



Knightly News



The Official Fr. John Howard Council 8500 Newsletter

Message from the Grand Knight

Vivat Jesus,

We've been off to a good start this year so far for new candidates and getting towards our goal of Star Council. We have one new member ready to go through Exemplification and another one looking to transfer in – Yes, a few prospects on the line. We need to kick this through the goal post and win the game. (It is Super Bowl time!) I need everyone to help to make it happen. Please ask your friends neighbors and members of our parish to join **our** Knights of Columbus. Have them contact our hardworking Membership Director Dennis Fodell at email dsfodellfam@comcast.net or 248-807-6929. Call now!

We have another pancake breakfast February the 19th so please sign up when I put the sheet out. We always need volunteers and your service is greatly appreciated.

I'm putting in a plug for the Men's club, which almost all of us Knights are a part of, so it goes hand and hand. Give Brandon Luther a call, pick up tickets, sell them and show up on February 12th at the Social Hall for our Wild Game party. If you haven't gone to it before, you are missing out. All proceeds go to the scholarship program.

As a reminder, its cold out, people are shut in and we don't see our friends and family much so give them a call. Do a welfare check on our elderly neighbors make sure they our okay or see if they need anything. The month after Christmas is depressing for a number of people, especially our widows and widowers, so call to talk with them and let them know they are not forgotten. We are all in this life together. We either win together... or lose together. Have a great month with no newsletter going out next month, so enjoy this one.

Sincerely,

Kevin Webb

Grand Knight



2022 in Review by Bill Dillon

As I put the February newsletter together, I looked in the rear-view mirror to reflect on 2022. It was a year that we emerged from the oppressions of COVID and the doldrums we experienced over the past few years. Here are some of the highlights...

We held twelve (12) Officers' Meetings to handle the business of and provide leadership to the Council. The dedication of officers and committee chairs are the backbone of the organization. Both 6-month audits were performed, and the positive results sent to State. And we were awarded the Columbian Award by our District Deputy James Kelly! Way to go!

We held twelve (12) general membership meetings providing Council information, garner feedback, recognize those that go above and beyond as well as dinner. And who can forget that city chicken, mashed potatoes and sauerkraut from Czapski's Kitchen Café and Catering!

We held an ice fishing event that provided another dimension to the Men's Club Wild Game Dinner, which we all supported and enjoyed. The Council also supported the Celtic Fest which returned and was a great success, even if you didn't wear a kilt. Three (3) Millionaire Poker events were held throughout the year.

The Council provided Corporate Communion once a quarter complete with a Rosary before each Mass. This complemented the Exemplifications we held here, at St. Mary's in Milford and St. Pat's in White Lake. And let's not forget all the 4th Degree and Fenton Assembly meetings. The Fourth Degree Knights held wood cutting throughout the year funding their very philanthropic endeavors.

Both the Fourth Degree and Council 8500 each provided a \$1,000 scholarship to worthy Holy Spirit college and technical students. Council 8500 continued their support of seminarians, honoring Jerry Przekora who is a member of our Council.

With the arrival of Spring, the Council in conjunction with the Men's Club did a great job on the annual church grounds' clean-up before holding the Easter Egg hunt. The Knights supported the Men's Club in the Annual Church Picnic in the summer as well as enjoying outdoor Masses. Council 8500 sponsored a hole in the Fr. Leo Golf outing as well as many of our members participating.

For a week in April, we had the St. Joseph Icon on display at the Church of the Holy Spirit. We also held three (3) Pancake Breakfasts which not only was a fundraiser, but also an opportunity for the parish to come together socially as well as at Mass. And we celebrated the return of the Daddy-Daughter Dance which was well received and attended. Many thanks to the Women's Club for all their support for this and other Knights' events. Let's not forget the return of the Fall Fest, which was a great success, well attended and a good fundraiser (Thank you team of Nunnold & Burke).

