

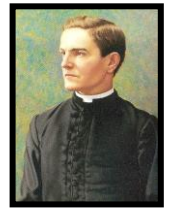


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FOURTH DEGREE ASSEMBLY #2226

## FEBRUARY 2014 NEWS

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### FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR CORNER



Sir Knights,  
Break up the winter blues by attending our annual Valentine's luncheon at The Shack on Sunday February 9<sup>th</sup>. I'm sure you will find this a unique venue and an entertaining time with good friends and good food. Please note we will not be having a regular meeting this month.

*FN Bruce Majeske*

**NO MEETING THIS MONTH**  
**Assembly Valentine's Dinner**  
**February 9, 2014**  
**See details in newsletter**

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### BIRTHDAYS

Mike McGregor	02/05	Council	7761
Ray Bewak	02/06	Council	13526
Carl Dunn	02/08	Council	4404
DeWayne Black	02/09	Council	7761
Michael Lyons	02/24	Council	8564
David Earle	02/26	Council	8425

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Dick & Carol VanDyke	2/13/1971	43 yrs
Bill & Carrie Powers	2/29/1992	22 yrs

## REMINDER

PLEASE PAY YOUR EMBERSHIP DUES

**\$20.00**

### DATES IN FEBRUARY TO FLY THE FLAG



Feb 12 – Lincoln's Birthday  
Feb 18 – President's Day  
Feb 22 – Washington's Birthday

### LIFE

**Life should be an adventure** – an adventure of discovery and experience. For too many, it is an ordeal, where the excitement had died and discoveries are ended

**Life should be a quest** – a quest for answers, for achievements, for adventure. When the quest is gone, life comes to boredom and mere existence. In such a vacuum, there is little achievements and no adventures.

**Life is an experience** – an experience of great things, and, hard things. It is a proper mixture of the two, and how one handles both, that makes life an adventure or an anxiety.

**Life is an investment** – an investment either in the good and the better, or an investment in the poor, pitiful things. One is truly an investment in life; the other is a wasting of life.

### VETERANS ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The ice cream social for veteran's home has started up again after a 2 month layoff for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Council 13526 from Assumption sponsored the January event. St. Jude Council 389 will host the April event, but at this time no council has stepped forward for February or March. Help spread the word that we need help for the next two months. The cost is \$200 for ice cream and the trimmings to serve approximately 200 vets. Also 2-3 volunteers to help with set up and serve ice cream. It's the last Friday of the month from 1:00-3:00pm at the Grand Rapids Veterans Home. If your council hasn't participated yet ask your grand knight to consider this worthwhile project to show our appreciation to our veterans. If there any questions or concerns please call or email Dick Hurst 231-629-8333 or [hurstdk@yahoo.com](mailto:hurstdk@yahoo.com).

### SAINT BLAISE

(Feast Day - February 3)



Saint Blaise was not only a physician of the body, but also of one of souls. By his own example, he taught those around him to be servants of the Lord through sanctity and virtue. Through his gift from God, He healed those who came to him. Shortly before his martyrdom, a grieving mother laid her choking on at his feet and he was immediately healed. On his feast day, Saint

Blaise is invoked to protect those with ailments of the throat and other spiritual and physical afflictions

## CATHOLIC SCOUTING

The Grand Rapids Catholic Committee on Scouting (GRCCS) is a diocesan committee of concerned Catholic lay people, Scout leaders, and clergy whose mission is to administer to the Catholic youth of our community through Scouting as youth ministry. The committee seeks to sustain and strengthen the relationship between the Boy Scouts of America and the Grand Rapids Catholic Diocese by working closely in collaboration with its local packs, troops, and crews. Through interaction and dialogue with the Bishop through the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office, GRCCS works cooperatively with various other groups involved in youth ministry in Western Michigan, including parish youth groups, Catholic schools (elementary, high school, and Aquinas College), and Catholic service groups (Knights of Columbus and Serrans).

