



# March 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 academy, room # 101.**

**Next Meeting Monday, April 13, 2014 – 7:00 PM**

## **Important Dates for Knights:**

April 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>General Meeting</b>	May 20 – 22	State Convention
April 24-26	WestfestGR - Carnival Food Tent	June 8th	<b>General Meeting</b>
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>General Meeting</b>	July 13th	<b>General Meeting</b>
May 2 – 10	Thank You Mom Drive		

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

**Sacred Heart Westfestgr** – is scheduled for the last weekend in April. This will be Sacred Heart’s 24<sup>th</sup> annual spring carnival, but there are several new twists this year. The entire carnival has been rebranded as Westfestgr. The Knights will once again have our food tent on the park grounds. This is a significant fund raiser for our council and will require a significant team effort. The food tent typically earns as much money for charities in one weekend as we do in three breakfasts. Since we try to take much of the summer off, we need to be sure we have funds available for charitable causes during the summer. The Knights grill fresh burgers and hot dogs for carnival guests. We also sell pop and ice cold water. We will need our Knights to work at least one two hour shift at our food tent. Please save time that weekend to help earn money for charity. We look forward to a great team effort to support the parish carnival and fund raiser.

**M.I. Tootsie Roll Drive** - was held on March 27, 28 and 29. 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. Thank you to all the Knights who braved the weather to help those than can’t help themselves.

**March 25<sup>th</sup>** – 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 the weekends of May 3<sup>rd</sup> and May 10<sup>th</sup> (Mother’s day). 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 partnering with the Sacred Heart Academy and hope to collaborate with councils in our district.

**Clergy Appreciation Dinner** – wrap up. At our March meeting the council voted to add just over \$100 from our account to the over \$450 in profit we earned at the January dinner. A \$600 check was sent to our council’s seminarian Michael Steffes. We have already received a thank you from Michael which we will share with the council at our April meeting. Michael would love to receive notes of encouragement. His address is available below. Thank you for all your work on this event to support our next generation of priests.

**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.

**Membership Update** – Our recent March membership drive yielded eight new members. We have four new Knights and four transfers. The following men completed their first degree on March 22<sup>nd</sup>;

- Father Peter
- Sean Maltbie
- John Schaut
- Michael VanderHyde

Our four transfers are;

- Conor Dugan
- Doug Fergen
- Monte Demick
- Zach Wendt

We are happy and honored to have these men as part of our growing council. Please then them for joining when you see them.

**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 council is also in the running for the January 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31 prize. We will keep you informed on how we do for that quarter.

**Academy Bus Trip** – to Chicago on May 16<sup>th</sup>. 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.



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**Upcoming Knights Events** – Westfestgr 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 [sacredheartqr@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartqr@gmail.com)

**PLEASE JOIN US AT THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING – MONDAY, APRIL 13 - 7:00 PM**

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