



# December 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, January 11, 2016 – 7:00 PM**

## **Important Dates for Knights:**

January 5 <sup>th</sup>	Free Throw Competition	February 7 <sup>th</sup>	Pre-Lent Coffee & Rolls
January 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>General Meeting</b>	February 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>General Meeting</b>
January 12 <sup>th</sup>	Chili Cook Off	February 20 <sup>th</sup>	Seminarian Dinner
January 23 & 24	Membership Blitz	February 27 <sup>th</sup>	Haven Breakfast
January 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Haven Breakfast	March 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>General Meeting</b>
January 31 <sup>st</sup>	CSW Breakfast	March 18-20	MI Drive

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

**Council Free Throw Championship** – is scheduled for Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup> after vespers and the parish dinner. Please remind all the families of Sacred Heart that kids age 9 – 14 are invited to join us. Winners receive medals and move on to the district competition. All participants receive certificates.

**Chili Cook Off** – is rescheduled for Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> after vespers in place of the normal Tuesday night parish dinner. The Knights will serve chili made by local businesses and parishioners. Parishioners will be allowed to vote for the winning chili after they make a small donation to help with Knights charitable events in the parish and community. We still need a few more volunteers to put on this dinner. If you can help out on Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, please email Mike Menardie at SacredHeartgr@gmail.com.

**December Meeting** – had a great turnout to sign Christmas cards for the homebound parishioners of Sacred Heart. Thanks to the more than thirty Knights who took time to come and sign more than forty five cards for our home bound parishioners. The cards were also signed by at least two classes from the Sacred Heart Academy before they were mailed. Please keep our homebound parishioners in your prayers especially in this Christmas season.

**Ninth Annual Keeping Christ in Christmas Card Design Contest** – winners were announced at the December 15<sup>th</sup> Advent concert. This year we had more entries in any of the previous eight years! Winners received cards with their design ready for mailing to friends and family. Winning designs are available for viewing at our council website. In addition to recognizing the winners, the Knights used design submissions to create cards for homebound parishioners. These cards were signed by numerous Knights at our December meeting and children from the Sacred Heart Academy. These cards are designed to remind parishioners that they are not forgotten and we are praying for them in this blessed season. Winners from this year's contest are:

- Iliana Argueta
- Cecilia Corgan
- Sophia Corgan
- Lulu Gumbko
- Quentin Kolenda
- Matthew Spaulding
- Rebekah Walsh
- Caitlin Weighner

**Knight's Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest** – council level awards were announced at the Sacred Heart Academy Advent concert. The participants wrote an essay on 'The Importance of Religious Freedom.' The essays were judged by two of our Knights who are also faculty members at the Academy. Zach Good and Tim Walsh scored twenty seven essays from seventh through twelfth grade. Winners received Barnes and Nobles gift cards from the council and will move on to diocese and state competition. Winners of the 2015 council competition are:

- 7th Grade – 1st Emma Den Braber – 2nd A.J. LaPonsie
- 8th Grade – 1st Ben LaPonsie – 2nd Alina Gumbko
- 9th Grade – 1st Grace Richert – 2nd Maggie Mantooth
- 10th Grade – 1st Meghan Koepke – 2nd - Claire Marie Lindgren
- 11th Grade – 1st John Paul Sergeant – 2nd Mary Rose Lindgren
- 12th Grade – 1st - Sophie Divozzo – 2nd Daniel Richert

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**Contest of Champions** – trophy was awarded to our council at our December meeting. Only two of these awards are presented for each fraternal year in each state. Our council received this award for the great growth in membership during the last fraternal year. Keep up the great work asking men from our parish to join our council.

**Altar Boy Recognition** – at our last meeting, the council voted to support the Altar Boy recognition event coming up in January. Altar Boys will be treated to an afternoon at the Three Mile Project in Walker. The Altar Boys will get to be treated to video games, use of athletic courts, craft areas, indoor skate park, foosball and pool tables and more. This recognition event is to thank all of the boys for their service to Sacred Heart parish.

