

Knighly News

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THE GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE:

Brother Knights, Vivat Jesus;

I hope that everyone has had a safe and relaxing Thanksgiving. For all our hunters, I hope your season was safe and successful. With Christmas fast approaching and all the busy schedules we have, make sure that you do not lose the true meaning of Christmas. During this Advent season remember to keep focused on your family values when preparing for the birth of Christ and to truly keep Christ in Christmas.

We have finalized the plans for the Dec. 8th 20th Council Anniversary Dinner, which will be for Members and a guest. We hope all can attend mass with us but if time constraints do not allow it, please join us for dinner and refreshments. Our turn- out is very promising.

I still need a few more members to form a By-Law committee to bring ours up to the Supreme template. Please let me know if you have time to help me with this task. Contact me by email or call. Thank you in advance.

December 11 is our Annual Breakfast with Santa from 8:00 until 12:00. Due to his schedule Scot Plegue will not be able to chair this event. Jim Zeck has stepped back into this roll and will need volunteers to assist. Please contact him or me if you are available, the more the merrier.

We have been asked to help feed the poor in the area. Please bring a non-perishable food item to the next meeting for our local Boy Scout Food Drive. All items are needed.

Our District Deputy is still accepting sweatshirts for Holy Cross children. If you can bring a sweatshirt with your favorite team to the meeting and give it to Paul. These will be distributed at Christmas time.

Remember to sell you state raffle tickets the council will receive some of the proceeds returned from the state.

Thanks to all of you who have paid your dues already. This has been the fastest to date at this point for paid members. Those who have yet to pay please send in your dues by Dec 31 and they are only \$30.00. An addition \$5.00 can be paid for take 5 and if there is still money left \$12.00 (which is \$1.00 per month) for the Father McGivney charity.

Next meeting Thursday December 1st at 7:30, look forward to seeing you there.

I want to extend to all our members and their families a very safe Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Live Jesus in our Hearts
Sir Knight Jim Mattina Grand Knight



Calendar of Events

December:

- 1 7:30 pm – Meeting in Burgard Hall
- 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception & 20th Anniversary of Council 10724
- 9 Winter Tri-District Meeting 7:00 Marysville
- 11 Christmas Breakfast 8:00-12:00
- 11-14 Charity Poker – River Lounge
- 15 4th Degree Christmas Party
- 15-19 Charity Poker 4th Degree
- 15-1st Degree Council 856 Marine City
- 21 Winter Begins
- 25 Christmas
- 31 New Years Eve

January :

- 1 Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God & New Years Day
- 5 7:30 pm – Meeting in Burgard Hall
- 17 1st Degree Council 2251 Msgr. Kromenaker
- 26 7:30 pm 4th Degree Meeting Burgard Hall
- 28 Corporate Communion 4:30 pm Mass

February :

- 2 7:30 pm – Meeting in Burgard Hall
- 16 1st Degree Council 856 Marine City
- 23 7:30 pm 4th Degree Meeting Burgard Hall

March :

- 1 7:30 pm – Meeting in Burgard Hall
- 20 1st Degree Council 10724 AuLac
- 22 7:30 pm 4th Degree Meeting Burgard Hall

July 2012:

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2nd yr SK Don Robinson PGK,
1st yr. Don Plegue
Inside Guard: William Gilmore, Jr.
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Au Lac Officers-continued
PROGRAM DIRECTORS/LIAISONS
Programs: Ed Ross
Community: Jim Zeck PGK
Church: Leo Sygit
Family: Angelo DiMaggio
Youth: Mike Vigneron
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SK Richard Robinson, PGK
Children's Christmas Party:
SK Richard Robinson, PGK
Free Throw Competition:
SK Richard Robinson, PGK
Essay Contest: Dr. Ray McCracken, PGK
Pancake Breakfast Chair: Scot Plegue
Highway Clean up: James Zeck, PGK
Golf Outing: Angelo DiMaggio

Remember in Your Prayers:

Those Sick or In Distress:

SK Kim Morgan
SK Ed Ross
Cristian Thomas
Ken Surprenant, Craig's father
Dan McGrath, Marty & Tim's father
Pat Vandermaas, Jack Sweeney's sister
SK Mike Desmarais (Grand Knight New Baltimore)
Eleanor Basset – Todd Parski's Mother-In-Law
Bud Thorton– Tom Thorton's Brother
Eddie Rodriguez
Cass "Champ" Kroth
Alice Jubinski – PGK SK Anthony's Mom
SK Pete Cataldi
John Plegue

*We pray through the Intercession of the Venerable Servant of God, Father Michael J. McGivney that God our Father will send his healing power upon our brothers and sisters, cure them of their ailments and return them to good health.
In This We Pray, Amen*



SPECIAL REMINDERS

Charity Poker: We need volunteers to staff the Dec 11-14 5:45 PM– 2:00AM River Poker Room. Shifts are 5:45-10:00 & 10:00-2:00. Remember we are only handling the chips in and out; we are not dealing. If you are not comfortable with the responsibilities, sign up as an observer and we will walk you through a shift as an extra guy.
Please step forward and volunteer to take one shift of the Charity Poker event now. Call or email Norm to volunteer 586-725-4240 or email nmaugustine@yahoo.com.

