



# May 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, June 8, 2015 – 7:00 PM**

### **Important Dates for Knights:**

June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Corpus Christi Procession	August 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>General Meeting</b>
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>General Meeting</b>	September 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>General Meeting</b>
July 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>General Meeting</b>		

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

**Officer Elections** – will take place at our meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup>. The following are the men nominated to lead our council for the 2015/2016 fraternal year. **Please plan to join us at the for the June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting to vote for the officers who will lead our council from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016.** Anyone who has completed their major degree can run for an elected officer position. If anyone else would like to run for any of these officer positions, please let the Grand Knight know prior to our meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Officer Position</b>
Mike Menardie	Grand Knight
Regan Lamothe	Deputy Grand Knight
Albert Dunst	Chancellor
Patrick McGarry	Advocate
James Vance	Warden
Jack Wysocki	Inside Guard
Philip VanHaitsma	Outside Guard
Bob Gilewski	Lecturer
Paul Uzarski	Recorder
Paul Hermann	Treasurer
Joe Gerke	Trustee - 1st Year
Tom Nachtegall	Trustee - 2nd Year
Daniel VanderHyde	Trustee - 3rd Year
<b>Identified Nominee</b>	<b>Appointed Position</b>
John Thayer	Financial Secretary
Father Robert Sirico	Chaplain

**Sacred Heart Corpus Christi Procession** – is scheduled for June 7<sup>th</sup>. This year Sacred Heart will take a much more local focus. We will not be processing from parish to parish, but we will be processing around the area of our parish. We will be taking a route which brings us past many of our home-bound parishioner's homes. The Knights are working with the Academy to plan and execute this procession. We invite you all to join us after the Latin Mass (around 2:00pm) at Sacred Heart. If you are available to help act as a crossing guard, setup altars at parishioner's homes, ride in a support vehicle providing help and refreshment or carry the canopy for a portion of the 3 mile procession, please contact Mike Menardie at 458-2353. We are still looking for a few additional volunteers to make this a safe procession for everyone.



**Thank You Mom For Life** - the Sacred Heart *Thank You Mom For Life* campaign completed on May 19th. Our council worked with Sacred Heart Academy to collect over 2600 diapers, formula, blankets and a pack-n-play. The Academy students and Knights will deliver these supplies to Help Pregnancy Crisis Aid on June 2nd. The Knights and Academy are proud to be helping struggling moms who chose life.

**Michigan Knights State Convention** – took place on Mackinac Island on Memorial Day weekend. The Sacred Heart council was recognized as one of only two councils in the state to achieve Triple Star for the 2014/2015 fraternal year. In addition to presentation of awards, there were many important discussions and presentations related to programs and initiatives. We will summarize more of these in future general meetings, but here are just a few highlights;

- Announced additional support for US and Canadian athletes at the LA Special Olympics World Games
- Provide support for the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia in 2015 - <http://www.worldmeeting2015.org/>
- Provide significant support to the Krakow World Youth Day in Krakow Poland during 2016
- Announced that over \$830,000 was collected this spring in Michigan to support the Mental Impaired
  - Councils should consider participating in both spring and fall campaigns
- Michigan was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the nation for collecting and distributing RSVP funds behind only Texas and Illinois
- Highlight and provide additional focus on youth programs as they are our future
- Help Knights do more evangelization with a focus on reaching fallen away Catholics
  - Knights can evangelize where priests and other ministers cannot
- Do not waiver from traditional definition of marriage and focus on programs which support marriage and families
- Support and pray for our servicemen at home and abroad
- Work to keep Knights active with programs which speak to men and benefit our parishes and community
- Work with and support our parish priests fully to be sure that our programs meet the needs of our parish
- Provide the option of every parish having a Knight's council
- Work with men of our order to understand and make an informed decision on taking advantage of Knight's insurance programs and other financial options
- Publicize the programs and actions of the Knights to give men a reason to want to join our order

Additional items were discussed and will be explained in future meetings. We will be working to determine if we can display videos and presentations from the convention at our future council meetings.

**Sacred Heart Westfest** – took place the last weekend of April. This was Sacred Heart's 24<sup>th</sup> annual spring carnival, but there were several new twists this year. The entire carnival was rebranded as Westfest. The Knight's food tent had record 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 Westfest a great success.**

**M.I. Tootsie Roll Drive** - was held on March 27, 28 and 29. The Knights voted at our April 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.

**Upcoming Knights Events** – Election of 2015/2016 Officers – June 8th

The council web site will be moved in the near future. . Our council email is available at [sacredheartqr@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartqr@gmail.com)

**PLEASE JOIN US AT THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING – MONDAY, JUNE 8 - 7:00 PM**

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