



Knights of Columbus—Bishop Britt Council #8117

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Grand Knight Report

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Points of Interest:

*** Next Meeting ***
Tuesday,
September 15
730pm - St Robert

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Brother Knights,

The first meeting of our calendar year (July) was most gratifying and heart-warming. There was such a turnout of brother knights that the meeting room was filled to capacity. We also welcomed Father Len Sudlik as our new Chaplain and look forward to working with him this upcoming year. What a wonderful way to launch the year to continue the mission of Father McGivney and the Knights of Columbus and to recommit our service to church family and community.

Last year, our Council members had such a successful year by positively impacting our church family and community. I see this work as a completion of a puzzle picture. Each and every one of you had a part of making it happen by being a puzzle piece and using the gifts God has given you. Without the commitment and dedication of each of you, this picture could not have been completed. I have great pride and appreciation for the work you have done.

With September upon us, we pick up a faster pace and a new work plan to guide us. We have

tremendous opportunities ahead for this upcoming year. I ask that each of you personally determine how you can again use your special gifts to complete our goals. You are integral to our success, and our council is very blessed to have you as members.

The first event will be the Steak/Chicken & Corn Roast on Saturday, September 19 – raising funds for the Walters/Blaschka Nursing Scholarship Fund. As we begin a new year, please open your heart to help when called upon.

Without your “puzzle piece,” we cannot complete the picture. As the saying goes, “many hands make light the work.” Our Council 8117 is very blessed to have you as a member.

May God bless you and your family in a special way for the commitment and dedication that you give.

Vivat Jesus!

Your Grand Knight,
Arnold C. Zueger

Numbers from Supreme...

The July 1, 2009 numbers are in from the Supreme Council and our membership stands at 119. This represents a net gain of nine new members. 16 new members were added during the period and the council lost 7.

In financial matters, the council was billed during month by the Michigan State Council for its semi-annual per capita dues. We pay the State an annual per capita tax of \$10.00 per member. One-half of the tax amounts to \$500.75. We also received our annual Boysville Quota Billing statement which amounts to \$306. This is charged at the rate of \$3.00 per member.

Faithfully yours,

Dan Baas, Financial Secretary

Membership Blitz and First Degree in September

Growing Membership will be key in 2009-10

As summer draws to a close, many people's thoughts turn toward sending kids back to school. For the Knights of Columbus, our focus shifts to serving our parishes and growing our council.

Collectively, between the two parishes that we serve, there are approximately 3000 families registered with St. Robert of Newminster and St. Thomas the Apostle. As our Financial Secretary reports above, our Council only has 119 Knights registered between the two churches.

While *many of you (not all)* serve your parish, your community, your schools, scouting, etc., please take an introspective look at why you don't do more with your Knights of Columbus council.

Grand Knight Arnie Zueger and Deputy Grand Knight/Program Director Sean Gibbons are looking for many men to help with projects we are putting on the calendar for the remainder of 2009, all of 2010, and some into 2011.

Of particular note, we are looking to get more involved with youth at both parishes, do some substantive fundraising, and to enhance our visibility with some new service projects.

Certainly YOU are part of that growth. If you haven't found your niche with the Knights yet, talk to Arnie and/or Sean about projects on the horizon, or even something you'd like to see us do.

For current Third Degree members, we have a Fourth Degree Exemplification opportunity on October 24th at St. Mary's Parish in Spring Lake. It's a one day, full-day event which is guaranteed to further your spirituality and patriotism.

For our many First Degree members, there are several opportunities in our diocese throughout 2009-10 to advance to the Second Degree and Third Degree.

Finally, for the many, many Catholic gentlemen in our midst at our parish, we are holding a Membership Blitz at the masses on September 12-13 at both churches. It's an opportunity for inquiring individuals to ask questions about us and for you to invite prospective Knights to stop by our table. We'll need brother Knights to both man our table, as well as to ASK men to join our council.

This leads to a beautiful segue on Tuesday,

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THE FRATERNAL BENEFITS REPORT

By J. Michael Taylor, Benefits Representative

September is Life Insurance Awareness Month. To help educate consumers about the need for and value of adequate life insurance protection, the Life Insurance Market Research Association (LIMRA) has published the following five facts. These statistics are certainly worth considering.

Fact 1: Nearly three-fourths of North Americans agree that life insurance is the best way to protect against premature death of the primary wage earner.

Fact 2: Twenty-four million households have no life insurance protection at all. Almost one third of adults have no life insurance protection.

Fact 3: Forty-four percent of all households either don't own life insurance and believe they should, or own life insurance and believe they need more. Among those that already own some life insurance, 40 percent believe they don't have enough.

Fact 4: One-fourth of primary wage earners feel they do not have a plan in place to provide a decent standard of living for their family if they died tomorrow. Twelve percent of families would immediately have trouble meeting everyday living expenses and another 15 percent would have difficulty keeping up after several months.

Fact 5: People would like to discuss life insurance with a qualified professional agent. They believe that buying life insurance is an important and complex financial decision. Half find it difficult to decide how much to buy, and 43 percent worry about making the wrong decision.