Knights' Bikes has continued their mission supplying bikes throughout the year. In November, there was a Knights' Bikes' Appreciation Dinner held at Bakers in Milford. The Fourth Degree held their summer picnic in July. In December, the Fourth Degree then held their Christmas Party at Holy Spirit with a delicious menu, music and awards. (Fourth Degree also donated a cord of split firewood to Deacon Mike.)

Highland Haven is designed to provide housing for self-reliant, low-income residents under the HUD Section 8 program. Many of these residents are alone, and in 2022 the Men's Club and Council 8550 resumed the Spaghetti dinners, BBQ and breakfasts on site. They are most appreciative of the delicious food, but oh so much more thankful for our time to sit down and talk with them.

The MI Drive was held in the Spring and Fall in 2022 as well as the Highland and White Lake HAZ MAT events. Over \$12,000 was collected that allowed us to return over \$9,700 to Special Education programs mainly in Milford and Holly. What a worthwhile activity that provides so much well-needed support of our community.

And finally, let's remember the Cigars and Whiskey kick-off to the new 2022~23 Council year. It was a fine spring day which held hope for the coming summer as well as out Council.

We thank all of you that supported our Council. We thank the officers that donate their time and talents throughout the year and their leadership. We thank all the event chairmen whether it be MI Drive, Fall Wine Fest, ramp builds and more. We thank all the members who attend general membership meetings for the purpose of doing the Council's business and our time together. We thank all those who pray for Good of the Order. Yes, we thank all of you!

We are thankful for our members...

Stress

A lecturer, when explaining stress management to an audience, raised a glass of water and asked, "How heavy is this glass of water?"

Answers called out ranged from 20 g to 500 g.

The lecturer replied, "The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long you try to hold it. If I hold it for a minute, that's not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my right arm. If I hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance. In each case, it's the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes."

He continued, "And that's the way it is with stress management. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won't be able to carry on."

"As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we're refreshed, we can carry on with the burden. So, before you return home tonight, put the burden of work down. Don't carry it home. You can pick it up tomorrow. Whatever burdens you're carrying now, let them down for a moment if you can."

So, my friend, put down anything that may be a burden to you right now. Don't pick it up again until after you've rested a while. Here are some great ways of dealing with the burdens of life:

- Accept that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue.
- Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.
- Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.
- Drive carefully. It's not only cars that can be recalled by their maker.
- If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.
- If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.
- It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply being kind to others.
- Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.
- Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.
- Since it's the early worm that gets eaten by the bird, sleep late.
- The second mouse gets the cheese.
- When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
- Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.
- You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.
- Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once.
- We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names, and all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same box.
- A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

Have an awesome day and know that someone has thought about you today...I did.

Joint the Men's Club Wild Game Dinner – Supports Parishioner College Scholarships

Church of the Holy Spirit Men's Club's

ANNUAL SUPER BOWL WILDGAME DINNER & SPORTSMEN'S RAFFLE



SUNDAY February 12th, 2023

JOIN US FOR THE BIG GAME ON 2 BIG SCREENS!!

Doors Open @ 4:30 PM - ALL ARE WELCOME

All Food, Pop & Beer included w/ Entry

ADULTS: \$10 at the Door – 17 and Under: Free

Please bring 1 non-perishable food item/person to be donated to Christian Service Food Pantry.

Location: Church of the Holy Spirit Social Hall

3700 Harvey Lake Rd. Highland, MI 48356

***PLUS* 2022 HSMC Sportsman's Raffle Drawing**

Raffle Tickets available for purchase now through the drawing on 02/12/2023

Additional Raffle Items will be drawn for during the event for attendees.

