



Knightly News



The Official Fr. John Howard Council 8500 Newsletter

Message from the Grand Knight

Vivat Jesus,

We are moving into the busy season for the Knights. The next two months determine the outcome of your future and the future of Our Council. It is important that you attend these meetings to determine your future officers and have input and vote on our 2023~24 Council budget.

We will also be having our second fraternal night at 7 PM on May 9th.

I would like to do some thank you shout outs to some great officers that are moving on.

- Dennis Nunnold had been our Previous Financial Secretary and then stepped up to do it again when needed one early last year. He has been a good friend and great Knight helping in many things. I wish him well in his new adventures as he is moving across the state. Thank you, Bob Szymanski, for taking this position starting June 1st. Bob has been a previous Financial Secretary and will be once again.
- I would like to thank Bill Dillon for being our treasure for the past 9 years. He has got our Council on a solid financial base and done well with our expenses, revenues and investments. He, along with Dennis, will be sincerely missed for their expertise, knowledge, guidance and unwavering support.
- We also have a new Membership Director and would like to thank Gary Cornellier for filling that position. Dennis Fodell, thank you for doing it for the last 5 years.

When people move on there are always great people that fill the positions. We have a great list of new candidates for all the officers' positions, and I am looking forward to our upcoming new year with them. You can be an officer, as well as have input to who helps guide the Council.

We had a great Easter egg hunt and a huge turnout. I have never seen 500 eggs disappear so quickly. Next year we are going to have 2000 eggs placed all the way around the church.

We have one new candidate joining our group this Sunday April 30th at 1 PM at Saint Mary's church in Milford. Please join us for the exemplification ceremony and welcome him into our council. We need 4 more candidates to be Star Council. We are so close to getting it. If you know anyone who is interested, ***please*** get in touch with Gary or me and get them to fill out our Form 100.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting.

Sincerely,

Kevin Webb

Grand Knight



Easter Egg Hunt and Grounds Clean-up



At 10:00 AM on Easter Saturday, the annual Knights of Columbus Easter Egg Hunt began at Holy Spirit. Over 500 eggs were discovered and scooped up by Holy Spirit youth. Smiles abounded from the many who participated, hunters as well as Knights who planted the eggs. (We're going to need more eggs next year!)

By 10:15 John Litzelman fired up the tractor and the ground's clean-up began. Ten yards of mulch was spread and the sunken area behind the Community Room was filled with topsoil, seed spread and straw covering the area.

Dead bushes were pulled, and others trimmed. Leaf blowers whined as they blew everything clean. All in All, another fine job by our crack crew shown below. Thank you to all the Knights, Men's Club members and others that made such a big difference in the appearance of the Church of the Holy Spirit!





Let's Focus on Local

I work out at Snap Fitness at the corner of Duck Lake Road and M-59. Next door to the fitness center is **Great Lakes Workwear** run by Mickey and staffed by her daughter Carrie. They carry Carhartt attire as well as hospital scrubs, and many other items. They are a friendly, neighborhood store that caters to their customers and always have time to chat and get to know you. They even sponsored an event for collection of Food for Community Sharing and continued to do so up through their closing.

This month Mickey made the difficult decision to close. There were a number of factors in her decision, from health and family time to the state of business here in Highland. I thought it interesting when she told me how people would come in to see and try on the Carhartt, and then leave to purchase it at Meijer's. When she asked why, they said to get MPerks and that's where they shop. What a sad commentary on our residents.

Her prices were the same as Meijer's, and she had many sales where they were actually cheaper. So why does this happen? I'm sure we all have varied takes on the same question, but the theme is the same as before Christmas – **Buy Local and Support Small Business**. Small Businesses are a big part of our economy, and a pillar that our community is built upon.

So, when you go out to dinner, try our local businesses like Sparkies, Dukes (owned by brother Mike Thrasher), The Lift and Hartland Brewing Company (owned by brother Ryan McDonald), which by the way also support us Knights and Church of the Holy Spirit. The Looney Baker provides all our doughnuts FOR FREE. Bakers sponsored the Knights' Bikes dinner. Battle Alley Brewery in Holly donated a brewery tour and certificates for the Food and Wine Fest (FAWF) as did others. And let's not forget Czapski's Kitchen Cafe & Catering for the wonderful Polish food of city chicken, sauerkraut and mashed potatoes. I'm sure I'm missing others.

And let's continue to support the members of our local community. Dedicated Knights hit the streets every Spring and Fall for the MI (Mentally Impaired) drive. After Supreme takes their 20% of our funds collected for state charities like St. Louis Center, we still have almost \$8,500 which we divide between Holly and Milford Special Education, which is where we get our donations from.

