

# Knights of Columbus



St. Mary Mystical Rose  
Council 7561

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2011

## YOUR GRAND KNIGHT



As we approach the Thanksgiving Holiday, it becomes apparent how much we all truly have to be thankful for. I am finally up and walking around after being laid up for the past several months and I would like to thank all those who have supported me during that time and those that are still there helping me and my family out while I continue with my recovery.

We again have had a successful Fall Festival / Car Show and I would like to thank everyone that stepped up to make it a success. Especially the friends and family of our Knights, for if it was not for them, it would not have been the success it turned out to be. We were again able to raise monies to give to our local charities and scholarships in which this distribution is just now under way.

The Pig in a Box Raffle was another huge success. Thank you all who sold not only the Tickets that were sent to you but managed to ask for and sell extra Tickets as well. Some of the profit from this event is currently being sent out to help support our local Food Banks.

We also have managed to work out our issues with the bank on the hall mortgage. By the time this Newsletter reaches everyone, hopefully it will all be settled. The good news is that the team has managed to negotiate with the bank a deal which essentially cuts the mortgage monthly payment in half, and takes the Knights off of the Mortgage. If you would like to find out more information regarding this issue, please come to our next general meeting. So again, thanks to the dedication of the team of officers, the Hall has been saved from foreclosure and what seemed like a certain financial disaster to this fraternal organization.

With all that being said, we truly do have a lot to be thankful for this upcoming Thanksgiving.

*Vivat Jesus*

*Gary Jenuwine*

*Grand Knight*

*Council #7561*

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## Thank You Jorge Sanchez!

Thank you Jorge Sanchez and Family for chairing, preparing and donating your time and the food for the K of C / ROC-FM breakfast/luncheon on October 16<sup>th</sup>. This luncheon was for the Hispanic Community along with Bishop Byrnes who presided over the 12pm mass at St Francis / St. Maximilian Church..

## 2011 CHRISTMAS BULB EXCHANGE

Mark your calendar for December 17<sup>th</sup> and keep an eye in your mailbox for an invitation to the 2011 Christmas Bulb Exchange. This event has always brought our Knights family together during the holiday season and provides a special time to visit with friends. **We are still looking for someone to Chair or even Co Chair this event, so if you are interested let the Grand Knight know.**

*(See website for more details)*

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wed, Nov. 2: Officer's Meeting 7:00 pm  
Wed, Nov. 2: Building Committee meeting 8:30 pm  
Fri, Nov. 4: Open Mic event 7:00 pm  
Sun, Nov. 6: Breakfast at St. Mary's 8:00 - Noon  
Wed, Nov. 9: Widow's Dinner 6:30 pm  
Wed, Nov. 9: General Meeting 8:30 pm  
Fri., Nov. 11: Social Night 7:00 pm  
Wed, Nov. 23: 4<sup>th</sup> degree meeting at Hall 7:30 pm  
Wed, Dec. 7: Officer's Meeting 7:00 pm  
Wed, Dec. 7: Building Committee meeting 8:30 pm  
Fri., Dec. 9: Caroling at Nursing Home 7:00 pm  
Sun., Dec. 11: Breakfast with Santa 8:00 am - Noon  
Wed, Dec. 14: General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm  
Sat., Dec. 17: Christmas Bulb Exchange Party  
Wed, Dec. 28: 4th Degree Meeting at Romeo 7:30 pm  
Wed, Jan. 4: Officer's Meeting 7:00 pm  
Wed, Jan. 4: Building Committee meeting 8:30 pm  
Sun. Jan. 8: Country Breakfast at Hall 8:00 - Noon  
Wed., Jan. 11: General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm  
Fri., Jan. 13: Social Night 7:00 pm  
Wed, Jan. 25: 4<sup>th</sup> degree meeting at Hall 7:30 pm  
Wed, Feb. 1: Officer's Meeting 7:00 pm  
Wed, Feb. 1: Building Committee meeting 8:30 pm  
Wed, Feb. 8: General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm  
Fri. Feb. 10: Social Night 7:00 pm  
Sun. Feb. 2: Country Breakfast at Hall 8:00 - Noon

