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Council #4188 Meetings

First Monday of every Month
7:00 PM Building Association
7:30 PM Officers
Second Monday of every Month
7:30 PM Open General Council
meeting—jackpot drawing
The 5th Sunday of any Month (4/year)
Corporate Communion @ GA
Annual officers elections at June
meeting

See website for further information

Our GRAND KNIGHT'S Message



Brothers, As "Peace be with you" is used during Mass... I Thank and wish Peace to all of you, Brothers. I am proud to be the Grand Knight of Council #4188. We have accomplished so much. We earned the Supreme Council, "Star Council Award". Steve Paul PGK, initiated this membership drive program in 2012. This year, I successfully completed our Award qualification. I feel we can do it again! The award is not a mere plaque, as was Nationally awarded to 1053 Councils. It more symbolizes our council Brothers working together as a team to grow our organization. The more members we have, the greater our ability to help needy Catholic Christians and support Organizations doing the same.

Brothers, we all need to step up to the plate and get involved. Maybe its is a couple of hours once a month at a breakfast or fish fry, maybe an evening working Bingo. Or simply attending our regular council meetings. More of us need to get involved. I need your help to strengthen our Council involvement with related local area activities. We can always use whatever help or support you can lend. Be a part of our efforts and include yourself in the satisfaction and reward of contributing for others. Please take a moment to remember your Degree initiation and orientation, and pray to the Lord to discover or be led how you can get involved. The current Forty day walk for abortion is ending on Nov. 3rd. More Knights presence, walking and praying at our prescheduled morning vigil hours, is a good supporting effort to give now and for future vigils. The next Forty day vigil begins Ash Wednesday 2014.

Look for some changes to start in December or January. We have a newly refurbished front sign, (lower BINGO sign lighting to be fixed soon), and hopefully the bathroom improvements will have started. Also, I have not given up on the new rear parking lot entrance to the Main Hall concept. Drawings are nearly complete. I also want to welcome new Brothers Mathew Morgan, Van Polak, and Anthony (Tony) Muczynski to our order, and hope to see them at the December Meeting. I will be out of town for our November meeting.

Fraternally Yours, John Reeser GK

BUILDING ASSOCIATION REPORT

Well, our front sign is looking pretty good. It has been refitted with new panels and graphics, including a fresh paint job. We are now starting to look into updating and renovating both sets of restrooms. We continue to look for ways to further conserve energy and reduce our operating expenses. So far, the heating and cooling bills have been reduced significantly with the replacement of the rooftop units and improvements to the duct work. DTEnergy came in to do an energy audit and suggested several things we should consider doing.

I would like to compile a list of those members and local associates who can assist in reducing our building expenses by sharing their skill and expertise. It would be nice to support our members, local parishes, and community, by contracting with these local people when there is a project to do in the Council building or on our property. We are looking for skilled help with plumbing, electrical, audio/visual, refrigeration and other trades. Send me an email at johnavery14@gmail.com or call the hall. Also, Building Association officer nominations will be taken at the November meetings, with board elections following the December council meeting.

John Avery, BAP

In Memory

Please pray for the souls of our departed brothers and the loved ones they left behind:

Robert Skubic
Jake Kohler
Anthony "Tony" Napolitano Sr.
Hubert D. Bonino "Bo"

In Prayers

Please keep our Brothers and their families who are ill or in need, in your prayers:

Hank Kurczyk Regina Slowick Nicholas Reeser Larry Donnellon Jan Avery Dolores North Mary Jo Tomsick Sue (Heberer) Saliga Bobby Ketchie

Dave Parker's Insurance Corner

Life insurance as a gift?

The initial reaction for many people when you mention life insurance as a gift is a quick step back and a questioning stare. How morbid, they may think quietly or aloud. While it may seem that way when you first mention it, life insurance is a really thoughtful gift that can be a financial life preserver in tough times.