**RSVP Dinner** – is scheduled for February 20<sup>th</sup>. This annual dinner raises funds to support a seminarian from the Grand Rapids diocese. We will be looking for volunteers to make a pan of lasagna and help serve the dinner to our guests from the parish. All funds raised go toward helping a local seminarian with the costs associated with becoming a priest.

**Coffee and Rolls** – for parish members on Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. We are sponsoring one more coffee and rolls get together prior to the start of Lent after all Sunday Masses on February 7<sup>th</sup>. If you can help by baking or providing a homemade treat or preparing and serving coffee and treats during and after one Sunday Mass, please email Mike Menardie at SacredHeartGR@gmail.com.

**Are you tired of hearing “Seasons Greetings?”** - More than ever Americans need to remember the real reason for the Christmas Season. That’s why the Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus in conjunction with other councils in District #73 placed nine poster style billboards at key areas around Grand Rapids to remind the community to “Keep Christ in Christmas.” Sacred Heart Knights have committed to paying for two of those boards. Our two billboards are located on Fulton between Ball Park Floral and Rylee’s Ace Hardware and on the southwest corner of Bridge and Valley. The second sign can be seen as you are traveling west on I-196. Pictures and video of all nine billboards around the city will soon be available on our council website. The Knights have received donations from the Altar Rosary Society and other parishioners to help fund these billboards. You can still make a donations to help the Knights fund these boards. Please make a check out to Sacred Hearts Knights of Columbus memo “Billboards” and place it in the Sunday collection.

**Holy Cross Children’s Service Haven Breakfasts** - Once a month, the Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus prepare a fresh, hot breakfast for the boys housed at the Haven on the northeast side of Grand Rapids. The Sacred Heart council partners with other councils in the area to be sure that the boys have a nutritious breakfast every Saturday and Sunday. Our council is responsible for the fourth Saturday of every month. While a healthy breakfast is important, it is more important to show these boys that there are people who care about them. Many of these boys come from single parent families without strong father figures in their lives. By sharing with these young men we are fulfilling two of our principles, charity and evangelization through community service. Pictures from a recent breakfast and additional details are available at SacredHeartKofC.org. If you would be interested in helping the Knights with breakfasts for the Haven, please contact the Sacred Heart Knights at sacredheartgr@gmail.com.

**Yearly Membership Dues** – for 2016 will be billed soon after the start of the year. We have not raised dues in years, but we need you to help us get them paid early this year. The majority of the dues collected by our council are passed along to the state and supreme level. State and Supreme are putting some of the funds collected toward very good use. Here are just a few of the recent items which our dues supported:

- 500th ultrasound machines purchased for prolife women’s centers across the country (33 in Michigan)
- \$2.2 million in donations for Christian refugees in the middle east
- \$1.6 million from the Vicarius Christi Fund, for Pope's personal charities
- \$1.25 million in donations to the Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit
- Supported US and Canadian mentally impaired athletes at the recent Special Olympics World Summer Games

Please watch for you 2016 dues notice to arrive via email. We are trying to save postage and put that postage money toward charitable causes. If you have any questions on dues, please contact Jon Thayer at thayer.john@comcast.net. If you are having financial difficulties paying your dues please contact John or Mike Menardie. We value your membership and we will work out alternative to keep you active until things improve.

**New Council Web Site** – is available at SacredHeartKofC.org. Please take a look at the site and provide feedback on areas that can be improved to SacredHeartgr@gmail.com.

**Upcoming Knights Events** – Free Throw Championship January 5<sup>th</sup> , Chili Cook Off – January 12<sup>th</sup>, Catholic Schools Week Breakfast – January 31<sup>st</sup>, Coffee and Rolls – February 7<sup>th</sup>, RSVP Seminarian Dinner – February 20<sup>th</sup>, MI Drive - March 19, 20 and 21.

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

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