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**MARTIN H. CARMODY COUNCIL 389
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Dates to Remember

September 2, 2007~ God's Kitchen Volunteers
September 13, 2007 ~ Rosary ~ GR Home for Veterans in the Chapel, 4:00pm
**** September 15, 2007 ~ Combined Councils Corporate Communion,
4:30pm Mass at Blessed Sacrament ~ See details on Pages 3 and 4 ****
September 16, 2007—Pancake Breakfast Returns!
September 24, 2007 ~ Bingo Worker's at St. Mary's, 6:00pm
September 27, 2007 ~ Council General Meeting, 6:30pm
**September 30, 2007—Installation of 2007-2008 Officers,
12:15pm in Saint Jude Church**

From the Council Chaplain

It will soon be back to school time for the children. Hopefully we put prayer intentions for them high on our agendas. We know the Knights have been very generous in programs (spelling bees, free throw competitions, essay contests, and substance abuse awareness) and scholarships. A world of gratitude to each of you for your investment in these gifts. As we watch the children grow and mature – hopefully always for good, unfortunately sometimes for ill – each one is daughter or son from among our families. As Knights we profess and commit our care and protection of widows and children, in addition to support religious life as they go hand in hand. As one of many Councils, we face challenges that will effect our younger children. Perhaps another question we should ask ourselves is what can we do with our solidarity to support local Parish issues that effect more than one Parish and their children? Whatever we do in the future will hopefully be well seasoned in prayer also. Peace in Christ, Father Mike



From the Grand Knight

Hello out there in the land of Martin H. Carmody Council. As everyone knows, when you are able to attain a position that you have desired for a long time, it is with great feeling and hope. Our meeting on August 23rd filled me with great confidence. With nine of the elected officers present, we heard many good words. We discussed many important issues.

- Worthy Knight Dave Klemmer reported on the Pancake Breakfast, and he is ready to pick up the supplies for the occasion.
- Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Jon Wright spoke on the subject of vocations. Much positive discussion took place and announcement of the Council's up and coming plans will be revealed soon.



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- Worthy Knight Larry Wilson brought us up to date on the subject of how the Knights can aid providing youth ministry through the scouting program. The scouting program has been a subject that is very much a part of the Knights of Columbus. When you joined the Knights you were given a rosary because it is considered the most powerful prayer in the world. The Council was asked to be a part of their Rosary Patch program and we accepted. On Saturday, Aug 25th, Lady Carla and myself attended the first local effort at Aquinas College. Representatives from four Councils and approximately thirty scouts and a number of scout leaders participated. We were invited to instruct, support and profess our beliefs in the Rosary. After the instruction, everyone joined in on praying the Glorious Mysteries. It was a moment I will always remember.
- A fine discussion of the Corporate Communion took place and I just know that our next Corporate Communion, which will be observed at the 4:30pm Mass on September 15th at Blessed Sacrament Church will be very well attended. Details on the combined Council Corporate Communion are included with this newsletter. As I stated at the meeting, do not be afraid of attending Mass twice on one weekend—it is a very fulfilling experience.
- Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Jon Wright discussed membership and suggested that we could each bring one new member and we could double our Catholic service potential. Each new member sponsored should be mentored throughout his time of learning what the Knights' service consists of.
- Membership recruitment is always an ongoing project in the Knights of Columbus. But we do have another additional drive that the Knights refer to as a "Blitz". We are required to have as many as four in a fraternal year. A Blitz consists of inviting members of the Parish after Masses to join our group. We hope to accomplish one on or around the weekend of October 6-7, 2007. You could be invited to assist by being available after the Masses of the weekend. Please join in this effort.

So you can see our fraternal year has started off with many tasks, and our calendar of upcoming events has filled quickly. I appreciate all your support and encourage you to provide any comments or ideas that will continue our Council's momentum. Vivat Jesus! Bob Foster, Grand Knight



September Birthdays and Anniversaries—Congratulations!