Yes, there are needs throughout the state, the country and the world. But we live here, and charity begins at home. I am proud of what we do to support our neighbors from ramp builds, to special needs, to food pantries and case workers at Community Sharing and Christian Services to the work we do around our church. We have done so much, and continue to do so. What a fantastic organization the Knights of Columbus is!

Bill Dillon



A Sad Note

We pass along our condolences to brother Knight Wayne Gonder on the passing of his wife of 64 years, Mary. Wayne, besides being a faithful Knight, is also the owner of the Looney Baker. What many parishioners do not know is that Wayne donates all the doughnuts we have for Corporate Communion and other events at church, so all proceeds go to the many charitable works that we do.

Mary is with our Lord and Savior. Many Knights attended the funeral at church, and we send our condolences and prayers. Knights from St. Mary's and St. Pat's also sent condolences. A donation in Mary's name was made to Christian Services as well as a handmade cross handcrafted by James Greene who did the wooden sculpted floor in our altar area. A mass will be said in her name.



Announcements



AMERICAN LEGION POST 390 & MONAGHAN
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 2690
PRESENTS

VETERANS' BENEFITS INFORMATION NIGHT

Open to all DOD Military Veterans & family members
interested in learning more about available benefits.

Guest Speaker – Gary Easterling, Director of Veterans' Services

Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at 6:00 PM
Light refreshments to be provided

Please **RSVP** to Roger Avie at 248-535-0306
19801 Farmington Rd, Livonia, MI 48152

Good of the Order

Please remember these in your prayers this month. There is Power in Prayer. Contact Dean Aubry to add to the list.

- Abraham Tom
- Johnson, Wayne
- Allen, Mike
- Jones, Bob & Diane
- Arvani, Chris
- Lintol, Jim & Collette
- Aubry, Dean & Jeannine
- Lipscomb, John (hip) & Janet
- Badgero, Mark
- Litzelman, Carol & John
- Brang, Kelly
- Lucas, Dennis & Joyce (Joyce needs rides)
- Buechel, Debra
- Luther, Maurie & Mary
- Buechel, Butch (brother)
- Marshall, Michelle (cancer)
- Buffington, Barry
- Martin, Rick
- Buffington, Barry
- McGraw, Stacy (Bruno's daughter)
- Burke, Gerry & Jo (Gerry-rehab)
- Mecklenburg, Dawn (Chemo)
- Burni, Angela
- Meyer, Edward
- Byrnes, Jim & Diane
- Miller, Doug
- Cardona, Trina
- Mitch, Tom
- Caplan, Cathleen
- Cerini, Livia (Lee?)
- Oltesvig, Vincent (TOM) chemo
- Cheff, Paul (Chronic Alcoholism)
- Owen, Don & Julie
- Collison, Tom (4th degree)

- Prezkora, Carol
- Cylkowski, Joan (heart) & family
- Rhodes, Aiden & family (child-2 surgeries-ventilator)
- Dewar, Rita
- Stradler, Nicki
- Faulkner, Steve
- Salvia, Richard
- Fenwick, Angel
- Stuck, Jeff (cancer) & family
- Gonder, Wayne
- Tacy, Joan & Bob
- Gorski, Ty & Kay
- Tanner, Rita
- Green, Scott
- Tiara, Kevin
- Gritten, Merideth (coworker GK)
- Walker, Cindy
- Joan M. Hayes
- Webb, Gary (foot infection)
- Huddas, Barbara
- Webb, Laurie & family
- Huddas, Victor
- Irish, Dave
- Wayne Johnson

- Our Holy Spirit Parish
- The State of Michigan
- The United States of America
- The Ukrainian people

Our Faithfully Departed:

- Mary Gonder
- Scott Hoensheid
- Laura Collier
- Gerald Fowler (ALS)
- The Unborn & aborted babies
- All the Faithfully Departed



Knights' Bikes

Special day @ homework house

Four Knights of Columbus councils and Church of the Holy Spirit Men's Club along with a special guest from Hope not Handcuffs, participated in a very special free bicycle giveaway on Saturday March 11th. Twenty-nine (29) free bicycles were gifted to Mama SHU who founded and runs the Homework house/Avalon Village in Highland Park, Michigan.

This was a very special event for all involved. Mama Shu is committed to continue to grow in her mission to mentor young children. Her love and efforts ripple throughout the neighborhood which she is the solid anchor. Along with the bicycles, donated were a case of brand-new dictionary's package of new socks and 25 new backpacks.

