



The Leader

MARCH 2012

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Membership Meeting, Wednesday, March 7th at 7:30 pm

Rosary held at 7 pm

Grand Knight's Message

Brothers:

As the Lenten Season begins with Ash Wednesday and we end with the great Easter Celebration. The quality of the ending will depend on how we respond to Jesus imperatives to pray, fast and give. During this season we are called to grow our relationship with God through prayer and self-sacrifice. By doing what Jesus did we prepare ourselves to celebrate Easter and strengthen our relationship with Him.

On March 30, 31 & April 1st is our 2012 MI Drive. Celebrate the giving by answering the call from the MI captains as they make their scheduling calls. Give them the gift of your time and commitment to others.

May God Bless all of you and your Families.

David Patterson-Grand Knight



A Love Story (as written by Karen Ann Urbanowski)

A few years ago, when an older man's wife was diagnosed with a progressively debilitating disease, he took it upon himself to be her sole companion and caregiver. As her disease progressed and she needed more and more help with daily activities and personal care, this man slowly dropped outside activities so he could be with her and take care of her. His health and strength began to deteriorate as her needs grew greater. Finally, he very reluctantly put her in a long-term care facility.

However, he spent so much time each day at the facility visiting her; helping to feed her, etc., that he was advised to go home and take time to rest. After he was assured of the care she was receiving, he allowed himself some time away from her side. But, he continued to visit her every single day and helped her as much as he could, until his beloved life companion died January 7th (her husband's birthday) at the age of 84. They had been married almost 66 years.

This is a true story of love and devotion. It is the story of S.K. Tracy Page and his Lady, Mary Lou.

Council Officer Elections

New this year, the Council Election of Officers will be on May 2nd at the Council meeting. If you are interested in running for a position or would like more information feel free to talk to any of the current Officers. All new positions will take effect on July 1st.



Family of the Month

Our March Family of the Month is Ralph and Dee Kibilowski! Ralph has been a Knight for over 21 years and in that time he has served as Grand Knight and Faithful Navigator. Ralph and Dee have a daughter, Lisa, who recently gave birth to a baby girl. Ralph & Dee are enjoying life as Grandparents.

This June they will be celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary. They are longtime members of St. John Vianney Parish in Wyoming. Although Dee has recently retired, Ralph continues working for Black & Decker.

Congratulations to both of you !

Past Grand Knights Celebration

This year, our Past Grand Knights Celebration will be held on April 14th. The evening will begin with Mass at St. Mary Magdalen at 5:00 pm, with a reception from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the North Hall.

There will be a Hot Hors d'oeuvres bar and open bar. Council Awards presentation at 7:00 pm. No charge for all Past Grand Knights, Ladies and Guests are \$15.00 per person. Tickets will be available at the door.

Please RSVP **NO LATER** than April 5th, to Lady Shirley at 616-455-4857.



Irish Blessings

May you be in Heaven a half hour before the Devil knows you're dead!

May your neighbors respect you, Troubles neglect you, The angels protect you, and Heaven accept you.

Dance as if no one were watching, Sing as if no one were listening, and live every day as if it were your last.

Sick and Health



Let us keep in our prayers the following Brother Knights and family members:

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Remember also, the souls of James Sauer and Mary Jean Walworth who passed away in February.

If you know of a member who should be on our prayer list, or if you wish to have your name removed please call Bob Boes 532-2185 or E-mail: bobboes@sbcglobal.net

Knight of the Month

Our March Knight of the Month is Jim Worth!

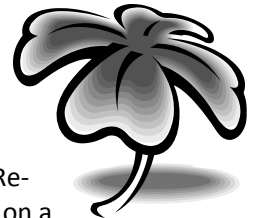
A Knight for over 20 years, Jim is an example to us all when it comes to commitment to the Council. There are very few activities that he is not involved in, Festival, Texas Hold'em, Fish Fry & M.I., just to name a few. With everything on his plate he does have a life outside of the Knights.