The problem with life insurance is the general perception. Many think of life insurance only in cases where someone dies. Life insurance should, in fact, be thought of as a precautionary protective measure for a family unit. The purchase of this product can mean saving your home, sending your children to college, and preserving your spouse's quality of life in the event of your death.

One of the times you may want to purchase life insurance for someone is when a family has a new baby. It's a great, low-cost way to set money aside for the future (i.e. college tuition, housing, business start-up, etc.). Of greater importance, it ensures these children will have insurance as adults, in case an illness later in life makes him or her uninsurable.

Newlyweds are also ideal recipients for life insurance. As they join their lives and financial responsibilities, young couples need to make sure that their early investments are fully protected. If something were to happen to one of them, the other may be faced with serious financial hardship. A life insurance policy is an ideal way to ensure their future and protect their assets.

As nontraditional as it may be, life insurance is a wise and caring gift to purchase for many people. In this time of giving, call me or email me so I can guide to a wonderful caring gift. You can reach at 586-755-7594 or email me at dave.parker@kofc.org.

Major Degrees, Special Knight awards, and council events

- = Congratulations to our November Council Family of the Month Paul and Mary Adesko
- = Coming soon >>> Council **Fish Frys**—November 8, and December 14— Sunday **Breakfast Club** November 10 and December 8. Apologies from your LOG publisher RZ, for the errors in the flyers included in the previous LOG edition. The flyers stand corrected for future flyer printings. Also, please note: There will NOT be a Sunday Breakfast on April 13.
- = Our Council may soon be participating in a KofC food drive program for the community. A KofC Supreme Council program will refund \$100 to local councils for collecting and distributing every 500 pounds of food items to community food banks, organization pantries. Soup kitchens, and etc. A total maximum refund of \$500 is available per council, per fraternal year which begins on July 1. This Supreme Council incentive program is one of many outreach programs for the needy available to local councils, and is one of the requirements for the annual KofC Columbian Award.
- = We are ordering **Winter Coats for Kids** specially bundled and priced for donation to the needy. We intend to donate these boys and girls coats to Sister Judie's efforts in Detroit, and to the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's (SEAS)—South Oakland Shelter (SOS) program.
- = **November 18th** we will have Mass at GA to pray for our council's **deceased Knights, and their families**. Light refreshments will be available following the ceremony.
- = The **Mothers and Unborn Baby Care Center** reported saving 105 babies since January this year. The Ultra Sound imaging equipment, donated by our KofC District is credited for recently saving a set of twins on October 21. This new machine is reportedly making a big difference saving babies. Also reported, the Knights Teddy Bears we donated to the Center, went fast and were a big hit. They would like more if possible... Let's donate more bears!
- = Special Note: I wish to Thank our brother Knights who helped with our <u>KofC Council #4188 membership drives</u>. Held at GA the weekends of October 5th and 6th, and at SEAS on October 12th and 13th. To further support and include our Brothers of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (SEAS), we are planning to hold a council Corporate Communion Mass at SEAS, and request to have council activities published in the SEAS Sunday bulletin. The recent membership drives, brought 3 men to our council, who were approved and accepted during our October meetings. New Brothers Matthew Morgan, Van Polak, and Anthony (Tony) Muczynski, are welcome to join any council activities as they plan to complete their Degree work /initiation into the Knights of Columbus order. There will be a Major Degree (1,2,and 3) hosted at our council on April 6, 2014. Thank You, and Welcome Brothers.

 Membership Chairman, Paul Adesko

Right to Life and Special Events

Abortion is the leading cause of death worldwide!

The 40 Days for Life Fall campaign began Sept 25 and ends Nov 3. These campaigns have taken place in 501 cities and 19 countries. During this Fall campaign over 400 women worldwide will have turned away from abortion and saved their babies. The next campaign begins in 2014 on Ash Wednesday. Make a note to sign up for that one! Our Council is standing vigil, 6 and 7 AM daily, at Womencare, 28505 Southfield Road, just 1/4 mile south of 12 Mile Rd.

How about going to Washington, D.C.? -Talk it up!