Awards



Mark your calendars for the following events:

- April 29** 4th Degree Exemplification
- May 02** - Officers' Meeting
- May 09** - Members meeting w/ 2023~4 Budget Presentation & Nomination of Officers.
- May 09** 2023~4 Budget proposal to General Membership
- June 06** - Officers' Meeting
- June 13** - Members meeting w/ 2023~4 Budget Approval & Election of Officers
- June 25** Corporate Communion
- June 25** Pancake Breakfast

May Birthdays



May 01	Matthew Luther
May 04	Michael Kawa
May 05	Richard Soltis
May 06	Darald Shrider
May 07	William Adams
May 07	Brian Dunleavy
May 11	Mike Thrasher
May 14	Brandan Luther
May 15	John Ennis
May 15	William Maday
May 18	Gerald Burke
May 18	Michael Somervell
May 19	Douglas Moening
May 20	James Carpenter
May 24	Richard Woodcox
May 25	Joseph Jamieson
May 25	Thomas Mitch
May 26	John Law
May 26	Fredrick Otieno
May 29	Garrett Martindale

June Birthdays

June 03	James Provost
June 04	Rodney Bradsher
June 06	James Pakkala
June 07	Matthew Daratony
June 09	Steven Bubnes
June 12	Samuel Romita
June 15	William Keefe
June 16	Frank Potter
June 16	Joseph Segedy
June 18	Curtis Ducharme
June 19	William Hollowell
June 23	John Strong
June 24	George Cholo
June 24	Joseph Stockert
July 03	William Dillon
July 06	Raymond Billinghamurst
July 06	James Machlay
July 06	Joseph Salvia
July 07	William Wozniak
July 11	Raymond Nowicki
July 15	Richard Hernandez
July 15	Gregory Sievert
July 20	Douglas Ellis
July 21	Ronald Shankin
July 22	Dennis Nunnold
July 23	Gerald Rogalski
July 24	Virgil Matczak
July 26	Dean Aubry

Knights in Action

Gary Cornellier, a member of Father John W. Howard Council 8500 in Highland, Mich., looks on as Malika, a staff member at the Homework House in Highland Park, tries out a new bike donated by the council's Knight's Bikes initiative. Malika will use the bicycle to travel to work at The Homework House, which provides children in the Detroit suburb with a safe place to study. Knight's Bikes has distributed new and refurbished bicycles to children and adults in need since 2014; the program now gives away more than 125 bicycles each year.



Correspondence



Knights of Columbus

Father John Howard, No. 8500
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Highland, MI 48356

March 25, 2023

Community Sharing

David Bell
400 Beach Farm Circle
Highland Charter Twp, MI 48356

Dear Dave,

Council 8500 Knights of Columbus from the Church of the Holy Spirit is happy to continue our support of Community Sharing. Again this Saturday we purchased Simply Give cards from Meijer for their matching donations to your Food Pantry.

We have donated \$1,000 since the beginning of the year and a total of \$1,800 this fiscal year through this program. Each purchase was made on a "Double Match Saturday" which means a total of \$5,400 of food was made available to you.

We salute you for the work you do in the community and Meijer for their generous donations and support of Community Sharing. May you continue the needed services you provide. May we and the community continue to support you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William F. Dillon, Jr." in a cursive style.

William F. Dillon, Jr.
Treasurer

cc: Dennis Nunnold, Financial Secretary
Kevin Webb – Grand Knight



Knights of Columbus

Father John Howard, No. 8500
3700 Harvey Lake Rd.
Highland, MI 48356

April 11, 2023

Looney Baker

2948 E Highland Road
Highland Charter Twp, MI 48356-2810

Dear Wayne,

The Knights of Columbus Council 8500 send their deepest condolences on the passing of your wife Mary. Married for 64 years is truly a feat one does not we much these days. It was nice to see you surrounded by family at the funeral Monday and providing comfort.

The Council would like to present you with a wooden cross, handcrafted by James Greene, that you can hang to remember Mary, the countenance of our Lord and the promise of eternal life. In her honor, we will also have a Mass said in her name and fulfill your wishes with a donation to Christian Services at the Church of the Holy Spirit. It is the least we can do for someone who has supported us and donated so generously.

Thank you for all you do, and again, sincerest condolences.

With great respect,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William F. Dillon, Jr." in a cursive style.

William F. Dillon, Jr.
Treasurer

cc: Kevin Webb – Grand Knight

General Notices

- I. Corrections from last Newsletter
 - A. None that the editor is aware...
- II. We need articles and input for the monthly newsletter. Please let the editor know what activities, with pictures, or family events are taking place within the Council. This is your Council; share your stories with your brother Knight...
- III. Many thanks to the following people for assisting with this month's version...
 - A. Kevin Webb
 - B. William Dillon
 - C. Dean Aubry
 - D. John Litzelman
- IV. Future Topics
 - A. Suggestions from the Council would be appreciated.

Article submissions and corrections should be sent to wildbill3611@gmail.com

General Notes

- Officers' Meeting – First Tuesday of every month (unless otherwise notified)
- General Membership Meeting – Second Tuesday of every month (unless otherwise notified)
- General Membership Meeting Meal served at 7:00 pm before the meeting at 7:30 PM.