Jim and his wife Monique have been married for 26 years and are current members of Holy Family Parish in Caledonia. Jim's other interests include hunting, bowling and spending time at his cabin in Canada.

Thanks again for all you do for Council 4362, it is greatly appreciated!

Did You Know . . . ?

St. Patrick's Day is a national holiday in Ireland, and a provincial holiday in the Canadian province of Newfoundland and Labrador.



According to the Guinness Book of World Records, the highest number of leaves found on a clover is 14!

One estimate suggests that there are about 10 000 regular three-leaf clovers for every lucky four-leaf clover.

The name "lephrechaun" has several origins. It could be from the Irish Gaelic word "leipreachan," which means "a kind of aqueous sprite." Or, it could be from "leath bhrogan," which means "shoemaker."

Legend says that each leaf of the clover means something: the first is for hope, the second for faith, the third for love and the fourth for luck.

Wacky March Observances

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| 1..... Pig Day | 13 K-9 Veterans Day |
| 1..... World Compliment Day | 14 Potato Chip Day |
| 3..... Nat'l Anthem Day | 15 True Confessions Day |
| 4..... Nat'l Grammar Day | 16 ... Lips Appreciation Day |
| 6..... Peace Corp Birthday | 17 ... Corn Dog Day |
| 7..... Unique Names Day | 19 ... Nat'l Chocolate Caramel Day |
| 7..... Cereal Day | 20 ... First Day of Spring |
| 8..... World Kidney Day | 20 Snowman Burning Day |
| 8..... Nametag Day | 21 Kick Butts Day |
| 9..... Get Over It Day | 23 Nat'l Puppy Day |
| 11..... Johnny Appleseed Day | 27 Viagra Day |
| 11..... World Plumbing Day | 29 ... K of C Founders Day |
| 12.... Napping Day | 30 ... Doctors Day |
| 13.... Donald Duck Day | 30 ... Pencil Day |

♥ ♥ March Wedding Anniversaries ♥ ♥

| Date | Years |
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| 02.... Daniel & Joyce Roberts | 39 |
| 21.... Michael & Diane Smigiel | 24 |
| 21.... Devin & Betty Ortega-Ferguson..... | 20 |
| 27.... John & Robin Thull | 4 |

In March, it is Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster father of Jesus. Fathers, in particular, should cultivate devotion to Saint Joseph, whom God Himself chose to care for His Son. Some or all of the following prayers to Saint Joseph can be incorporated into our daily prayers during this month.

This beautiful prayer was composed by Blessed Pope John XXIII (1958-63). It places all workers under the patronage of St. Joseph the Worker, and asks for his intercession so that we may regard our work as a means of growing in holiness.

A Prayer for Workers

O glorious Joseph! Who concealed your incomparable and regal dignity of custodian of Jesus and of the Virgin Mary under the humble appearance of a craftsman and provided for them with your work, protect with loving power your sons, especially entrusted to you.

You know their anxieties and sufferings, because you yourself experienced them at the side of Jesus and of His Mother. Do not allow them, oppressed by so many worries, to forget the purpose for which they were created by God. Do not allow the seeds of distrust to take hold of their immortal souls. Remind all the workers that in the fields, in factories, in mines, and in scientific laboratories, they are not working, rejoicing, or suffering alone, but at their side is Jesus, with Mary, His Mother and ours, to sustain them, to dry the sweat of their brow, giving value to their toil. Teach them to turn work into a very high instrument of sanctification as you did.

Amen.

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Women's Guild News

No Meeting in March-next meeting is April 5th

On January 25th, Millie and I went to a meeting at St. Alphonsis Parish where they are in the beginning stages of setting up a Knights of Columbus Council. I gave a short speech on the 50 year history of our Women's Guild and how we were able to aid the council.

After the meeting we sat down with several of the Ladies interested in a Guild. Millie discussed some of the procedures they would need to follow, and we also discussed some of the Charities we are involved with. I will be sending an invitation for any of the Ladies to visit us at the April meeting.