-----SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR PRIZE LIST-----

Need not be present to win Sportsmen's Raffle Prizes

Contact Chris Porter (248) 891-6064 or Brandan Luther (cell: (248) 496-0985 call or text) w/ any questions on the raffle, the event, or to donate wild game. Donations must be received at least 1 week prior to the event.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT MEN'S CLUB ANNUAL SPORTSMEN'S RAFFLE 2022 PRIZE LIST



GRAND PRIZE: Benelli Super Black Eagle
3" Mag 12-Gauge Semi-Auto Shotgun

Benelli



2nd PRIZE: Savage 110 Apex
Bolt Action Rifle w/ Scope in
450 Bushmaster



3rd PRIZE: Yeti
Cooler Package



4th PRIZE: Samsung 65" Class 7
Series LED 4K UHD Smart Tizen TV



6th PRIZE: Henry H001 .22 Lever Action Rifle

5th PRIZE: Stoeger .410
Double-Barrel Coach Gun

7th PRIZE: Stihl Wood Boss
Chainsaw w/ 18" Bar



9th PRIZE: Gamo Swarm Maxim 10X .177 Cal 1300 FPS Pellet Rifle



8th PRIZE: Otter Vortex Pro Cabin Thermal
"Hub" Style Pop-Up Insulated Ice Shanty



10th PRIZE: Vortex
Diamondback 10X42
Binoculars

TICKETS: \$10/Each *OR* Book of 5/\$40 *OR* 3 Books of 5/\$100

WITH QUESTIONS OR FOR TICKETS CONTACT Chris Porter (248) 891-6064 or Brandon Luther (248) 496-0985
Drawing at 7:30 PM on Sunday, February 12th 2023 – Church of the Holy Spirit – 3700 East Harvey Lake Rd. Highland, MI 48356



Award Presentations



Presentation of Columbian Award



Knight of the Quarter (3rd) Tony Young



Knights of the Quarter (4th) Bob Szymanski



Knight of the Month (December) Gerald Burke



Knights of the Year – Chris Porter



Knight of the Month (January) – William Dillon

Good of the Order

Please remember these in your prayers this month. There is Power in Prayer. Contact Dean Aubry to add to the list.

- Allen, Mike
- Johnson, Wayne
- Arvani, Chris
- Jones, Bob & Diane
- Aubry, Dean & Jeannine
- Lintol, Jim & Collette
- Badgero, Mark
- Lipscomb, John & Janet
- Brang, Kelly
- Litzelman, Carol & John
- Buechel, Debra
- Lucas, Dennis & Joyce
- Buechel, Butch
- Luther, Maurie & Mary
- Buffington, Barry
- Marshall, Michelle
- Burke, Gerry & Jo
- Martin, Rick
- Burni, Angela
- Mecklenburg, Dawn
- Byrnes, Jim & Diane
- Meyer, Edward
- Cardona, Trina
- Miller, Doug
- Caplan, Cathleen
- Mitch, Tom
- Cerini, Livia (Lee?)
- Oltesvig, Vincent
- Cheff, Paul
- Owen, Don & Julie

- Collison, Tom
 - Prezkora, Carol
 - Cylkowski, Pat
 - Rhodes, Aiden & family
 - Dewar, Rita
 - Stradler, Nicki
 - Faulkner, Steve
 - Salvia, Richard
 - Fenwick, Angel
 - Stuck, Jeff & family
 - Gonder, Wayne & Mary
 - Tacy, Joan & Bob
 - Gorski, Ty & Kay
 - Tanner, Rita
 - Green, Scott
 - Tiara, Kevin
 - Walker, Cindy
 - Joan M. Hayes
 - Webb, Gary
 - Huddas, Barbara
 - Webb, Kevin, Laurie & family
 - Huddas, Victor
 - Irish, Dave
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- Holy Spirit Parish & Archdiocese
 - The State of Michigan
 - The United States of America
 - The Ukrainian people

Our Faithfully Departed:

- Mother of Barb Huddas
- Scott Hoensheid
- Laura Collier
- The Unborn & aborted babies
- All the Faithfully Departed

Knights' Bikes

Gary Childs, Knights of Columbus member and bike mechanic, with Amy Jarvis receiving her new bike with added accessories.