The 41st Annual March for Life on January 22, 2014, the anniversary of the infamous Roe versus Wade Supreme Court decision, is coming up. Knights of Columbus buses will depart from Lansing and Chelsea on Jan. 21 at 5pm and 6:30pm. The march on Jan. 22 preps up at 11:30am. Overnight lodging on Jan. 22 is at Hampton Inn, Alexandria. \$109 per room. Buses return to Lansing and Chelsea 6 or 8pm on Jan. 23. Cost of bus is \$100. Phone inquiries 248-852-1758. Check to Paul Thorn, 768 Lockmore Ct, Rochester Hills 48307. Deadline December 15, 2013.

Messages from George and Joan Cooney

<u>Sister Judie and her Sisters of Love</u>: Our latest support to Sister's efforts involves preparing her Detroit rectory rooms to receive 3 more novices to her Order. October 12, 13 we were able to begin painting the 2nd floor Chapel and a bedroom in the Convent at St. Josephs Parish in Detroit. Brother Joe Skrzycki, his college student helper, and Brother Joe Golden (scraper), have since painted the walls and ceilings in 3 rooms and will be completing the trim painting soon. Brother Dave Donnellen is getting help from his sources to plan fixing the back porch and repair the floor of the Main Hall on the first level.

Report from Joe Golden

Members Birthdays - Nov. /December

	Name	serv	b'day	Name	serv yrs I b'day					
	RONALD	MAIERLE	54	11/1	GEORGE	VORTKAMP	36	12/1		
FDD	THOMAS	KENNEDY	40	11/2	ANDREW	DINA	31	12/1		
	FREDERICK	TUREK	39	11/3	RAY	PARZYCH	27	12/2		
	ORVILLE	SHRAW	48	11/4	JAMES	BRADY	15	12/2		
	PHILLIP	NORTH	10	11/4	ROBERT	MEDICI	2	12/5		
	DANA	COMAIANNI	0	11/7	RICHARD	GALBENSKI	45	12/5		
	RICHARD	SURDU	9	11/10	DONALD	HEBERER	16	12/7		
	CLEMENT	KOLESAR	27	11/11	JOHN	NAPOLITANO	3	12/8		
	WILLIAM	POIRIER	0	11/12	KELLY	TOMSICK	1	12/9		
	RONALD	BELANGER	0	11/15	ANDREW	GOODMAN	62	12/10		
	MICHAEL	COPENHAVER	4	11/15	MICHAEL	EVOY	6	12/11		
	DONALD	GARY	10	11/16	SCOTT	STANTON	10	12/11		
FGK,DD	JOSEPH	GOLDEN	55	11/18	THOMAS	GOLDEN	12	12/13		
	JOHN	GENTILIA	32	11/18	DAVID	MELAMPY	2	12/13		
	GEORGE	SELLERS	57	11/22	MICHAEL	LEESE	3	12/13		
REV	GERARD	LEBOEUF	26	11/22	DENIS	MASLAK	1	12/15		
	NICHOLAS	BELANGER	31	11/24	STANLEY	O CONNOR	35	12/17		
	CHRISTOPHER	STARK	0	11/26	DANIEL	FICORELLI	32	12/19		
	PAUL	WALBY	0	11/26	THOMAS	MATTISE	27	12/20		
	ROBERT	STENGER	3	11/26	В	MC GOVERN	43	12/22		
	TONY	URBANIK	2	11/27	MARK	PETERSON	17	12/22		
	BRYAN	CONGER	7	11/29	THOMAS	NIEDOWICZ	37	12/23		
					ROBERT	LOUNT	1	12/24		
					JOHN	SCHRAUFNAGEL	0	12/24		

32 Inactive brothers do not receive the benefit of \$1000 no cost KofC life insurance included with active member membership!