Please remember our ongoing charities. Food donations can be dropped off at the Hall. The pop can tabs and Nickels for St. Jude should be brought to the April meeting, and used Greeting Cards and stamps for Sue Tusing.

Some upcoming events:

- Cakes are needed for the Friday, Fish Fry's during Lent.
- Clairice has requested some volunteers to help with the MI Drive at the end of March. (You can contact her to see what she still needs help with)
- April 5th is the nomination of new officers and some committee chairmen. Please consider running for these positions.
- April 26th is the Bus Trip to Soaring Eagle. Cost is \$30 with a premium package to you of \$35. Applications can be obtained at the hall during bingo.

Please keep in your prayers the faithfully departed, especially Louise Rich who went to be with the Lord in January. Also all those struggling with illnesses and pain.

May God Bless.

Nell Wouters, President

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It's National Week Of...?

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| <u>Week One:</u> | Pancake Week, Chocolate Chip Cookie Week, Procrastinators Week |
| <u>Week Two:</u> | Girl Scout Week, Bubble Gum Week, Music in our Schools Week, Older Persons Employment Week, |
| <u>Week Three:</u> | Straw Hat Week, Clean your Closet Week, American Chocolate Week, International Goof Off Week |
| <u>Week Four:</u> | Bubble Week, Cleaning Week, Spring Fever Week, Clutter Awareness Week |

The Editor

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Thank you.

March 2012

Child Life Month - Bell Peppers & Broccoli Month - Sing w/your Child Month - Optimism Month

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| 11 | 12 6:30 pm-Bingo | 13 6:30 pm-Bingo | 14 6:30 pm-Bingo | 15 | 16 5-7 pm Fish Fry | 17 St. Patty's Day |
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| 25 | 26 6:30 pm-Bingo | 27 6:30 pm-Bingo | 28 6:30 pm-Bingo | 29 7:00 pm-Bldg. Corp. Mtg. | 30 5-7 pm Fish Fry | 31 |
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I would like to thank all of the volunteers that made this year's MI Drive a success. Especially Ron Pelka our chairperson for the drive, Dave & Clarice Kozak for running the kitchen all weekend, John & Pam Hagen, Jeremy & Nikki Batcke for counting and keeping the books. Hopefully we will have another record setting year for the Council. Thanks again to everyone!

May God Bless all of you and your Families.

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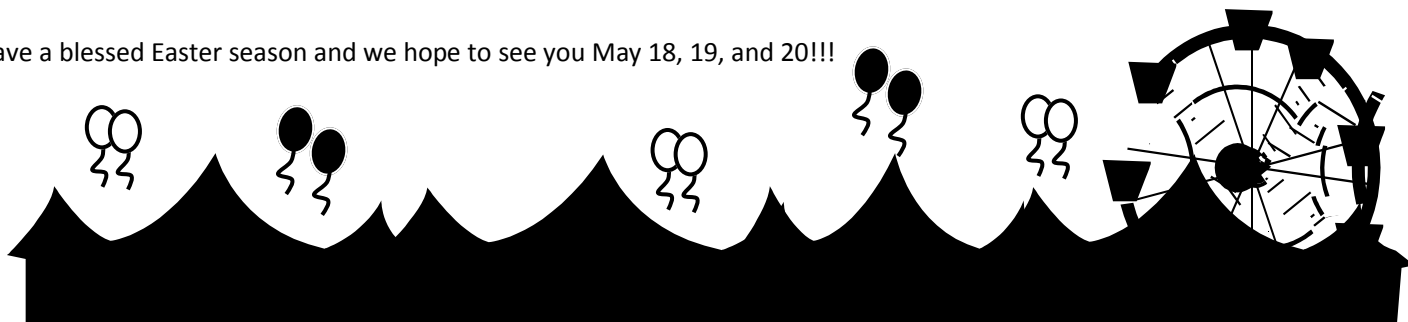
We are down to just a month and a half until our third-annual KC 4362 Community Festival! Make plans to be here May 18-20, 2012 for a weekend of fun for all ages. Come play bingo led by "The Daves" and their dedicated crew. Try your hand at Black-jack in our Vegas area. Come taste some of our finest grilled treats and snacks in our KC food tent. Thirsty? Stop in to our Refreshment Tent for an ice cold drink, enjoy Tigers baseball and in the evening, music spun by our very own "Wolfman" Keith Woodrum. Looking for excitement? Enjoy the full carnival midway brought to you by Skerbeck Brothers Amusements. Feeling lucky? Buy raffle tickets for a chance at winning our **\$5,000 Grand Prize** or one of our other cash prizes! (Tickets are \$5 each)

