROW DRIVE FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2009

Peter is a 6 year old boy who has recently been diagnosed with A-Plastic Anemia, a very rare bone marrow failure disease. Peter goes to Children's Hospital two times per week for blood transfusions but this is only a stop gap measure. The doctor feels that Peter's greatest chances of a successful recovery is a bone marrow transplant. Finding a donor is like finding a needle in a hay stack. The screening process per donor is \$52.

Peter is the son of Rosey Geier, a 1999 graduate of Armada High School. Rosey's family owns Geier Farms and has been very generous over the years helping to feed our area's families in need. Now they are asking for our help. Please come out and support this worthy cause.

Since this dinner is on a Friday during Lent, we will be offering pasta with our without meat sauce. If you would like to help plan or work this event, please contact Joe Bova.

LENTEN DINNERS

There will be 2 lenten dinners to be held at the Creek Center this year. The first will be on Friday, February 27 and the second on Friday, March, 20. A great family lenten activity



Mom to Mom Sale

We will be co-hosting a Mom to Mom Sale with the Armada Lioness on April 18th from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM, with \$1 admission or 8:30 early bird admission of \$2. If you are interested in being a vendor, 8 foot table space is \$20 with \$3 per rack and \$1 for large items. To reserve your space, contact Sherry Cooper at (586) 784-8002. The Knights of Columbus will be serving a light breakfast at this event.

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

The time to show our corporal works of Charity is just around the corner. The M.I. Drive (Tootsie Roll Drive) is schedule to be on Friday April 4th, Saturday April 5th and part of Sunday April 6th. We will be asking the community to donate money to help God's special people. Your Council 7561 will be asking you to donate a couple hours to stand on the corners and collect their donations. Ken and Ron Goike will spend the weekend chairing the event

BREAKFAST AT ST. MARY MYSTICAL ROSE CHURCH

We have moved our monthly breakfast to St. Mary Mystical Rose for the winter months of January 11, February 8 and March 8. The second Sunday of each month.

We decided to take the breakfast to the people due to the low turnout for our November breakfast at the Hall. We hope to build up a following at St. Mary's and will move the breakfast back to the Hall on Easter Sunday, April 12th. We will also host an Easter Egg Hunt at the Hall. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Father Brad for his generous support of K of C Council 7561.

KofC INSURANCE

The laws and rules of our Order, as well as state (provincial) laws, specify that the Knights of Columbus may accept insurance applications only from Knights of Columbus members. Knights of Columbus members. As a member, you may apply for insurance on yourself, your wife and your dependent, minor children.

The Order's Board of Directors has taken action, though, to assure that a brother Knight's widow maintains the right to purchase additional insurance for a limited time. This can be of great benefit and comfort to those we leave behind.

This "right to apply" is available only to the widows of insured members. If a member has not availed

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himself of our top-rated life insurance program, or purchased an annuity or long-term care policy, this benefit is not available to his widow. But if the member was an insured member, his widow has the right to apply for additional insurance on her life and on the lives of the member's minor children. This right can be exercised for up to one year following the Order's receipt of proof of the insured's death.

Know two things. First, I'll assist your widow and children in any way possible if you should die, both with your Knights of Columbus insurance and any other life insurance you may have. Second, I'll provide them my best professional advice and service, to assure that they continue to have adequate insurance protection.

As a professional agent and a brother Knight, I have no greater responsibility.

I'm at (810)660-7087 or james.parker@kofc.org. Call me - let's talk

BLOOD DRIVE

Last year, '2008', our K of C sponsored four blood drives and from these, 202 pints of blood were donated to the Red Cross. These donations were much appreciated and thank you for helping to save so many lives.

This year, '2009', we will again have four blood drives. January 13, March 31, July 28, and October 20 - All are on Tuesdays. The one on January 13th was down as only 32 registered and 30 pints of blood were donated.

There is always a critical shortage of blood so please mark your calendar for **Tuesday, March 31** from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM and if possible, be a donor and help to save a life.

Thank you,
Howard Weiler



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 of last year. Our new Winter show is just about upon us and will be held February 15th. These shows provide the only real advertising for our hall plus they provide us the opportunity to meet with many prospective brides who may decide to rent our hall for their weddings and showers.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, 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. They might even have fun dressing up. I only had one response from the last newsletter more ladies are needed. Models of every shape and size are needed, 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 ladies to trip or the dresses to drag on the floor if they are too long. Models would be volunteering for one professional fitting and the time at the event (12:00 Noon until 4:00 PM on February 15th). PLEASE If any ladies / teens are interested, they can email Brenda Bova at: ArmadaTownship@aol.com or call (586) 871-3806.

Thanks!
Brenda Bova

DRIVE-IN MOVIES

We are currently looking for a K of C member and his family or a couple of K of C members to chair this year's Drive-In Movie Nights. For those of you who were not aware that Armada has a drive-in movie theater take note. The Armada K of C held 3 drive in movie nights last year on our property. All three nights were a huge success with the crowds getting larger with every new night we had. Last year our current Grand Knight and Ken C. stepped up and chaired this event to get it off the ground. This year we are looking for some new faces to step up to chair the event. (If you chair the event you get a say so on the movie being shown). If you are interested in chairing this event please contact Joe B. or Ken C. We are looking to pick our dates for this event soon; this will ensure we get the prime dates.

Euchre Nites

PLAYERS NEEDED! What a great night out. You don't have to know the game with us. We have a great group that just enjoys the game and are willing to teach you the basics and bear with your errors. It's a relaxing fun evening playing cards topped off with a light dinner break in the middle. We would really like to see more KofC members supporting this activity. We promise you will not regret it. Upcoming dates are:

February 28, March 14 and April 18.

Doors open at 6:30 pm and play begins at 7:00 pm.

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