

# ***Knights News***

Council 10963, 5671 Whitmore Lake Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 48105

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## **Officer Nominations This Month!**

At our April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting we will be accepting nominations for Council Officers for the coming year. This is a chance for you to take a leadership role in the very best Catholic Men's organization. To give you an idea what the offices are and what they require, I can give you a brief rundown

**Grand Knight;** responsible for the welfare of the council. He presides over council meeting, acts as an ex-officio member of all committees, appoints directors and ensures all necessary reports are submitted to the state and Supreme Council.

**Deputy Grand Knight;** is second in command. He assists the grand knight with council affairs. He will preside over council meetings in the grand knight's absence. He is chairman of the retention committee and the Advisory Board.

**Chancellor;** assists the grand knight and the deputy grand knight and oversees the council in both their absences. He is charged with strengthening the members interests in council activities, and is chairman of the admission committee.

**Recorder;** is responsible for maintaining a true record of all actions of the council and it's correspondence.

**Financial Secretary;** appointed by the supreme knight upon recommendation of the council. His main area of responsibility is maintaining all financial and membership records. He collects and receives all moneys from all sources, including annual dues from council members. There is a specific computer program to help this officer with his work.

**Treasurer;** is responsible for the safekeeping and maintaining records of council funds and accounts. He is responsible for depositing money into the council's accounts and for payment of all expenses.

**Other offices include** Warden who is the "watchdog" for council property, for setting up the council chambers and supervising guards. The Inside and Outside Guards check membership cards and escorting guests. A board of three trustees oversees the work of the financial secretary and treasurer, they must approve all bills and assist in audits.

**In our Council,** none of these offices is a burden. Because our membership is small, even the time commitment and recordkeeping are light, you can attend workshops to make the role easier and get help from any outgoing officers. All in all there really is no reason that any member cannot fill any of these rolls.

Because I will be unable to run for office this year we are especially in need of a grand knight and a financial secretary.

For more info call the Grand Knight, John, at 810-231-2887 or Deputy Grand Knight, Jerry, at 734-741-1844, or our District Deputy, Bob Moore, at 734-972-7672.

## MI DRIVE IS AGAIN A SUCCESS

Looks like our Mentally Impaired Tootsie roll drive will come in a bit over \$2000.00 in contributions this year. That's not as much as last year but with economy suffering you guys did a great job. If you have any personal or corporate contributions to add to this please get them to us by our meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

In other news we have received a \$35.00 rebate from this year's Michigan Charities Raffle. Did you know that our big state raffle is also a fund raiser for the council? The more tickets you sell the more your council earns for charitable works.

The council has donated a number of crosses to the parish. These plain hand made wood crosses are intended to be worn by Liturgical minister so as to honor them for there active part in the Mass. There are enough of these crosses so that even the Ushers can wear them. Father Gerald has thanked me personally for these outward signs of inner devotion.

## ! DATES TO TAKE NOTE OF !

**APRIL 18; Our regular** membership meeting begins at 7:00 pm, bring your officer nominations and remember that it is very proper to offer yourself for nomination, we really need your help. Don't forget that before the meeting, at 6:30 we will be hosting the Rosary in the Church, please join us for this meditation, it calms both the body and the soul so that we can conduct our meeting in a loving and charitable manner.

**MAY 13; Mothers Day.** We will be hosting a breakfast to thank our Parish Moms for all they have done for us. The Breakfast will be free to both the Moms and their families. Jerry Wrubel our Deputy Grand Knight will again be in charge of this event and welcomes your help. He will be making his famous Egg Strata along with extras that are guaranteed to be just as good. In the tradition of Old St. Patrick's, we expect to hand out flowers in support of "Right to Life". At the breakfast we will also be accepting donations for "Right to Life".

**MAY 28; Memorial Day.** The Knights have traditionally arranged the Memorial Day Mass in the cemetery. We could use some help getting chairs and other essentials to the site and then back to where they belong. As an option, just join us for Mass to honor all those who have given their time and even their lives so that we can remain free.

**ANOTHER DAY IN MAY;** Usually the Saturday before Memorial Day we help the Cemetery Committee in it's spring clean-up of the cemetery grounds. This means edging the shrubbery beds and adding new mulch. This becomes a fun event that lasts a couple of hours followed by pizza or Sloppy Joes or something like that. Please bring a shovel, rake, child, spouse, grain scoop or whatever and join in the fun. We'll try to let you know the exact date as we get closer.

Please keep the following members on your prayer list:  
Herb Langer, Tony and Bernie Rygski, and Art and Nancy Godziszewski.

**ON A LIGHTER NOTE**, here are some tool definitions from Ron Peterson a past Parish member and still a good friend.

**DRILL PRESS:** A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, splattering it against that freshly-stained heirloom piece you were drying.

**WIRE WHEEL:** Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned guitar calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say, "Yeouw"

**POWER HAND DRILL:** Normally used for spinning pop rivets in their holes until you die of old age.

**SKIL SAW:** A portable cutting tool used to make studs too short.

**PLIERS:** Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood-blisters. The most often the tool used by all women.

**BELT SANDER:** An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs. Also helpful for removing fingerprints.

**HACKSAW:** One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle. It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

**WISE-GRIPS:** Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

**TABLE SAW:** A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity.

**TROUBLE LIGHT:** The home mechanic's own tanning booth. Sometimes called a drop light, it is a good source of vitamin D, "the sunshine vitamin," which is not otherwise found under cars at night. Health benefits aside, its main purpose is to consume 40-watt light bulbs at about the same rate that 105mm howitzer shells might be used during, say, the first few hours of the Battle of the Bulge. More often dark than light, its name is somewhat misleading. The accessory socket within the base, has been permanently rendered useless, unless requiring a source of 117vac power to shock the mechanic senseless.

**PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER:** Normally used to stab the vacuum seals under lids, opening old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splashing oil on your shirt; but can also be used, as the name implies, to strip out Phillips screw heads. Women excel at using this tool.

**STRAIGHT SCREWDRIVER:** A tool for opening paint cans. Sometimes used to convert common slotted screws into non-removable screws.

**AIR COMPRESSOR:** A machine that takes energy produced in a coal-burning power plant 200 miles away and transforms it into compressed air that travels by hose to a Chicago Pneumatic impact wrench that grips rusty bolts which were last over tightened 30 years ago by someone at Ford, and instantly rounds off their heads. Also used to quickly snap off lug nuts.

**PRY BAR:** A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you needed to remove in order to replace a 50 cent part.

**HOSE CUTTER:** A tool used to make hoses too short.

**HAMMER:** Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate the most expensive parts adjacent the object we are trying to hit. Women primarily use it to make gaping holes in walls when hanging pictures.

**MECHANIC'S KNIFE:** Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on contents such as seats, vinyl records, liquids in plastic bottles, collector magazines, refund checks, and rubber or plastic parts. Especially useful for slicing work clothes, but only while in use. It is also useful for removing large chunks of human flesh from the user's hands. Works well, along with a screwdriver for shredding car upholstery when left in back pocket.

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**...GUESS WHAT?** The State of Michigan funded a study in Ann Arbor that found raccoons poop in the creek, especially when they live in pipes the creek flows through. And it made headlines. (Guess it was a really slow day for news. On the other hand, it was the straight poop) (And the government says there is no fat in the budget.)