Please continue buying and selling your raffle tickets- we have plenty available if you need more! This is our most crucial fundraiser of Festival weekend and we need the support of our KC families, friends, and the community as a whole. Call Jeremy Batcke at 616-862-2937 with any questions.

Discount ride tickets available!!

Skerbeck Carnival has once again offered us an unbeatable deal for ride lovers. For just \$12, you can purchase a day of unlimited rides by getting an advance pre-sale coupon. This is a discount that you not find anywhere else and can not be beat! This offer is available to ANYONE and there is NO LIMIT to the amount of coupons you can purchase. Tickets will be available for sale in the KC Lounge, at Council Events, or by calling Dan Weibel (616-617-8848) or Keith Lickley (616-819-0797).

Have a blessed Easter season and we hope to see you May 18, 19, and 20!!!



Family of the Month

For the month of April our Family of the Month is John & Pam Hagen. John has been a Knight for 30 years. During his tenure as a Knight he held several positions within & outside the Council. Past Grand Knight, District Deputy & Diocesan Director are just a few. By his side the whole way was Pam; they have been married for 46 years and have three children (Jon, Nikki & Laura).

Currently they attend St. Dominic's Parish. John also proudly served his Country in the Air force for four years. After 27 years at Amway, he is enjoying retirement. He & Pam like to travel to Las Vegas. They also spend time with family & friends at their trailer in Buckley.

Please join me in congratulating John & Pam!

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In April, it is the Blessed Sacrament. One thing that sets Catholics apart from other Christians who believe in the Real Presence (that the bread and wine truly become the Body and Blood of Christ) is that we don't believe that the Real Presence ends when the Sacrament of Holy Communion is complete. Frequent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, reserved in the tabernacle, is a path to spiritual growth.

This beautiful prayer, often said after receiving Communion, dates from the early 14th century. St. Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, was particularly fond of this prayer. The translation given below is by John Henry Cardinal Newman, one of the great converts to Roman Catholicism in the 19th century.

The prayer takes its name from its first two words in Latin. *Anima Christi* means "the soul of Christ."

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, be my sanctification;
Body of Christ, be my salvation;
Blood of Christ, fill all my veins;
Water of Christ's side, wash out my stains;
Passion of Christ, my comfort be;
O good Jesu, listen to me;
In Thy wounds I fain would hide;
Ne'er to be parted from Thy side;
Guard me, should the foe assail me;
Call me when my life shall fail me;
Bid me come to Thee above,
With Thy saints to sing Thy love,
World without end. Amen.

Wacky April Observances

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| 1.....April Fools Day | 22 ... Nat'l Jelly Bean Day |
| 1.....St. Stupid Day | 25 ... Secretary's Day |
| 2.....Nat'l PB & Jelly Day | 25 ... Hug A Plumber Day |
| 3.....World Party Day | 26 ... Nat'l Kids & Pets Day |
| 6.....Good Friday | 28 ... Penguin Day |
| 7.....Nat'l Beer Day | 28 ... Save The Frogs Day |
| 8.....Easter | 29 ... Nat'l Dance Day |
| 12....Licorice Day | 29 ... Zipper Day |
| 13....Scrabble Day | 30 ... Bugs Bunny Day |
| 15....That Sucks Day | 30 ... Nat'l Honesty Day |
| 17....Blah! Blah! Blah! Day | 30 ... Spank Out Day - USA |
| 19....High Five Day | 30 ... World Healing Day |
| 20....Husband Appreciation Day | |
| 22...."In God We Trust Day" Day | |