9/13	Frank Rocchi	9/1	Frank Murphy	48 years
9/14	John Capodilupo	9/1	Ronald Stack	29 years
9/24	Ronald Stack	9/1	John Capodilupo	14 years
9/28	Frank Murphy	9/21	William Shepard	8 years
9/29	Roger Terhaar			

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From the Deputy Grand Knight

Greetings most Worthy Knights of Council 389, from your newly elected Deputy Grand Knight. I just want to welcome everyone back from a beautiful, if not dry summer. We are entering our busy season with upcoming pancake breakfasts (don't forget, we need the help), and other events that we will work on in the coming year. Your Most Worthy Grand Knight and I attended some training for new officers as well as State updates. I must admit that I was a little apprehensive about going to these. It was another journey out of my comfort zone, which extends to a one foot parameter around my recliner. I was pleasantly surprised with all the presentations, and enjoyed all the people I met, who were also a little out of their comfort zones. I think this is a good condition to put yourself in from time to time. It encourages both spiritual and personal growth. If I hadn't been dragged out of my comfort zone by a certain Mr. Foster, I might not have been inclined to join the Knights of Columbus. If I hadn't been "reminded" every year by Brian Patterson, I might have never attended our church retreat. A real loss. I wouldn't have met some of the finest people that I have had the pleasure to serve a meal with, pray with, MAKE A DIFFERENCE with, and generally enjoy good company with. I would hope we all can convince someone this year to take part in something that they may find fills a hole in their Catholic faith. Please consider taking someone under your wing, and invite them to become a Knight.

Vivat Jesus! Jon Wright, Deputy Grand Knight

Supporting Our Parishes

Supporting our Parishes is one of many Knights' important tasks. When we support our parish we are, in reality, supporting the entire Catholic Church. We are not only the largest, but the single most important organization that is able to make a difference within the Grand Rapids Diocese. Council 389 Knights continue to aid the Parish through their involvement in the many forms of stewardship--through time, talent and treasure. We now feel honored to support Catholic Education through our support of the newly formed All Saints Academy.

The Parish Pastors and Parishioners of Blessed Sacrament, Saint Alphonsus, Saint Isidore, and Saint Jude have been given a most important undertaking of providing the best Catholic education for the Catholic children within our communities. A daunting task to be sure and we know this collaborative effort has emotional ramifications for all. However, we know and trust our priests and parishioners and that what they will determine is truly providence from God.

Knights of Columbus members associated with these parishes have an opportunity to be part of the solution as All Saints Academy unfolds. At the present time, Knights of Columbus representatives from the Saint Isidore, Blessed Sacrament and the Martin H. Carmody Councils have met together and all feel that the Knights can make the a difference in the success of the All Saints Academy. The members that have met feel it is very important to maintain a successful Catholic education and that it is the time to stand up and support our Parishes on this very important issue.

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The Knights of the three Councils who met also feel that a method to display our support is to join together in prayer at each of the four Parishes through our Corporate Communion. In order to accomplish this joint venture, a Corporate Communion at each of the Parishes is planned. The first one will be celebrated at Blessed Sacrament Church on Saturday September 15, 2007 at the 4:30pm. Mass. Father George is very excited about this event. And I can tell you that our Council Chaplain, Father Mike is also very delighted. The St. Isidore Council told me at their General Meeting on August 20 that they know that Father Don feels the same.

The Michigan Leadership Guide outlines our Corporate Communion requirement:

“To meet this requirement, each Council must have a Family Corporate Communion a minimum of four (4) times a year. Work with the Chaplain at the Council Church Activities Director to schedule these Masses. Consider scheduling one each of the four quarters in the fraternal year. Set aside reserved pews so that Knights and their family members can sit together. Select a deserving Knight and his family to carry the Standard of the Council and lead the Knights Families Processing into Mass. Ask your pastor to have qualified Knights serve as Lector, Commentator and Eucharistic Ministers for the Mass. Earn one church activities credit for each Corporate Communion.”

When you read the above paragraph, it is easy to see the vital importance that the Knights put on the Corporate Communion as well as including our families in this together. What better avenue than Corporate Communion do we have than to bring all our families together to support our Parishes, Catholic education, and All Saints Academy at one time.

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As the Field Agent assigned to your Council, it is my responsibility to make sure that you are aware of all of your benefits and that our files are up to date.

One of the most important services that we offer is the assistance given to the widows and children of our members. We help in the settlement of all insurance claims, retirement benefits, employer benefits and more. To perform this service, it is much easier if we get together now and fill out our "Family Service Record".

I am sure you are aware that you are under no obligation. But for us to complete the work of our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney; I require only a small amount of your valuable time to explain these and other benefits available to “insurance” members that have become “full-fledge” members. Limiting your membership to the associate level may be your choice. You are obligated to continue your dues payment to receive the benefits of an associate member.

Call me today to discuss your benefits level and how to be a “FULL-FLEDGE” member. James Michael Taylor (Mike), Phone 356-1186

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