THOMAS

JAMES

RONALD

DANIFI

MICHAFI

GREGOR'

BOUCHER

PACHLA

BROWN

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O SULLIVAN

12/25

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Announcements and updates

Financial Secretary's Column

Since Honorary life members no longer pay dues, they won't receive a bill from the council, or a paper traveling member card every year. Solicitations for member donation to KofC programs, "Take Five" and "Fr. McGivney Chair of life ethics", are made during members annual dues collections. Honorary life members, please be aware of these programs, and send your donations. Mail checks made out to: Knights of Columbus #4188, include the "program name", and mail to Brother Mike Ryan 959 Harvard Rd. Berkley MI 48072. There are currently 43 council members who donate to "Take Five", and 22 members donate to "Fr. McGivney Chair". A list of contributing members will follow in future LOG editions.

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Michael Ryan Council #4188 Financial Secretary

The Society of St. Vincent DePaul (SVDP) of Guardian Angels extends a special thank you to Council 4188 for your continued financial support. We are a worldwide organization of lay Catholics that attempt to continue the work that Jesus asked of us, to take care of his poor. We just finished our annual report that goes to the National Office. We provided over 5000 hours of time in the GA SVDP conference to support those in need. We were able to help over 1400 people (count includes family members), 29 people with furniture, 70 people with clothing, and 156 people with the Christmas giving tree program. Our group also made 150 home visits where we provide assistance with food, rent, utilities, and prescription assistance. We could not provide this level of assistance without the financial support we receive from benefactors like you. The first level of the KofC is Charity, and what better a way to support charity than to support those in need in our own neighborhoods through the financial support of your SVDP groups at Guardian Angels and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. God Bless all of you, best wishes for the coming Holiday season and we wish all of you a healthy and prosperous New Year.

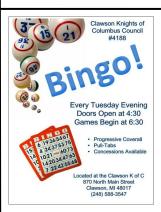
Tom Boucher President, Guardian Angels SVDP Deputy Grand Knight Council 4188 Clawson

2012-2013 <u>Star Council Award</u> at our October Council Meeting. Officers, Left to Right — Tom Boucher DGK, Tom Kennedy PDD, Mark Brezenski FN, DD, John Reeser GK.

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Announcements and updates



Bingo News:

The Bingo attendance in September, along with income, was less than last year. Those numbers may be due to the economy not growing as predicted.

We are averaging from around 105 players per week to nearly over 200 when our Progressive jackpot builds to over \$2,000.00.

Thanks, to our Faithfull Bingo workers who every Tuesday, keep

this Program successful and enjoyable for our players.

Brothers you can help our event, and player participation by talking to your relatives, friends, neighbors, fellow workers etc. about attending our weekly Tuesday Bingo nights. The only closed non-Bingo nights are between Christmas & New Years. Bingo Chairman, Joe Golden

YOU COULD MEMBERS— Council Meeting Attendance Drawings

Come to our council meetings the 2nd Monday of the month, and qualify to win our attendance (all members in) drum drawing. It builds until won by an in present council member. Last winner took home \$197. Our monthly purchased 50-50 ticket drawings fund the Attendance drawing jackpot.

- > Santa is coming to town- He will be visiting with our council kids during the Nov.10 and Dec. 8 Breakfasts. Details are in the corner of the next page. Bring your own camera!
- > We continue to accept supplies for Sister Judie and her Sisters, as they care and support the very needy forgotten poor of the Detroit area. See Joe Golden or Dave Donnellon about what she needs most.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING, MERRY CHRISTMAS, and a SAFE NEW YEAR to you and yours, from your officers.

Bits and Pieces

"In Our Lady's Footsteps... A new Knights of Columbus Marian Prayer Program was inaugurated Aug. 7 at the conclusion of a concelebrated Mass at the 131st Supreme Convention. The program features framed images of Mary under the title of the Immaculate Conception that will be brought on pilgrimage from council to council throughout the next two years." October 2013, KofC Columbia magazine.

"MEMEBERSHIP IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practical (that is, practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See. This means that an applicant or member accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church." Sept. 2013, KNIGHTLINE News.