♥ ♥ April Wedding Anniversaries ♥ ♥

| Date | Years |
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| 01.... Steven & Jessica Kurylowicz..... | 23 |
| 05.... Keith & Lori Matulaitis | 21 |
| 08.... Leonard & Pat Reynolds..... | 40 |
| 12 ... Sam & Virginia Stellini | 65 |
| 14 ... S.K. Richard & Marie Martin | 61 |
| 14.... Jack & Joyce DiPiazza | 41 |
| 14 ... Harry & Jeanne Anne Hudson | 51 |
| 16 ... James & Lorretta Polmanteer..... | 57 |
| 19.... S.K. Richard & Sharon Stolcenberg | 22 |
| 19.... Patrick & Dana Franzoi..... | 4 |
| 20.... Perry & Gelorus (Gigi) Kubizna | 49 |
| 22 ... David & Dorthy Cleary | 66 |
| 22 ... Stanley & Vera Herda | 62 |
| 22.... Howard & Virigina Smith | 40 |
| 23.... Gregg & Pam Larabel | 47 |
| 26 ... S.K. Raymond & Genevieve Diehl | 65 |
| 26.... Kenneth & Beth Kaminski | 32 |
| 26.... Robert & Yvonne Carpenter | 32 |
| 26.... S.K. Daniel & Karen Ann Urbanowski..... | 38 |
| 26 ... Eugene & Shirley Wolf | 60 |
| 27.... James & Ella Bluhm..... | 38 |
| 27.... Gerald & Linda Hoogterp..... | 38 |
| 27.... Christopher & Barbara Miron | 16 |
| 29.... David & Sandra Dzierzyc | 21 |
| 29.... James & Kathy Krebill | 40 |

Women's Guild News

April meeting held on Thursday, April 5th at 7 pm in the North Hall

Happy Spring everyone! The weather has been great this year as winters go, and it has been great for recuperating. Thanks to everyone for your prayers, cards, and well wishes. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the April meeting. I still won't be able to drive, but walking is getting better all the time. We will be having the nominations for the New Officers, so please give this a lot of thought. Also, please remember to bring your pop can tabs, nickels for St. Jude and any un-used Greeting Cards to the meeting.

Thanks to everyone who have been bringing desserts for the Fish Fry's so far. And to those who have helped Clairice with the MI Drive. Food donations are always appreciated for the Food Bank.

April 26th is the Bus Trip to Soaring Eagle. The Cost is \$30, with a premium package to you of \$35. Applications can be obtained at the hall during bingo. (If you can't make it to the Hall, just give me a call and I will mail one to you). As of 3/13, the seats sold are at 60%, so don't delay.

Our April meeting is also the Ice Cream Social. The Hostesses are Sue Tusing and Mary Lou Covell.

Our prayers and thoughts are with all those who are struggling with sickness and pain. May God Bless.

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| <u>Week One:</u> | Public Health Week, National Bake Week |
| <u>Week Two:</u> | National Garden Week (includes herbs & Veggies) |
| <u>Week Three:</u> | National Bubblegum Week, National Week of the Ocean (we eat lots of seafood) |
| <u>Week Four:</u> | Egg Salad Week (movable holiday) |

Did You Know . . . ?

Most people know the month of April has 30 days and is the 4th month in our calendar year. Many believe it was named after the ancient Greek Goddess Aphrodite. And many religious holidays are celebrated in April: the Christian holiday of Easter usually falls in April, the Jewish holiday of Pesach (Passover) is celebrated in April, April 21 is the first day of Rivdan in the Bahai faith and April 21 is Grounation Day for the Rastafari believers.

-The American Revolutionary War began on April 19, 1775.

-On April 3, 1860 the Pony Express began.

-On April 9, 1865, General Robert E. Lee, commander of the Confederate Army surrendered to US Grant and the official end of the American Civil War took place.

-On April 30, 1939; television first publicly broadcast from the Empire State Building.

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