



April 2015 **KNIGHT MOVES** INFORMATION

Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart of Jesus Council #13641

156 Valley Ave. SW Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Council meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month in the academy, room # 101.

Next Meeting Monday, May 11, 2015 – 7:00 PM

Important Dates for Knights:

May 2 – 10	Thank You Mom Drive	June 8th	General Meeting
May 11 th	General Meeting	July 13th	General Meeting
May 16 th	Flags for Veterans	August 10 th	General Meeting
May 20 – 22	State Convention		

Please try to plug into as many of these events as possible.

Please don't forget to bring your diaper and formula donations for the Thank You Mom campaign by May 11th

Thank You Mom For Life – is a state wide pro-life initiative to thank moms for choosing life. To show our appreciation and support moms in need in our community who chose life. The Knights will be collecting diapers, formula, and other baby supplies the weekends of May 3rd and May 10th (Mother's Day). All the items we collect will be delivered to HELP Pregnancy Crisis Aid. The Sacred Heart council will be working with the Sacred Heart Academy. Knights and Academy students will be collecting donations and passing out custom postcards before weekend Masses. The postcards give those who donate a quick easy way to thank their moms for choosing life. **Please don't forget to bring your donation in by our May 11th general meeting.**

Memorial Day Flags for Veterans – has become a yearly event for the Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus. This year on Saturday, May 16th at 9:00am we will meet the Catholic War Veterans and volunteers from other groups at Holy Cross Cemetery to help honor the veterans who are no longer with us. After a prayer service the Knights and other volunteers will fan out across Holy Cross cemetery and place a small flag on every veteran's grave. After completing their mission at Holy Cross cemetery, the volunteers visit other west side cemeteries. This event is great for Knights who have young kids. Many of the volunteers bring their children to help them understand what the veterans did to keep our country free.

Sacred Heart Knights Win Another State Award - The Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus are proud to announce that we have won another award for having the highest membership increase in the state from January 1st to March 31st. You may remember that we won the same award for the period of September 1st through December 31st. Both awards come with a \$100 payment to our chaplain, Father Sirico, to use on the charity of his choice. Thank you to all our new Knights who helped make this happen.

Sacred Heart Westfestgr – took place the last weekend of April. This was Sacred Heart's 24th annual spring carnival, but there were several new twists this year. The entire carnival was rebranded as Westfestgr. The Knights food tent set records for earnings which will be used toward charity projects. Final totals will be available soon, but it appears we earned more money than all our breakfasts combined. We sold almost 400 burgers and 300 hotdogs. All the men who helped out at the Knight's food tent did a great job. **Thank you to the more than 25 Knights who helped make the food tent and all of Westfestgr a great success.**

Donation for Morgan Anding – was voted on by our council at the last meeting. The council viewed a video about a one year commitment that Morgan, a parish member and teacher at the academy, was taking up later this year. Morgan is volunteering to work for NET ministries to help bring retreats and the faith to young men and women in areas of the country where there are not good Catholic schools available. Our council is proud to have funds available to donate \$250 to Morgan's cause. The website to donate to the NET fund to help Morgan is netusa.org/donate. If you would like to know more about this ministry let me know.

New Council Web Site – should be available soon. You may have noticed that our old site is no longer available. The old site was a free site supported by Catholicweb.com. They have recently left the business of providing free web sites for parishes and other religious organizations. We were lucky enough to benefit from having a free Catholicweb web site for over six years. Sacred Heart parish recently had to upgrade because they were using a Catholicweb sponsored site. We are currently looking into using a portion of the new parish web site to house Knight's information. Watch for updates on this in the near future.

Membership Update – in April we were proud to have five men from Sacred Heart complete their 2nd and 3rd degree with Bishop Walkowiak at Holy Family in Caledonia. The Knights from our council joined 15 other men on Saturday, April 18th. Our new third degree Knights include;

- Father Peter
- Regan Lamothe
- Daniel Page
- Phil VanHaitsma
- Anthony VanderHyde

We also were happy to welcome Rich Budd who transferred from a council on the east side of the state. There is a fourth degree exemplification at Holy Redeemer on May 16th. To participate you must have all your paperwork complete by May 9th.

The following picture is the entire 2nd and 3rd degree class including five men from Sacred Heart and bishop Walkowiak.



M.I. Tootsie Roll Drive - was held on March 27, 28 and 29. The Knights voted at our last meeting to support two charities with the funds we collected. Our funds will go to Kent Special Riding (<http://www.kentspecialridingprogram.org/>) and the Saint Louis Center (<http://www.stlouiscenter.org/>). The Sacred Heart Knights braved the freezing cold weather to collect over \$1500 for our mentally impaired brothers and sisters. Our council thanks Family Fare and Rylees Ace Hardware for allowing our council to collect funds in front of their businesses. The next time you shop at one of those businesses, please thank them for supporting our council and the mentally impaired. Our co-chairmen Joe Gerke and Mike Preston did a great job organizing and getting all the supplies where they were needed.

Annual Fraternal Activity Form – for our council was recently filed. Our council donated over \$7500 to charity causes during the 2014 year. **Congratulations on a great year supporting charitable causes in our church and community.**

Membership Dues for 2015 – are being collected by our Financial Secretary John Thayer. It is important that you get your dues paid so that we can meet our council's commitment to Supreme. A large portion of the dues our council collects doesn't stay with our council, but is sent on and mingled with dues from other councils. These dues allow Supreme to contribute large amounts to very worthy causes. The ultrasound match program is one of these causes. We recently saw the fruits of this program as the Grand Rapids area councils, with matching funds from Supreme, were able to provide a state of the art ultrasound to Help Pregnancy Crisis Aid on Bridge Street. The Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief fund has donated \$2.2 million to help displaced Iraqi and Syrian Christians and other religious minorities who continue to face violent persecution and the very real prospect of extinction. The Knights have pledged \$1.4 million to help US and Canadian athletes participating in the 2015 Special Olympics World Games in L.A.

March 25th – is only nine short months before Christmas. For this reason, this date has been identified as the Day of Prayer for the Unborn Child. Our council purchased hundreds of prayer cards with a 1995 prayer from Pope John Paul II for unborn children. Knights passed out the cards on March 25th at the morning Mass. There are cards available in our Saint Joseph's CD rack in the back of church. We urge all Knights and parishioners to take a prayer card and pray with us for the next nine months. Pray that all children are given the chance to be born. If you know others who might like the prayer cards, please take extras to give to them.

Upcoming Knights Events – Thank You Mom For Life May 2 - 11.

The council web site will be moved in the near future. . Our council email is available at sacredheartqr@gmail.com

PLEASE JOIN US AT THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING – MONDAY, My 11 - 7:00 PM

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