



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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COLUMBIAN CLUB OF WATERVLIET officers: Bruce Meyers Glen Giannetti Art Stanley Robert Herman
Richard Hubona Joe Giapa Al Nilson

SICK OR IN DISTRESS--- PGK Tom Powers REC Frank Simanton Brothers Ted Arendt
Dan Hutchins Pete Mannino Jack Walter
plus Robert Ott (son of DGK Bill Ott and Ryan Ott's brother) and Sandy Teunissen

IN MEMORIAN--In your prayers please pray for the soul of **Brother Victor Walter**, who passed on November 4, 2018. Vic was the son of a knight, a brother of knights, a father of knights and the uncle of knights. His extended family have been members of the council and columbian club for many years. Those of you who know Vic remember that he had a great sense of humor, a smile for everyone, and could pull any one's leg with the best of them. For the past few years, he was overcoming the results of a stroke but still kept smiling. Fr John Peter mentioned at his prayer service, that Vic always thanked him for being a priest and serving St. Joseph parish. Eternal Rest Vic.

Also, please remember the soul of **PGK Kenneth Stewart**, who passed on Nov. 19, 2018. Ken was an officer of the council for many, many years and a Past District Deputy. He ran many fund raising events when the Bingo was not doing well and stayed active in the Bingo until his last illness. He was very active in several veteran organizations in the area and always reminded us when the local VFW need to replace flags in our parish cemetery. Ken's smile, laughter and leadership will be missed by this council. Eternal Rest Ken.

GIVING CALENDARS from the Holy Cross Children's Services---The Michigan State Council of the Knights of Columbus along with HCCS is sponsoring a calendar again this year. For a \$25 donation you get a chance to win over 360 \$50 prizes, 12 \$500 prizes and 1 Grand Prize of \$5000. "HCCS is a Catholic organization whose mission is to bring hope, promote change and help children live free, healthy and productive lives" The Michigan K of C has been helping this organization since 1948 and the need for a safe place for children has never decreased. SO, please consider sending \$25 to **Holy Cross Children's Services** 8759 Clinton-Macon RD, Clinton, MI 49236-9910

A few years have passed since I won the Grand Prize, but I keep trying.

OFFICER'S JEWELS--At the October general membership meeting, a motion was made to purchase a new set of Officer's Jewels and ribbons for the council at a cost of \$245. No one at the meeting remembered the last time the jewels had been replaced and a couple of the jewels have come up missing. Also, at the recent officer installation our council's jewels were very easy to pick out.

VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED FOR THE BINGO

Team #2 needs someone with a little experience in Excel to fill Ken's position
We work 2 weeks and have 4 weeks off, usually. Contact FS Paul Nickels

Italian beef sandwiches and the Election of Columbian Club Officers highlight the December Meeting

RECENT DONATIONS

- The motion to donate \$1000 to the Community Hospital Foundation for improvements to the Par Course at Lakeland Hospital in Watervliet was passed during the October meeting.
- A motion was made, seconded and passed to donate \$500 to the Kalamazoo Diocese for "The Presence" which will be a mini-retreat for the youth of the diocese to be held next year. Our hope is that some of our high school level parishioners will participate.
- All proceeds from the October Pancake Breakfast were given to Fr. Don Wieber, as a kind of going away present. Fr. Don has settled in to his new residence in St. John's, MI. Give him a call or send a card anytime.
- A motion was made, seconded and passed to donate \$250 to the Supreme Council's Disaster Fund
- A motion was made to donate \$200 to the Coloma High School After-Prom committee. This money was in the budget and only the Coloma Committee contacted us, so far.
- A motion was made and passed to allow Treasurer Art Stanley purchase a \$50 gift card to be used for the council's annual American Red Cross Blood Drive.

BLOOD DRIVE--Treasurer Art Stanley is hosting the annual American Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, December 13, 2018 between noon and 5:30pm. If you are able to donate, Art would like your blood. This year the council will give a \$50 gift certificate to one lucky donor.

Art needs volunteers between 10:30 and 11am to help unload the Red Cross truck and again around 6pm to load the truck.

BIBLES TO WIDOWS OF KNIGHTS?--This council has had a tradition of giving a Bible to the widow of a Knight of the Fr. Thelen Council 4055. Our supply is depleting and the Ladies Auxiliary no longer exists. (They sponsored 1/2 the cost) So, do we want to continue this tradition, end it, or revise it? Let an officer know your opinion.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS--I put copies of the decals at the entrances of St. Joseph's Church for display on a window in your home or on your car. I have noticed a few cars in town that have kept the decals on all year long.

IF one watches T.V. news, there seems to be a host of "news" stories which seem to indicate the reason for Christmas is for retailers to make as much money as possible in a time period which seems to have followed the back-to-school sales in September.

LET US BE THE ROCK IN SOCIETY THAT REMEMBERS

THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONLY REASON FOR CHRISTMAS