## COLOR CORPS NEWS

**Sunday January 26, 2014**

Members of our color corps took part at a Corporate Communion at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Belmont honoring Bishop Paul Ssemogerere of Uganda. Last year Bishop Paul in the United States and was staying with SK Scott Harvey. While here last year he became a Knight of Columbus as a member of Bishop Britt Council 13526 in Belmont.



*l-r: SK Scott Harvey, PFN SK Ted Hamilton, Bishop Paul, CC Commander PFN SK Zane Rice, PFN SK Nate Brown*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**February 23** 10AM Mass at Saint Andrews Cathedral celebrating Scout Sunday. Bishop Walkowiac will be the celebrant.

**March 2** - 12:00 PM Corporate Communion at Sand Lake

**April 6** - 11:00AM Corporate Communion at Rockford

**May 4** - 11:00AM Corporate Communion at Belmont (Bishop Walkowiac will be officiating at the Mass)

**June 1** - 9:00AM Corporate Communion at Newaygo

## VALENTINE'S LUNCHEON

**Sunday - February 9, 2014**

This year's Valentine's party will be something different. We will be going to the north woods of Newaygo County to a resort called **The Shack** for an afternoon luncheon. (See the map below for directions.) The Shack is a year round resort with overnight accommodations. For more information go to their website [www.theshackbedandbreakfast.com/](http://www.theshackbedandbreakfast.com/)

A buffet lunch will be served at 12:30PM and you are asked to be there by noon. Cost is \$11.00 per person. Reservations are **NOT** required.

Make plans now to join your fellow knights and their ladies for this unique experience. Also this is an excellent opportunity to invite a fellow 3<sup>rd</sup> degree knight and his lady and acquaint them with our members.

If you have any questions call FN Bruce Majeske 231- 834-5238 or email [bmajeske@att.net](mailto:bmajeske@att.net)



The Shack is located in beautiful Newaygo County in West Michigan nestled SW of White Cloud, NE of Fremont, Michigan. Just 44 Miles from Muskegon 65 Miles from Grand Rapids and 35 Miles from Big Rapids, MI. along the shores of Robinson Lake in Jugville, Michigan.

## DISTRICT #4 EXEMPLIFICATION

It's time to ask your 3<sup>rd</sup> degree council members to become a 4<sup>th</sup> degree knight. Explain to them the purpose of the Fourth Degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism and a love of God & Country. They may be interested joining the color corps and take part in civic and church activities. But it won't happen if YOU don't ask them to join. The date of the upcoming exemplification is May 1, 2014 and will be in Montague, Michigan. Details of the exemplification will be available soon.



## **BLANKET WARMER**

Through the efforts of assembly member Dick Hurst and two of his fellow council members from Council 7761, Frank Savickas and Mike Cole, a blanket warmer unit was obtained from Spectrum Hospital of Grand Rapids and donated to the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. What is a blanket warmer unit used for? Blankets taken from the warmer are used in therapy for



*SK Dick Hurst & Frank Savickas with blanket warmer*

those with circulation problems and neuropathy. Because so many of the residents of the home are wheelchair bound they have poor circulation in their legs. Warmth from the blankets provides relief from the pain and discomfort, especially when trying to sleep.

## **MARY OF NAZARETH**

Knights of Columbus Council 12258 at St. Isidore Catholic Church and Holy Family Radio-1140 AM are joining efforts to bring a remarkably beautiful and moving film to Grand Rapids: "Mary of Nazareth" from Ignatius Press. Watch the trailer and read the excellent reviews at <http://www.MaryFilm.com/>. It is a powerful portrayal of the exceptional faith of Mary and her central role in salvation history.

