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FROM OUR GRAND KNIGHT

My Brother Knights,

I would like to thank all of the Officers and Round table Coordinators of this council for all of their ongoing support. Because of the great job they are doing it has made my job as Grand Knight much easier. At the last Officers Meeting we were able to get the Trustees, Financial Secretary and Treasurer to complete the semi annual audit. I am happy to report all was in order, it was signed and given to the District Deputy, making us the first council in our district to complete the report.

As you know, annual dues are to be turned into our Financial Secretary, **if you are experiencing difficulty in paying your dues please contact me.** Due to the current economic situation, I can appreciate the situation and am willing to work with anyone who needs help. Charity is the main lesson exemplified in our First Degree, let us not forget that Charity begins at home and we all must be unified in this concept.

The Younkers Fund Raiser has begun again. Thanks to the efforts of our Warden Brian Cirner, last year's program was a huge success. **This program has been handed over to our Recorder, Joe Tackx. It is my hope that you will give him any help he may need.** This is by far one of the most profitable fundraisers we have had for the amount of manpower needed to conduct it. If you have not gotten involved, I would strongly urge you to get involved, it is only two hours out of your weekend and it is really very easy.

We will again hold a Gas Raffle as well. Raffle tickets are in and we are looking for the membership to step up to sell these tickets. For fund raiser to succeed all 300 tickets must be sold in each of the three raffles. **The first drawing date is March 18, 2009.** The prize is **\$500 in gasoline or \$500 in cash, tickets are \$5.00** a piece, please contact me for your tickets.

I am sure that a number of you are asking, "Why are we always doing fund raisers?" Well the answer to that is a very simple. Now more than ever, in order to do all the charitable work we do we need capital. If you ever have a question about how we spend our funds show up for a meeting, if you are involved in your Councils meetings, you will always know the answer as to what is going on. Our Financial Secretary and Treasurer are always willing to answer any questions you have.

I am very proud of all of you I am grateful that God has blessed me with such a wonderful group of Catholic men to work with. **Our Council is thriving, in the last quarter we participated in 52 different programs, that is marvelous.** If you have not had the opportunity to be involved, try to find the program that fits you best and get involved you will not be disappointed.

Yours in Christ

Garret A. Kelenske
Grand Knight





FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Dennis Langlois23rd
 Lawrence Bogner 26th
 Michael Lewis 28th

***UPCOMING EVENTS*
 MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

BINGO Every Monday night

George J. McCarthy Council #2975 in Grand Haven
 February 2nd Ground Hog Day
February 7th District Free Throw Championship
Sacred Heart Gym 12:00 PM Reg 1:00 PM Start
February 8th 1st Degree Initiation
Council # 13035 to Host 1:30 PM Reg. 2:00 PM Start
February 11th Officer's Meeting 7:00 PM
Rosary making committee to meet afterward
 February 12th Lincoln's Birthday
 February 14th Valentines Day
February 14th Valentine Dinner /Dance
Sacred Heart School Gymnasium 7:30 PM
February 15th Semi Annual Audit due
 February 16th President's Day
February 16th Fraternal Benefits Program 7:00 PM
February 18th Business Meeting 7:00 PM
February 21st Diocesan Free Throw Championship
Aquinas Field House 12:30 PM Reg 1:00 PM Start
 February 22nd Washington's Birthday
 February 24th 4th Degree Meeting
 Frs. Rudy & Clem Council #13035 to host 7:30 PM
February 25th Ash Wednesday

 March 8th Daylight Savings begins
March 11th Officer's Meeting 7:00 PM
Rosary making committee to meet afterward
March 15th State Free Throw Championship
 March 17th St. Patrick's Day
March 18th Business Meeting 7:00 PM
 March 20th First Day of Spring
 March 24th4th Degree Business Meeting
 Holy Rosary Council # 13579 to Host 7:30 PM
March 25th .. Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn
March 28th & 29th Blitz Weekend All Parishes
March 29th Founders Day
 Please patronize other council's events if they do not conflict with ours

" While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, "Take and eat; this is my body."

Matthew 26:26

DUES NOTICES

Dues notices will be sent out at the end of this month, I trust you all will remember the importance of keeping your dues current. You dues not only help to keep our council functioning, but are also the basis for any donations we as a council will make during the year.

