



Quarterly Newsletter

Our Lady of White Lake

<http://12985kofc.org>

Council 12985

FY 2017, 1st Quarter

August 7th, 2016

Council Officers



Grand Knight



Greetings Brother Knights,

As we begin our new fiscal year, I wanted to thank all of you for showing your support in electing myself and fellow officers to represent you as your new council leaders. I am very honored and look forward to the challenges and opportunities facing our council in 2016/17.

One of the goals I've set this year will be to improve communications. Last year we launched our council website at <http://12985kofc.org>. I encourage all of you to check in as often as possible. I try to keep our site calendar as current as possible. Our council schedule through December 2017 has been loaded. I also add on our meeting agendas and also in a password protected area have our meeting minutes. Simply contact me and I will provide access to this area to you.

This year my plans will be to bring back to you our council's "Quarterly Newsletter". Along with continued emails, and bulletin announcements I'm hoping to keep all of you very informed.

In closing, I want to thank you again.

VITAT JESUS!

John Duff

Elections this year have brought about the passing of the baton from several of our long term leaders. The council would like to extend our appreciation and thank you to the following for their many years of service and dedication to our council and the offices they served. What each of you did has been greatly appreciated and shall not go unnoticed. Please join me in thanking the following;

- PAST GRAND KNIGHT—Kodi Schulist
- PAST FINANCIAL SECRETARY—Bill Snowdin
- PAST RECORDER—Gary Greiner
- PAST TRUSTEE—Allen Greiner

Next, please join me in welcoming the following to their new offices;

- GRAND KNIGHT—John Duff
- DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT—Dave Sipka
- FINANCIAL SECRETARY—Jason Zwart
- CHANCELLOR—Tyler Cumings
- RECORDER—Kodi Schulist
- TRUSTEE—John Robillard



Chaplain Rev. Fr. Peter Omogo
Grand Knight John Duff
Deputy Grand Knight David Sipka
Chancellor Tyler Cumings
Recorder Kodi Schulist
Financial Secretary Jason Zwart
Treasurer George Horn
Advocate Michael Schulist
Warden Jacob Paszkowski
Inside Guard Lawrence Conard
Outside Guard Ron Spoelhof
Trustee 1 Stephan Nagengast
Trustee 2 Charles Grattafiori
Trustee 3 John Robillard
Lecturer Kevin Munson

Program Directors

Church Director Michael Schulist
Vocations Chairman Tyler Cumings
Community Director Tyler Cumings
Health Services Jordan Duff
Council Director Kodi Schulist
Public Relations Gary Greiner
Family Director Ron Spoelhof
Youth Director Tyler Cumings
Membership Director John Duff
Recruitment 1 John Duff
Recruitment 2 Kodi Schulist
Recruitment 3 Stephan Nagengast
Retention John Duff
Insurance Promotion Jason Zwart

Getting Involved



So many things for so few to do. Another one of my goals this year will be to motivate many of you to become more active within the happenings of our council. To the left of this column I've provided the list of all our "Program Directors". You will note that some of us are having to wear multiple hats to cover all areas. Our council needs more of our talented members to help in these areas.

Please take a look at the list and try to find one area that interest you. I've asked each of the leaders to begin contacting you, our members and asking for you to become involved. Some of these activities only perform once a year, but others may require repeated involvement. You can contact me if you have any questions. I would like everyone of you to have some degree of ownership to this council. Thanks...



Do we have your current email address on file? If you are not receiving emails from the council, probably not. Just drop me an email at gk12985@mikofc.org and I will add you in.

Information



We were very blessed this year to be able to record our second best fish fry event on the books. A big hardy thank you to all those of you that were able to help out and or attend to make this such a successful year. This year is the first year our council took over the complete financing and tracking of funds. It was work, but in the end all came out well. We also faced a change in leadership, Brother J. R. Savoie retiring, and Brother Tom Bart taking lead. We sincerely thank both of these brothers for their strong leadership skills driving the fish fry to its year after year successful standings. Brother Tom is already building plans for season 2017, and we hope to see many of you returning.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

A recent study conducting by the Catholic Church found that 66% of Catholics across America no longer attend Mass on a regular basis. The three top reasons sited were;

1. Sports
2. Work
3. Education



Brother Knights, please pray that these trends soon begin to reverse.