I'd like to meet with you in your home, at your convenience. I'll work with you to make sure your family is protected. As a brother Knight you can trust, I'll take the stress and worry out of the buying decision.

Call me – let's talk.

James Michael Taylor ("MIKE") - Field Agent
(616) 356-1186
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September 15, at St. Robert. We will hold our first First Degree ceremony on that evening.

Please look into your heart and see if you want to become more active in your Knights council and ASK a Catholic gentleman you know to do the same.

If you have any questions, my contact information, as well as all the officers, is on the back page of this newsletter.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally Yours,

Mike Terwilliger, Membership Director

Deputy Grand Knight Report

Get Involved in YOUR Knight Council; Activities Abound!

Brother Knights,

As I mentioned in my past newsletter, your officers have been working diligently to get our council more active within our Church, community and with our families. Some of our upcoming events will be the Steak and Corn Roast coming up September 19th, and our Casino night on November 7th. For both events we are looking for many volunteers to help out. Please contact me if you are available.

From September 23rd until October 31 the knights from all councils will be participating in a *40 Days and Nights for Life* campaign. For this event, we are asking for representation from our brother knights each week to gather, as brothers, in front of an abortion clinic and pray for four hours for the rights for life. This is a non aggressive event; no Knights will be asked to confront anyone leaving or entering the clinic. The only request of our brother knights, is to gather together and pray for the lives of our unborn children. We will be announcing dates, times and location at our next general meeting and adding them to our calendar. Please try to attend one of the gatherings as this is a worthy cause.

Remember, brother knights, our council depends on each other to meet the needs of our families, church, and community, and as always, I am confident that when there is a need to help your fellow man, as Jesus has taught us, the Knights of Columbus will always be there.

Vivat Jesus!

Your Deputy Grand Knight,
Sean W Gibbons

DISCOVER:

WHO ARE THESE MEN CALLED

Knights of Columbus

AND

WHAT BENEFITS DO THEY HAVE

FOR MY FAMILY?

Please come and join our Fraternal Benefits Representatives for a short presentation that should answer many of your questions on the benefits available only to Knights of Columbus, their spouses, and families.

Ladies, I am sure your husbands have completely resolved all your questions about the Knights. You are cordially invited to come and ask any question you may still have. Men that may not yet be members are also invited (as well as their spouse).

When: September 22, 2009

Where: St. Robert – 6477 Ada Drive – Ada, MI

Time: 7:00pm – to Approximately 8:30pm



ST. ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH
AND
ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BISHOP BRITT COUNCIL #8117

ST ROBERT PARISH STEAK or CHICKEN & CORN ROAST 2009 - 32nd Year! Saturday, September 19, 2009 6:30 PM

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 19 to spend the evening at St. Robert's Newminster Hall for our famous STEAK or CHICKEN & CORN ROAST. This is always a fun time. This year will be no exception! The food will be good, the company even better, and after dinner you can dance. Bring your favorite CD for everyone to enjoy after dinner.

Cost for this extravaganza is only \$20.00 per person (two for \$38) and includes: Appetizers, Steak or Chicken & Corn Dinner, Refreshments (including wine & beer) and Dessert.

The fun will start Saturday Night at 6:30 PM with appetizers and Dinner around 7:30 PM, so come for Mass (5:30 PM) and stay to eat and visit.

Make your reservation by Tuesday, September 15, so we know how much corn to pick.

Please use the attached reservation form, and send it along with your check (payable to Knights of Columbus #8117) to the Parish Office.

If you have any questions, please give a call to:
Sean Gibbons 682-5355 or Phil Wosinski 667-6213



We're counting on seeing you on the 19th.



**Knight of Columbus Council #8117 for St. Thomas & St. Robert
STEAK or CHICKEN & CORN ROAST
2009 RESERVATION FORM**

NAME _____

PHONE# _____

TOTAL NUMBER ATTENDING (\$20 per person - 2 @ \$38) _____

Please enclose check(s) payable to:

Knights of Columbus #8117 and mail to:

ST. ROBERT PARISH - Attn: Corn Roast
6477 Ada Dr. SE, Ada, MI 49301

Please mark your preference: # for Steak _____ # for Chicken _____

This event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Bishop Britt Council 8117. Proceeds will support the Walters/Blaschka Nursing Scholarship Fund. All Adults are welcome!

**Knights of Columbus
Bishop Kevin Britt Council #8117**

6477 Ada Drive SE
Ada, MI 49301

proudly serving:
St Robert of Newminster
and
St Thomas the Apostle
parishes

IMPORTANT DATES

September 12/13: Membership
Blitz at both parishes.

September 15: General Member-
ship Mtg, 7:30pm - St Robert

First Degree ceremony

September 19: Steak and Corn
Roast - St Robert

September 20: Second Degree,
1:00pm in White Cloud

September 22: Fraternal Benefits
Night, St Robert, 7:00pm

October 4: Rosary, 10:30am, St
Robert Chapel;

Donut Sunday-St. Robert

October 9-10-11: MI Drive;
3-4 locations in Ada/Grand Rapids

October 11: St. Thomas Break-
fast/Membership Drive, 7am-Noon

October 13: Officer Mtg, 6:30pm, St
Robert

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

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

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