## "PIG IN A BOX" RAFFLE

As all of you are aware, the Armada Knights of Columbus hosted a Pig in the Box Raffle. The Pig in a Box Raffle was put together after the 2010 Charity Car Show where it was decided that part of that year's proceeds would be used to purchase a pig at the 2011 Armada Fair 4H Auctions. The pig along with a chest freezer would be raffled off. All Armada K of C members were mailed 5 raffle tickets and asked to sell them. Thank you to all who did sell their tickets. The processed pig/freezer along with 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes were given away at this year's car show. When all was said and done YOU sold 713 raffle tickets. We grossed over \$2000 from this raffle in which all the proceeds will be going into our charity and vocations budget line items (this means all the profits will be given to charities and to help support vocations). Our first donations from this event were given out at the November meeting where we made donations to the St. Mary's, St. Francis and St. John of Allenton food pantries. Thank you for your help supporting your council and its charities by selling your raffle tickets. Keep your eyes open for you tickets next year and know that your support is helping those in need in our community.

## INSURE YOUR RETIREMENT

In a previous column I wrote specifically to baby boomers regarding the "r" word: retirement. I presented some dire facts regarding the current state of employer-provided pension plans. That was the bad news. The good news – you can do something about it.

Think of retirement as a three legged stool. In order to maintain balance, you need all three legs...or there is a real possibility of a crash!

One leg consists of the benefits the government offers you. Debate rages about the viability of future benefits, and my best advice is to stay tuned to the discussion and make sure you are aware of what is planned for those benefits. Any change in future promises should be accounted for when we get to the third leg.

The second leg is your company's pension plan, either defined benefit (such as a traditional pension: you work so many years and the company provides you with so much monthly benefit) or defined contribution (such as the popular 401K plans). Again, some of these plans, particularly traditional, are under stress. Learn how yours works. Read the plan description; stay on top of the news coming from the company. On the 401K side, become a good investor. Teach yourself the fundamentals of good diversification and know how much you have and when you will need it. Finally - the third leg - the one that you can exercise the most control over. The saving you do yourself.

Everyone - everyone - needs this third leg. It consists of the money you yourself set aside on a disciplined basis to help in retirement. You don't directly control government benefits and you don't directly manage your company's pension plan. But you do manage your own life.

Establish a retirement plan of your own. Here at the Knights of Columbus, you can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into that annuity over time can guarantee you an income that you cannot outlive at retirement. That's right - guarantee you an income you cannot outlive. That really will provide you with piece of mind.

As you ponder all the things that may not work out as you proceed toward retirement, think about the one thing you can do to help yourself. It's reasonably priced (\$300 to start), guaranteed and controlled by someone you trust: you!

I'm at 1-810-660-7087 or [iames.parker@kofc.org](mailto:iames.parker@kofc.org).  
Call me – let's talk.

*Jim Parker*  
*K of C Insurance Agent*

# Thank you Brother Knights

I am continually humbled by the outpouring of support of ROC-FM and the youth it serves. Recently, I received twenty YouCat (Youth Catechisms) from the Armada Knights of Columbus. Ten will be kept at St. Mary Mystical Rose, and ten at St. Francis-St. Maximilian. These books are great resources for our youth and will be used in future ROC-FM functions along with Religious Formation Sessions.

The KofC support of the youth did not stop with that donation ... with the recent expansion of ROC-FM to include two parishes, the Armada Knights of Columbus conducted two pancake breakfasts to help support the youth ministry program at St. Mary Mystical Rose and St. Francis-St. Maximilian (ROC-FM). The first event was held on October 16<sup>th</sup> at St. Francis-St. Maximilian and raised over three hundred dollars for ROC-FM. The second breakfast was conducted at St. Mary Mystical Rose on November 6 and brought in an additional one hundred twenty five dollars for our youth.

On behalf of the youth of ROC-FM - **THANK YOU KNIGHTS!** May God continue to bless each of you as you continue to serve him through this great ministry!

Joe Sturza, Brother Knight

*Coordinator of Youth & Young Adult Ministry*

*St. Mary Mystical Rose / St. Francis-St. Maximilian*

## Tournament Texas Hold'em

Our council just completed the fourth Texas Hold'em event for this year and thanks to the help of the brother knights that volunteered their time our council raised over \$4,900. This last event was held from November 3<sup>rd</sup> thru the 6<sup>th</sup> and was the last scheduled Hold'em event this year. During the past year these Texas Hold'em events raised almost \$18,000 that was used to support our hall and charitable activities.

It was difficult for me to call and ask for help because so many people had worked so hard during the Car Show Weekend a few weeks earlier. Lucky for me there were 15 gentlemen that were able to contribute their time to support this fundraising activity.