Event Coordinators

Blood Drive Jacob Paszkowski
Card Ministry Bob Hyatt, Sr.
Color Book/Crayon Ministry Bill Snowdin
Corporate Communion Ron Spoelhof
Historian Allen Greiner
Train Michael Schulist
Free Throw Steven Nagengast
Fall Steak Fry Kodi Schulist
Lenten Fish Fry Tom Bart
Gift for Sacrament (((OPEN)))
Giving Tree Basket Auction (((OPEN)))
Habitat For Humanity Tom Bart
Keep Christ in Christmas John Luttrull
Love, INC. Matt Kaley
MI Drive George Horn
Spelling Bee David Sipka
Insurance Promotion Jason Zwart
Valentines Dance Michael Schulist

Knight's In Action

ENGINE 12985



Our Little Engine and its cars has become a hit with area parades. To date it has appeared in the;

- ◆ Special Olympics Games
- ◆ Asparagus Festival Parade
- ◆ White Lake 4th of July Parade
- ◆ St. James Day Celebration.

TENDING TO FLOWER BED 12985



This past spring a group of our brothers pulled together and redid the council flower bed in front of Saint James. We spent about 3 hours on a Friday morning, trimming sod, pulling weeds and refreshing the bed with new bark. A big thank you to all that were there to help out.

Knight's In Action

PARISH FAMILY NIGHT



Several of our Knights spent time this past spring getting the volleyball pit and Parish picnic area together for the season kickoff. Here we want to thank brothers Bob Hyatt and Terry Baker for coming together to sand and re-stain the tables.

PARISH YOUTH TRAVELS IN STYLE



This year our Parish youth were able to travel to CHWC in style, thanks to the purchase of a brand new tow behind cargo trailer purchased in part with funds donated by our council, our auxiliary a private donor and the coordination of our council advocate Michael Schulist. Thanks to all making this possible.

Knight of Quarter FY - 2017

First Quarter
David Pernesky
Second Quarter
Knight Name
Third Quarter
Knight Name
Fourth Quarter
Knight Name
Knight of The Year
Knight Name

CURRENT KNIGHT RECIPIENT

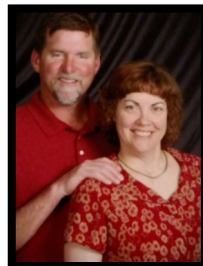


Dave Pernesky joined our council just a little over two years ago. Since becoming a member, he attends meetings on a regular basis and is always willing to help whenever asked to do so. With this years focus on involvement I would like to recognize and congratulate Dave for his strong support and involvement in our council and our church. Whenever called upon, Dave is one of the first to step up and help. Dave also traveled to Mackinaw Island this past spring and with Father Peter represented our council. Please join me in thanking Dave for all he does, and I have selected him to be this quarters council "Knight of the Quarter". Congratulations Dave.

Family of Quarter FY-2017

First Quarter
Peter & Grace DeJong
Second Quarter
Family Name
Third Quarter
Family Name
Fourth Quarter
Family Name
Family of The Year
Family Name

CURRENT FAMILY RECIPIENT



Involvement and support of our church. These are two key qualities we seek in this years recipient of our Family of the Quarter. Looking about and taking impute from many , the family of Pete and Grace DeJong rises to the top. It matters little if it's RCIA, Mass Coordinator, Lecturer, or some special events such as the "Polish Dinner", the DeJong's are there, involved and supporting the needs of our church.

I take great pleasure in selecting the family of Pete & Grace DeJong as our Councils "Family Of The Quarter". Please join me in congratulating and thanking Pete and Grace for all that they do.

Council Schedule 2016/2017

First Degree
September 11th, 6pm, SJ Rm-1
Membership Meeting
September 11th, 7pm, SJ Rm-1
4th Degree Summer Picnic
September 23rd, 6 pm, St. Thomas
Officers Meeting
October 2nd, 6:30pm, SJ Rm-1
Membership Meeting
October 2nd, 7pm, SJ Rm-1
Fall Council Steak Fry
October 15th, 6pm, SJ Hall
4th Degree Dinner/Meeting
October 25th—Prince of Peace
Corporate Communion Mass
November 6th, 11am, St. James
Officers Meeting
November 6th, 6:30pm, SJ Rm-1
Membership Meeting
November 6th, 7pm, SJ Rm-1
4th Degree Dinner/Meeting
November 22nd—706 Muskegon
First Degree
December 4th, 6pm, SJ Rm-1
Membership Meeting
December 4th, 7pm, SJ Rm-1
4th Degree Christmas Dinner
TBD
Officers Meeting
January 8th, 6:30pm, SJ Rm-1
Membership Meeting
January 8th, 7pm, SJ Rm-1
Fraternal Benefits Night
January 14th, 6pm, SJ Hall



FATHER DONN TUFTS: We were saddened to recently hear of the passing of our councils past Chaplain and beloved Priest, Father Donn. On July 25th we as a Christian community came together to celebrate his memory and passing.