Dues may be sent to:

Joseph Zagar
Financial Secretary
422 Westwind Dr.
N. Muskegon, MI 49445

Dues are \$36.00, there optional donation of \$5.00 that can be made for HCCS and Take 5. Checks can be made out to Knights of Columbus Holy Rosary Council

COMMITTEE EVENTS

Membership Committee

	Total Membership 02/01/2009	YTD Change in Membership		Month to Date				Year to Date	
		Gain	Loss	Gain	Loss	Net	%		
	60								
MBR	5	6	0	6	0	0	100		
INS	3	2	0	0	0	0	67		

Essay Contest Committee

We are looking for volunteers to help run it again this year. We will need people to read and score essays. Anyone interested in helping should contact Wayne LaPointe at 744-1017

District Free Throw Contest

The District Free Throw Championship will be Saturday February 7th. District Deputy Tom Ketchum has asked that our council host the event again this year. We will need people for registration, count scores and to chase the balls. Registration will be 12:00 PM and the competition will begin at 12:30 PM. Volunteers should be at the Sacred Heart Gymnasium by 11:00 AM. We will need to take down tables and chairs or this event and then set them back up afterwards.

Younkers Community Day Fund Raiser

We will be participating in the Younkers Community Day Fund Raiser. We are asking each member to sell or buy (5) coupon booklets. The coupon booklets are \$5.00 each and automatically give the purchaser a \$10.00 off coupon!

When your Parish Round Table Coordinator contacts you, please volunteer to take a 2 hour shift when it is your parish's weekend.



***KNIGHT OF
THE MONTH***

February Dann VanBergen

Dann VanBergen has been chosen Knight of the Month for February 2009. Dann is a Parishioner at St. Mary's and has lived in Muskegon his entire life. Dann started communicating with his wife Shelby via CB radio and meet one year later. They were married in 1985 and celebrated their 1st anniversary by walking the Mackinaw Bridge. He attended Jolman, Angel, Orchard View and Muskegon High School.

Dann retired from Almond Products in Muskegon. He was a valued employee with them for 20 Years. In his spare time he collects Nascar miniatures and his wife collects Elvis Presley artifacts

Dann has been a Knight since 2006. He enjoys the friendships he has made and working on the tootsie roll drive. Our council welcomes Dann and his wife and appreciate the time he offers to us when needed.

Respectfully Submitted By
Joseph M. Tackx

Right to Life Issues

The Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) would eliminate every restriction on abortion nationwide.

FOCA will invalidate Michigan's commonsense laws which have been passed since the two U.S. Supreme Court decisions, Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton, legalized abortion through all nine months of pregnancy.

FOCA will compel taxpayer funding of abortions. FOCA will force Catholic hospitals and healthcare facilities to perform abortions.

If "FOCA" is passed, the following laws in Michigan may be in jeopardy: Ultrasound Viewing Option; Abortion Prepayment Prohibition; Informed Consent for Abortion; Clinic Regulations; Abortion Complications Reporting; Abortion Coverage for State Employees; Parental Consent for Abortion; Conscience Clause for Abortion; and our Ban on Medicaid Abortion Coverage.

FOCA would erase these laws and prevent states from enacting similar protective measures in the future.

Please go to www.rtl.org to sign a petition TODAY

You CAN'T be BOTH a Practicing Catholic AND Pro-Abortion!



***FAMILY OF
THE MONTH***

February Joe and Liz Zagar

The Holy Rosary Council has chosen the Joseph Zagar Family as Family Of The Month. Joe and his wife Liz moved to Muskegon 25 years ago with one child and now have five children ages 16-26. Joe and Liz are St. Michael Parishioners while their children attend Prince Of Peace. All of their children attended Muskegon Catholic schools, which was most important to Joe and Liz. This gave their children the opportunity to supplement their Catholic faith along with Joe and Liz's own example of Christian living. Their son David is also a member of our council and is attending Detroit Mercy Law School.

Since two of their children no longer live at home it seemed a little to quiet so along came Karim Ahmed eleven years old from Lebanon. Liz discovered Karim through a Catholic Maronite priest visiting Michigan two years ago. Karim has a very rare birth defect called Olmsted's Syndrome, which severely affects his skin. This condition can be improved but not cured with modern medication, but Karim's parents were too poor and the level of medical help in Lebanon was not adequate. Karim has been with the Zagar's for six months and is scheduled to return to Lebanon June of this year. He has been receiving medication, going to school and making many friends. He has been baptized a Catholic per his parent's wishes. His small town in Lebanon a mostly Christian Maronite community, thinks it's awesome that Karim is being helped by so many great people in the United States.