We are currently in the planning stages for next year's events and I will include the new dates in future newsletter articles. If you would like to learn more about this fundraising activity or have ideas as to how to make improvements please call me at 810-395-7913.

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Again, thank you to all the members that have volunteered for the Hold'em events in the past. These events would not be possible without your help.

*Thanks,*

*Jim Raska*

*Co-chairperson*

## NEW COUNCIL WEB SITE

Due to the problems we have had lately with the hall, it was requested by our lawyer that we separate the Knight of Columbus from the Creek Center Banquet Hall. In an effort to do this I have created a new web site which is Knights of Columbus only and I removed all reference to the K of C on the Creek Center site.

Our new web site is called:

[www.Armadakofc.catholicweb.com](http://www.Armadakofc.catholicweb.com). The reason for the second portion of the name, "catholicweb", is because the catholic web is sponsoring our web site and it costs us nothing because we are a Catholic organization.

As in the old site, we have a members only section which is password protected with the same password that we used before. If you have forgotten the password you may request the password and user name using the "contact us" form found on the home page of the site.

The reason for a password protected area on the site is to make information available to members which may contain information which we do not want circulated to the public or information which is of interest only to members. Some items this area contains is past newsletters and news flashes, rosary chain information, sick and deceased members lists and more detailed officers information.

In the public section of the web site, among other things you will find our new activities calendar. This calendar lists activities below it and with a mouse click on the activity you can open a description page for more information.

I hope you will visit our new site and make use of the information and many interesting links that it contains.

*Bob Devers, Web Master*

Due to the shortened meeting this month following the dinner and rosary, we miss 2 important member awards. The first is Cliff Becker for Knight of the Month and the Second award is Mike and Dana St. John for Family of the Month. Congratulations to these knights and families and thank you for your support of our Council.

# 2011 Charity Car Show Weekend

For those who came out and work at one of our biggest fundraisers of the year we would to say THANK YOU! This was our 9<sup>th</sup> year holding this event and as usual our thousands of guest spoke highly of the hospitality they experienced by the our Knights and their families. The buzz of the day was how organized we are with this event, everybody from the breakfast crew, car show parking, registration, spectator parking, craft show and food booth all knew what they had to do and did it with compassion and courtesy. We can not tell you how many times throughout the year we hear people talk about out Charity Car Show and how wonderful all the workers are. Thank you again for you help.

Although the number of registered show cars were down due to uncertain weather (rain days before the event and possible muddy conditions, cloudy, very windy and a chance of rain the day of the show) we had a very good turnout and served lots of food to our visitors. When all was said and done, we had over 425 registered show cars, served well over 500 breakfast, sold just under \$900 in 50/50 tickets and had nearly 30 crafters. We also parked hundreds of spectator cars. What a Weekend! So you may be asking yourself what are the Knights doing with all the money raised from the show? On October 12<sup>th</sup> a donation committee was established to review ALL monies to be given away to charity now and in the future. The committee made a recommendation to the council on November 9<sup>th</sup> to give away the following money from the Charity Car Show Weekend; 2 - \$500 scholarships, one being for academic students and one for students studying a trade or vocations school. We are also giving away a \$300 scholarship for a special need student (which we

started last year), A donations is also being given to Armada Robotics Team (who assisted with the car show by providing nearly 30 students to help), \$200 to the Boy Scouts (who also helped with our event), \$250 to ROC-FM (youth group from St. Mary's / St. Francis-St. Maximilian) a donation to be given to the Leader Dogs For the Blind in the name of the S/E Michigan Corvette Club and \$500 for inner city kids gifts from Santa.. Due to a low turn out of members to assist with judging of show cars we were forced to ask the Corvette Club to assist with judging. Part of the agreement we made with them was the fact that we would make a donation in their name to the charity they support, (note that the Corvette Club provided us with nearly 20 members who assisted with our judging).

Thank You all again for your continued support and look forward to working with all you next year.

*2011 Charity Car Show Committee*



December is a special Family Fun Social Night where we show off our singing talents to the residents of The Village Nursing Home (Fair Acres). Please join us at the hall at 7:00 pm or Fair Acres at 7:05 pm to give an hour as we walk the halls of Fair Acres bringing the Christmas Spirit to those who live there. After we are done sharing our voices please plan on coming back to the hall and join us for a pizza party.



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