Our annual local council level KofC Basketball Free Throw contest will be held soon, Please watch your email and community postings for details. This National competition qualifier is open to any and all local area kids 10-14 years old. Email or call Rich Zielinski for details.

Benjamin Franklin wanted people of Pennsylvania to adopt street lighting. They were not interested. Instead of arguing, he hung a lantern on a pole near his front door, kept it clean, and lit it every night. His neighbors watched, and soon hung their own lamps. Soon after, the entire City was brightly lit at night. Sometimes the best way to persuade is to set an example.

During our 2012-2013 fraternal year, KofC Councils donated 3.5 million pounds of food and 565,000 man hours of service to help feed hungry people.

Brother Mike P. (the walleye killer) wishes to Thank to all who helped with our Annual Picnic activities. Particularly Ray Debold for his Picnic food shopping and overseeing preparation.

An EGG TOSS Championship Trophy is stationed in our Clubroom. Plan is, the Annual Picnic Egg Toss winners (members?) can brag and boast their skills, while hoisting the trophy in our clubroom.

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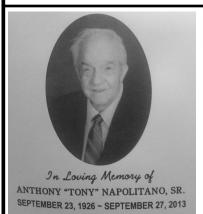
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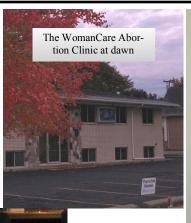




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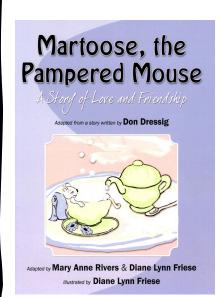
Who's who? Don't know? Come to a meeting!







Our Brother and Outside Guard, Officer Don Dressig, is also a published author. His 26 page rhyming story book about life, friendship and love, for Children and Adults to share, takes place in little Madelain's dollhouse.



See Don for details,



or www. screendoorpublishing.com



Santa Claus is Coming to Town!

It won't be long until the snow starts flying and everyone is getting in the Christmas spirit!

Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to the Breakfast Club on Sunday, November 10th and Sunday, December 8th from 10 am - 1 pm and take photos with Old Saint Nick!

Santa will be at the Knights of Columbus Council 4188 hall, at 870 Main Street, in Clawson. Get a jump on your Christmas cards and gifts and avoid the malls by getting your photos at the KofC!

Bring your own camera to take pictures with "The Big Man" and stay for a great breakfast with the family!



All we ask is a small donation to help the Knights of Columbus in our charitable work. All proceeds will go to the Clawson Good Fellows.

> Ho, Ho Hope to see you there!

Knights of Columbus - Clawson Council 4188

November 2013

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Sat	2		6			16				23			30			
Fri	November 1 All Saints' Day 6 pm Club Room Open	7:30 pm Boosters Euchre Party - doors open 6:30	8	4:30 pm - 7 pm Fish Dinner - Buffet	6 pm Club Room Open	15	6 pm	Club Room Open		22	<u>6 pm</u> Club Room Open		29	6 pm Club Room Open		
Thu	31	Halloween 7:30 pm 4th Degree	7			14	7:30 pm	4th Degree Meeting		21			28		Thanksgiving	7:30 pm 4th Degree Meeting
Wed	30		9			13				20			27			
Tue	29 4:30 pm BINGO		5	4:30 pm BINGO		12	4:30 pm	<u>BINGO</u>		19	4:30 pm BINGO		26	4:30 pm BINGO		
Mon	28		4	7 pm Building Assoc.	7:30 pm Officer's Mtg	11	Veteran's Day	7:30 pm General Business Council Meeting	and member drawings	18	GA Mass for Our Council's Deceased Knights	and their Families	25			
Sun	Sun 27		3 Daylight Savings Time Ends		10 9 am - 1 pm Breakfast Club with Santa		17		24							

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December 2013



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No Appoinments (248) 435-3366

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> Council Corporate Communion Sunday, December 30, stay tuned for details