



Knights of Columbus—Bishop Britt Council #8117

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Points of Interest:

*** Next Meeting ***
Tuesday, October 20
730pm - St Robert

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Grand Knight Report

Brother Knights,

Volunteerism is the cornerstone of the Knights of Columbus. It is through the combined efforts of many that we can achieve the good works that we do. Our brothers also experience the wonderful satisfaction of working together for the success of the council. Our recent steak/chicken and corn roast was a perfect example of this. My heartfelt thanks goes out to each and every knight who gave their time and talent to make this event a success. There is a strong sense of pride in being part of the Knights of Columbus and what it stands for.

This month we will celebrate and congratulate our brothers who will be achieving their 2nd, 3rd, or 4th degrees. Saturday, October 24, there will be a 4th degree installation in Spring Lake. On Sunday, October 25, our 1st degree members will have an opportunity to achieve their 2nd and 3rd degree status in Portland. This advancement will enable our members through their strong commitment and

dedication to be our future leaders of the council.

As Knights we have a deep devotion to our Blessed Mother and the praying of the rosary. On Sunday, October 4, our brothers and members of the St. Robert's family provided an opportunity for children (and adults) to make a rosary, as well as learn about its meaning. It was a very special event.

This past weekend, so many of you donated your time to our annual MI Drive. We also had four brother Knights participate in the peaceful vigil on October 1st in the "40 Days and Nights for Life" campaign to help end abortion.

I ask for your continued support as members of Council 8117 in the many upcoming commitments that we have for this fall. Together, we can do great things! Again, thank you so much for all you do.

God bless you and your families!

Vivat Jesus!

Your Grand Knight,
Arnold C. Zueger

Financial Secretary Update...

Raising the New Member Quota Bar:

Supreme Council has increased the new membership quota for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

As of July 1, 2009 the new membership quota will be based on the 7 percent net of your council's membership (with a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 35 members). This quota, up 2 percent from the previous year, affects qualifying for the Father McGivney and Star Council awards. So, with our council's 120 members, our net (incoming minus outgoing) new membership quota is 8. Reach out to your fellow Catholic man and ask him to be a Knight!

Did you know?

The Knights of Columbus Launch a News and Information Site for Catholics.

The Knights of Columbus has launched a brand-new Internet-based news and information service for Catholics everywhere – [Headline Bistro](http://headlinebistro.com). The new Web site provides a quick digest of daily news of interest to Catholics. Whether it relates to world affairs, politics or news specifically about the Catholic Church, you'll find links to the original sources here. You'll also find video clips, detailed state-by-state information about voting and public policy, and recommended books. The Web address is headlinebistro.com.

Faithfully yours,
Dan Baas, Financial Secretary

Pictured, left-to-right: Jerry Sutter, Shannon Gibbons, Greg Gilmore, Sean Gibbons, and Greg Apel taking time out of their collecting for the MI Drive during Columbus Day Weekend at St. Robert. The full list of Brothers who signed up to work the MI Drive is printed on the next page.



THE FRATERNAL BENEFITS REPORT

By J. Michael Taylor, Field Agent

What does your Field Agent do? All too many times we hear him called the insurance agent, but he is much more than that. He answers when you need service, he's there at the 1st Degrees, he holds a widow's hand, but he has one very important responsibility. Your Field Agent is the person that continues the ministry of Fr. Michael J. McGivney as a modern day missionary of sorts! This comes with many responsibilities to his brother Knights and their families, but to fulfill those duties he must have your help. To better serve each Knights of Columbus family he completes a **Family Service Record**, with emphasis on service. Remember the key words from our charter, ***"To provide financial aid to it's members and the beneficiaries of it's members."*** That's your Field Agent's true mission statement, the care and peace of mind for you and your family.

Call your Field Agent and take the necessary steps to complete your mission and your Family Service Record.

Call me – let's talk.

James Michael Taylor ("MIKE") - Your Field Agent

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The following Knights signed up to collect for the MI Drive on Columbus Day Weekend.

They truly support Father McGivney's vision for their unselfish actions.

Paul Allie

Greg Apel

Dan Baas

Tom Bieniewicz

Jack Crandall

Tom Finazzi

John Fuhs

Bud Fulford

Greg Gilmore

Tom Heintzleman

Dick Kleff

Jonathan Lang

Marvin Loukus

Tom Magnifico

Bill Melvin

Joe Napollitan

Mike Sitarski

Jerry Sutter

Jim Taylor

Mike Taylor

John Willemin

Arnie Zueger

*Knight Spotlight: Crandell Family Steps Up***Knights Beautifies Church Landscape**

This spring, the grounds around St. Robert's Church were beginning to be overgrown and unsightly. Knight Jack Crandell, one of our members, and his family saw a need and quietly decided to step up and volunteer their time, talent, and treasure to beautify the grounds. This involved many hours of hard work weeding, planting, and redesigning beds, as well as moving some very "heavy" rocks. They generously gave their resources to enhance the landscape. The result was a beautiful setting that showed off the church and gave much enjoyment to its members and the community who drove by regularly throughout the summer. Pictures show the landscape before starting and the ending results.