Joe and Liz feel that Karim fits right in with the Zagar clan. It will be hard to say goodbye. Joe thinks Karim will become a Knight of Columbus. We all hope and pray he does.

Again, thank you Joe and Liz for being the fine example of a Knights of Columbus family and we are truly blessed to have you as part of our council's family.

Respectfully Submitted
Joe M. Tackx

RAFFLE

\$500.00 in CASH

Or

\$500.00 in GAS

\$5.00 per ticket

with a 300 ticket limit



See the Grand Knight for YOUR tickets

Fraternal Benefits Night

The Knights of Columbus offers special benefits of membership. Among these are unique programs that exist exclusively for K of C families faced with needs that often fall outside traditional insurance plans. The Family Fraternal Benefits package, available to all our good-standing members and their families, adds value to membership in our organization.

- **Guaranteed Life Insurance Benefits for Uninsurable Children**
- **Death Benefits Available for Stillborn/Miscarried Children**
- **Orphan Benefits**
- **Member/Spouse Accidental Death Benefits**

When our organization began, in order to help each other, our members "passed the hat" to assist families of deceased members. Soon, however, this became impossible, as the number of our members grew. Out of this simple process, we've evolved into a modern, dynamic insurance organization, and offer a wide variety of products to suit virtually everyone's needs.

- **Permanent Plans** - Policy lasts as long as you live, premium stays the same.
- **Term Plans** - Policy ends at end of specified term: renewable or convertible.
- **Annuities** - Provides an income that is guaranteed for life.
- **Long Term Care** - Provides funds for long-term, out-of-hospital care.

Plan to join us for a District wide Fraternal Benefits Night to learn more about what the Knights of Columbus Insurance programs have to offer.

The Fraternal Benefits Information Night will be hosted by Frs. Rudy & Clem Council # 13035 located at:

St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 3252 Apple Avenue in Muskegon. The program will **begin at 7:00 PM.**

Refreshments and coffee will be served during and after the meeting.

WIVES ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

Prayer for Vocations

O God who wishes all people to be saved, touch with grace the hearts of many young men and women, moving them to offer themselves as candidates for the priesthood and religious life. Inspire fathers and mothers and all members of Christian families to become aware of the great need for religious vocations. Endow all people with reverence for these sacred callings that they may encourage many to serve God and mankind in the ranks of religion... "These blessings we ask through Christ Our Lord."

Amen



NEWS FROM THE 4th DEGREE



The Knights of Columbus 4th Degree, Fr. Hennepin Province, Michigan District # 2, 57th Exemplification will be April 17th & 18th in Burton, Michigan.

Information on Knights of Columbus hotel room rates will be provided upon request. Estimated costs and fees are as follows:

Tuxedo	\$200.00
Candidate fees (including Saturday dinner)	\$80.00
Banquet on Saturday for spouse or member	\$36.00
Ladies Program & Luncheon	\$12.00
Members Luncheon at Exempt	\$ 6.00
Friday Night Social Dinner	\$16.00

*All prices are per person.

The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism by promoting responsible citizenship and a love of and loyalty to the Knights' respective countries through active membership in local Fourth Degree groups. If you feel this sense of honor for both God and Country, if you wish to lead by example ... if you are willing to stand tall and be counted as a proud America, then you need to contact Thomas Ketchum for a Form # 4 Application and more information. He can be reached at 733-2501.

The Bishop Frederic Baraga Assembly #474
More than 50 Years of Serving God and Country
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A Prayer for the Canonization of Fr. Michael J. McGivney

God, Our Father Protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Fr Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of the Christian family life and to lead the young to generous service of their neighbor.

Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body, which is the Church.

Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your servant F. Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will.

**Through his intercession, grant the favor now present (here make your request for intercession).
Through Christ our Lord,**

Amen

Then say the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be.

***PICTURES FROM
 OUR PROJECTS***



A check for almost \$1,200.00 is given to Special Olympics Area 21 staff and athletes. The money was collected during the fall MI / Tootsie Roll Drive.



(Above) Contestants from the Free Throw Championship stand next to GK Garrett Kelske to have their picture taken.



(Left) Treasurer Roger Routt makes a motion to spend money, this was a first and something we felt needed to be recorded for posterity's sake.



Students from MCC Elementary School pose for a picture after the monthly "Living Rosary" prayer service.



(Left and Below) Students and Staff of MCC Elementary School participate in the Living Rosary



Don Martines and PGK Mike Lewis sell coupon booklets at Younkens Department Store for the Community Day Sale.

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