



February 2014 **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 school, room # 101.

Next Meeting Monday, March 9, 2014 – 7:00 PM

Important Dates for Knights:

March 9 th	General Meeting	April 13 th	General Meeting
March 14 & 15	Membership Blitz	April 24-26	Carnival Food Tent
March 22	1 st Degree	May 11 th	General Meeting
March 27-29	MI Tootsie Roll Drive	May 2 – 10	Thank You Mom Drive
March 28	2nd & 3rd Degree	May 20 – 22	State Convention

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

Thank you to all the men and their wives (please pass along for me) for all your hard work on the Clergy Appreciation Vocations Dinner.

Thanks to all those who volunteered pans of lasagna and desserts, we were able to keep our costs very low. We collected a net profit of just over \$450 for our seminarian. We will find a way to make up the difference so that we can send a check for \$500 to Michael M Steffes Jr who is in first year theology at Muldelein Seminary. When we have our new web site up and functioning, I will post the short video that Michael Steffes sent for those who weren't able to be present on Saturday. Additional information about Michael is available at - http://www.grpriests.org/Priests/Pages/Steffes_Michael.aspx. Michael requested that we keep him in our prayers as he continues his journey toward the priesthood. If you count all the ticket sales, setup, pans of lasagna, desserts, kitchen help, serving help and clean up, over 30 of our Knights participated in this event. It was a great team effort for a very worthy cause.

Membership Drive Weekend - will be held on March 14th and 15th. Our goal is to find a couple more men who will join our council and complete their 1st degree on March 22. To keep this simple, we will be trying something that I saw while I was in Phoenix this past December. The Knights stood out in front of their church pouring coffee, hot chocolate and handing out membership literature as parishioners left Mass. This will allow us to provide coffee and information without making parishioners come down to the church basement. If you would be able to help pour coffee and greet our fellow parishioners on March 14th and 15th, please let me know so we can line up a good team. We are hoping that it warms up a little before that weekend.

Membership Update - On March 22nd we will have at least two candidates from our council complete their 1st degree. Please let me know if you know any other men who might be interested in joining our council. There will be a 2nd and 3rd degree in Muskegon on March 28th. If you would like us to reserve a place for you at the March 28, please let me know.

M.I. Tootsie Roll Drive will be held on March 27, 28 and 29. The Sacred Heart Knights work at Family Fare, Rylees Ace Hardware and Sacred Heart parish to pass out tootsie rolls and collect change. All change collected goes to benefit local groups which support mentally impaired individuals. Co-chairmen Joe Gerke and Mike Preston are looking for volunteers to fill short shifts. If you haven't already signed up for at least one shot two hour shift, please do so soon. We need to know if we have enough men to spread out and man another location.

Sacred Heart Spring Carnival – is scheduled for the last weekend in April. This will be Sacred Heart's 24th annual spring carnival. The Knights will once again have our food tent. The Knights grill fresh burgers and hot dogs for carnival guests. We also sell pop and ice cold water. This is one of our council's biggest fund raisers of the year. The funds we earn from our carnival food booth fund many of our charitable projects during the rest of the year. We look forward to a great team effort to support the parish carnival and fund raiser.

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, the Knights will be collecting diapers, formula, and other baby supplies. On the weekends of May 3rd and May 10th (Mother's day) we will be collecting baby supplies. All the items we collect will be delivered to HELP Pregnancy Crisis Aid to benefit moms and their babies in our community. We are hoping to partner with other council in our district. We are considering creating postcards which would be given to those who contribute. The postcards would include the Knights logo and the initiative "Thank You Mom For Life". The cards can be sent by the contributor to their mom with a short message. We are hoping to partner with the Sacred Heart Academy and other councils in our district.

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.**

District #91 Meeting – occurred on February 19th. Our new District Deputy Robert Grove, who many of you met at our last general meeting, didn't waste any time getting our first district meeting organized. Our district current include the following councils; 4362 – Bishop Haas Clyde Park Hall, 13760 – Holy Name Pope John Paul II, 14642 – Saint Sebastian and 13641 – Sacred Heart. The district meeting focused on how the district can help the councils. We also discussed how one council within the district can help other councils. Our Clergy Appreciation dinner to benefit RSVP was discussed as an option that other councils may want to consider duplicating to easily fund diocese seminarians. The Thank You Mom For Life program was discussed. All the councils in the district may be working together to benefit HELP Pregnancy Crisis Aid. Stay tuned for additional district information.

Sacred Heart Knights Win State Award - The Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus are proud to announce that we have won an award for having the highest membership increase in the state from September 1st through December 31st. This award comes 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. The Sacred Heart council helped lead the Grand Rapids diocese to win a similar award which comes with a \$500 payment to Bishop Walkowiak. If you know of any Catholic man who would like to join a prize winning group focused on pro-life and charitable events to help our parish, academy and community, please invite them to fill out a Form 100 or contact Mike Menardie at 458-2353 for more information.

KEPHA - Building a Legacy - men's conference is quickly approaching. Reservations are due by February 27th, but there still be space available. The conference will be held at West Catholic on March 14th. Speakers include San Diego quarterback Phillip Rivers and Bishop Walkowiak. For more details, check out <http://www.buildingalegacy.org/>.

Free Throw Championship Update – on February 21st the Grand Rapids diocese Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship contest was held at Assumption parish in Belmont. Two Sacred Heart winners participated in the diocese competition.

Academy Bus Trip – to Chicago on May 16th. Please let your wives know that this trip will have stops at museums, aquarium, Navy Pier and the Loop. All profits support Academy. Call the academy office at 459-0948 for more details.



Michael Steffes Jr



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Upcoming Knights Events – M I Tootsie Roll Drive - March 27-29, Spring Carnival Food Tent – April 24-26, Thank You Mom For Life May 2 - 11.

The council web site will be moved in the near future. It currently resides at <http://kofc13641.catholicweb.com> -If you check your email more than once a week and would rather receive this newsletter via email send us a note with newsletter in the subject line to either sacredheartgr@gmail.com

PLEASE JOIN US AT THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING – MONDAY, MARCH 9 - 7:00 PM

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