See our website for many more pictures, including before and after shots.



This work is continuous and volunteers are needed to help with its seasonal needs. We welcome ideas from our membership.

One point of Father McGivney's vision was at work with this volunteer initiative to be of service to Church and community. It is with heartfelt appreciation to Jack and his family that we share this story with you.



Membership and Advancement Opportunities Abound

Vivat Jesus!

Your Membership Director has been very busy in the past several weeks. At our last membership meeting, we welcomed William O'Grady and David Mroczek to our council at our First Degree.

Your Grand Knight and I invited all first degree Knights in our Council to attend a Second and Third Degree in Portland on Sunday, October 25. We mailed letters to all gentlemen and are following up with e-mail after our October general meeting. We will be carpooling from St. Robert's parking lot at 11:30am to attend the degree as a group.

Your membership team and council officers met and invited several of our Third Degree Knights to a Fourth Degree Exemplification at St. Mary's Parish in Spring Lake on

Saturday, October 24. Those invited were also mailed letters and we are following up with an e-mail after our October general meeting. If you did not receive an invitation and would still like to attend, please contact your Membership Director or Grand Knight asap. We have also secured discounts on tuxedos for the event.

Our council is also planning our next First Degree, slated for December 15, at St. Robert. If you know of someone interested in joining our Council, they can still register and complete their First Degree in Portland on October 25, or they can wait until December and participate in that degree ceremony.

Yours in Christ,
Mike

FIRST DEGREE SECOND DEGREE THIRD DEGREE

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25
PORTLAND, MI
PORTLAND COUNCIL #2168
690 MAYNARD ROAD**

**1ST DEGREE: 11:00AM
2ND DEGREE: 12:30PM
3RD DEGREE: 1:30PM**

*Carpool leaving St. Robert's
parking lot at 11:30am.*

FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

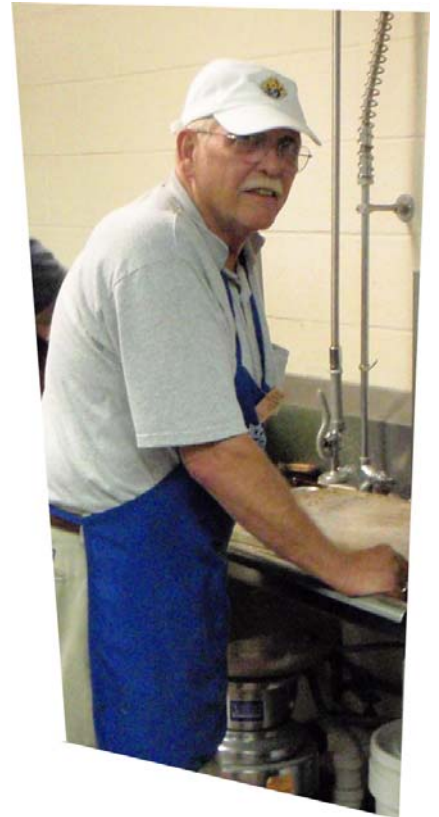
**ST. MARY'S PARISH
SPRING LAKE, MI
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24**

**REGISTRATION: 10:00AM
EXEMPLIFICATION: 12:30PM
MASS: 4:30PM
BANQUET: 7:00PM**

**LODGING: BEST WESTERN
BEACON INN, GRAND HAVEN**



Knights On the Move





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St Robert of Newminster
and
St Thomas the Apostle
parishes

IMPORTANT DATES

October 20: General Membership
Mtg, 7:30pm - St Robert

October 24: **Fourth Degree
Exemplification in Spring Lake**

October 25: **Second and Third
Degree in Portland**

November 1: Monthly Rosary at St.
Robert

November 10: Officer's Meeting,
6:30pm at St. Robert

November 15: Donut Sunday at St.
Robert (tentative)

November 17: General Member-
ship Mtg, 7:30pm, St. Robert

December 5-6: Poinsettia Sale

December 6: Monthly Rosary at St.
Robert

December 8: Officer's Meeting,
6:30pm at St. Robert

December 13: Donut Sunday at St.
Robert (tentative)

December 15: **First Degree 7pm;**
General Membership Mtg, 7:30pm;
St. Robert.

Your 2009-10 Officers

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