Notes

- Your Treasurer will be in Florida February 3 thru March 13.
- There will be no March newsletter with your editor in Florida this year.
- Your Financial Secretary will be in India February 10 thru February 21.
- Support the Men's Club Wild Game dinner to raise money for Holy Spirit college scholarships.

Mark your calendars for the following events:

January 31 - District Deputies' meeting

~~February 05~~ - Highland Haven breakfast -
TO BE RESCHEDULED

February 07 - Officers' Meeting

February 14 - Members meeting

February 15 - 6-month audit due - Trustees

February 19 - Pancake Breakfast

February 23~26 - Millionaire Poker event

March 07 - Officers' Meeting

March 14 - Members meeting

March 23~26 - Millionaire Poker event

Awards

Knight of the Month:

❖ William Dillon (January)

February Birthdays

February 04	Michael Cylkowski
February 04	Gary Stanton
February 07	Ryan Mc Donald
February 07	Gary Webb
February 10	Derek Skurski
February 11	Daniel Henn
February 14	Timothy Feeley
February 21	Kenneth Huddas
February 21	Ian Luther
February 23	Edward Nelson
February 23	Jack Shubitowski
February 26	Robert D Ambrosi
February 27	Michael York



"YOU HAVE THE BODY OF A 22 YEAR OLD MAN, PROVIDING YOUR BIRTHDAY IS FEBRUARY 29 TH."

March Birthdays



March 03	Chad Giles
March 06	Thomas Oltesvig
March 10	Thomas Keenan
March 11	Ronald Nesheim
March 13	Kevin Webb
March 15	James Lintol
March 19	Todd Kobylski
March 25	Daniel Moening
March 26	Douglas Bubnes

Correspondence



my fellow knights,

Hope all enjoyed a
wonderful Christmas!

I thank you all for the very
generous Christmas gift of firewood.

I love you guys for all you do!

Dee-ee Mike
Somersell

Dec. 27th

Correspondence

thank
you

Kevin,

Please extend to your Brother Knights
my thanks & gratitude for the gift given
to me personally as well as the gift given
to our parish. Both are
much appreciated.

Fr. Wyn

Correspondence



Justice...heals

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December 26, 2022

Knights of Columbus
Father John Howard Council No. 8500
ATTN: William F. Dillon, Jr.
3700 Harvey Lake Rd.
Highland, MI 48356

Thank you for your donation of \$500.00, check No. 22825 dated November 10, 2022 to Jail and Outreach Ministry, (JOM).

Contributions made to JOM are tax-deductible. JOM is the support organization for the Oakland County Jail Chaplaincy Office and the Outreach office in Pontiac. JOM is a 501 (c)(3) organization.

The Federal Tax ID Number of JOM is 27-2962327. No goods or services were offered in exchange for your generous gift.

Thank you for your support of individuals in the Oakland County area.

Warm regards,

Margaret (Peggy) Devaney
President

General Notices

- I. Corrections from last Newsletter
 - A. Chris Porter is Knight of the Year, not Knight of the Month
- II. We need articles and input for the monthly newsletter. Please let the editor know what activities, with pictures, or family events are taking place within the Council. This is your Council; share your stories with your brother Knight...
- III. Many thanks to the following people for assisting with this month's version...
 - A. Kevin Webb
 - B. William Dillon
 - C. Dean Aubry
 - D. Gary Cornellier
- IV. Future Topics
 - A. Suggestions from the Council would be appreciated.

Article submissions and corrections should be sent to wildbill3611@gmail.com

General Notes

- Officers' Meeting – First Tuesday of every month (unless otherwise notified)
- General Membership Meeting – Second Tuesday of every month (unless otherwise notified)
- General Membership Meeting Meal served at 7:00 pm before the meeting at 7:30 PM.