There will be a total of 6 screenings in March 2014 at 3 Celebration Cinema locations. Go to <http://www.maryfilm.com/showtimes> to see dates, times, and venues of the Grand Rapids showings. All tickets are \$10 each, prepaid advance sale only. Purchase tickets from Holy Family Radio by phone (616-956-1140), in person (2501 Ardmore St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506), or online at <http://bit.ly/1dJTyQI>. Please watch the trailer, get your tickets, talk it up, and share this post so that others will learn about this amazing film

## **MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 2014 MEETING**

**January 9, 2014 – Conference Room ABVM, Belmont, MI**

**Meeting called to order** by FN Bruce Majeske @ 7:30PM

### **Roll Call of Officers:**

Friar	Fr. Bill Zink	E
Friar	Msgr. Lou Stasker	E
Navigator	Bruce Majeske	P
Admiral	Bob Foster	P
Captain	Duane Nelson	P
Pilot	James Jean	E
Comptroller	Zane Rice	P
Scribe	Dick Hurst	P
Purser	Joe Keller	P
Sentinel Inside	Stan Dobek	E
Sentinel Outside	John Deuling	E
Trustee 3 Yr	Doug Benkert	E
Trustee 2 Yr	Joe Jernigan	E
Trustee 1 Yr	Scott Harvey	E
CC Commander	Nate Brown	P

**Other Members Present: 4 Total Attendance: 11**

**Comptroller Report:** About 50% of members' dues are paid to date

### **Purser Report-**

Copies of the current financial statement were distributed.

Receipts	\$1,040.00
Disbursements	\$ 712.17

Current Fund Balances:

- Color Corps Fund \$ 165.00

• Chalice Fund	\$ 151.50
• Boysville/Take 5	\$ 0.00
• Charity Fund	\$ 670.00
• Ladies Auxiliary fund	\$ 32.00
• Veterans Fund	\$2,340.00
• General Fund	<u>\$1,553.97</u>
Total all Funds	\$4,912.47

### **Assembly Business:**

- FN Bruce Majeske announced a tribute dinner honoring outgoing State Deputy will take place Feb. 23 in Warren, MI. Anyone interested in attending, see Bruce for details.
- SK Bob Calkins, Christmas dinner chairman, reported everyone had a good time. Bob's wife Lady Denise had made Christmas decorations for everyone. There was discussion regarding the menu and it was suggested maybe something different to be considered for next year.
- The annual Catholic War Veterans dinner will take place at Basilica of St. Adalbert on January 25, 2014 and is open to K of C members and guests. Dinner at 630pm following 4:30pm Mass. Cost is \$12/person. There will be entertainment, raffles and prizes. Proceeds to support the activities of CWV Post 1058. Assembly members approved a \$100 donation CWV Post 1058
- The annual assembly Valentine dinner will be February 9, 2014 at The Shack resort in White Cloud MI. Cost is \$11/person. Be there by noon. A buffet dinner will begin at 12:30. Reservations are NOT required.
- Veterans home ice cream social will be January 31. Council 13526 will be the host. Council 389 will host the April ice cream social. Host council or assembly is needed for February and March.
- Approved \$100 donation to purchase a ¼ page ad in the state convention program booklet. The State convention will be May 22-24, 2014

### **Color Corps Report:**

- There were two activities recently; a corporate communion and a color corp training session.
- SK Zane Rice will be assuming the position of Color Commander. SK Nate Brown has decided to step down after many years of service.
- Feb 23 there will be a Mass honoring Catholic Boy Scouting at the Cathedral. The color corps has been invited to participate. Details forthcoming.

### **Council Activities Report - January**

- Council 389 - Pancake breakfast –Jan 19.
- Council 4404 – Breakfast at the council hall on Jan 11. Winter euchre begins this month.
- Council 7761 – Free throw tournament
- Council 8564 – Free throw tournament & euchre
- Council 14206 – Hosting a parish breakfast Jan 11

### **Keep in our Prayers**

Ron Ripley, Diane Brown, Nate Brown, Adrian Brown family, Cheryl Black, Doug Benkert, Bob Brown (father of Marty Brown), Steve Papis, Ted Hamilton, Dennis Hendershot, Erin Greene, Ken Copp, Phil Snider, Brooke Cambel, Paul Roberts, Rick Welch, John Deuling, Mary Brown (mother of Marty Brown), all military in harm's way.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:40pm

**Respectfully Submitted,** Dick Hurst, Scribe