New Ecopy-Michigan Columbian
If you wish to receive the Michigan Columbian by e-mail go to www.mikofc.org. On the homepage, click on the yellow box titled "Newsletter Sign Up." Fill out your information, and get ready to enjoy the new, full color edition of the Michigan Columbian.

In Memoriam

*Dolores Hauer - Gary Hauer's mother
James Moran-Gary Hauer's brother-in-law
Frank Rutkowski*

God our Father, you reward all who believe in you. May the souls of all our departed brothers, rejoice with you forever in heaven. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**POPE BENEDICT XVI'S
MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS**

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Children and Youth. That children and young people may be messengers of the Gospel and that they may be respected and preserved from all violence and exploitation.

December Birthdays for the Au Lac Council

2	Robert Clancy
8	David Furtah
11	John LaLonde
12	Stanley Wiktor
18	Mark Socia
25	Our Lord Jesus Christ

December Membership Corner

The Next 1st Degree on Dec. 15 th 2011 at Council
856 Marine City
1st Degree Registration 7:00pm
1st Degree Start 7:30pm

If you know of anybody interested in becoming a Brother Knight or if you are interested in completing 2nd & 3rd degrees, please contact John Williams (586)949-5673 or Jim Mattina (586) 949-8001. There is no additional charge to complete these 2 degrees.

Roll Over Drawing:

WE HAVE A WINNER!!!!

At the Nov. 3 meeting the rollover drawing was held, and the name drawn was **Richard Robinson**. He was present and claimed the \$ 376 prize. The next drawing at the Dec. 1st meeting will make the lucky ---and present---winner will be \$ 33 richer. Remember – you must be present to win!! No Purchase Necessary–just your attendance!! If you have not been to a meeting in a while, it just may be worth your time

Membership Anniversaries for the Au Lac Council in November

<u>Name</u>	<u>Anniversary year</u>
Stanley Wiktor	62
John Vernier	27
John Plegue	20
Michael Mytinger	16
Angelo DiMaggio	12
Cristian Thomas	2
Thomas Vandenbossche	2

A sincere thank you and congratulations goes to you gentlemen for all your years of service to our church, council and community

Special Recognitions by Council No. 10724

Family of the Month for December:

This month I have the honor of declaring the original and still active 27 members of Council 10724 Knights of Columbus as Our Family of the Month. The following men were instrumental in starting our own Charter which has stayed strong and growing for the past 20 years. Paul Corbat, Anthony Drewek, Dale, David, Dennis & Gregory Furtah, Gary Gendernalik, Kurt Goldenbogen, James Hamilton, David & Joseph Kay, Cass Kroth, John LaLonde, Brian McCone, Dr. Raymond McCracken, Joseph McMillian, Rev. Michael Nkachukwu, Dennis, Don & John Plegue, Bob Tharrett, Paul Torney, John Vernier, Elwin, Most Reverend Allen & Ron Vigneron, Stanley Wiktor We would like to thank them for giving of their time & talents to the betterment of the Parish and this Council.

I would also like to acknowledge the other 14 original members for their help in establishing the AuLac K of C council; Gerald Brown, Stan Gadawski, Ed Newsome, Aurthur & Butch Beckman, Rev Bogus, Philip Briffa, Martin Pelshaw, Phil Ramirez, Gerald Schiffert, Donn Schulte, Richard Thomas, Rev VanTiem & Joe Weisenberger

Knight of the Month for December:

This month I have the honor of declaring **Stanley Wiktor** as our Knight of the month. Stanley is our council's oldest member as well as one of the charter members and the one with the most years of service as a Knight in our council. Stanley may not be as active as he once was to the Brotherhood but his years of service and dedication to the order is what makes me nominate him as our Knight of the Month. Thank you Stanley for your dedication to the Council and we pray for your health.



The Urgency of Buying Long Term Care

There are very few people who do not have a “long term care experience” somewhere in their family – a loved one in a nursing home facility, or a family member being cared for at home because of advancing age, a disability or both. If you have heard or undergone this situation, you know firsthand the catastrophic effects these events can have on a family, crossing all generations.

What you may not know about is the urgency of taking action. The ability to buy long-term care insurance is based on your health. Putting the decision off, “waiting until next year” or otherwise dragging your feet can be problematic. You never know when your health could change or make you ineligible for coverage. In addition, the required premium commitment increases every year with your age.

When you make the decision to talk about LTC, come right to the Knights of Columbus. In addition to providing life insurance and guaranteed retirement products to our members and their families, we also have a very competitive long-term care product available through our agents. Since entering this market in 2000, nearly 30,000 LTC policies have been sold to K of C members and their wives. While some companies in this line of business have had difficulty (or stopped selling the product altogether), our product continues to perform well with no premium increases on existing policies.

I can help you select the plan that’s right for you and meets your budget. I can show you several different options – facility only coverage, home care, a combination of both. I urge you to not delay.

Call me today to set up a time to meet. You’ll only regret that you didn’t call sooner.

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