



# Knights & Family Corner

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## CALENDAR

### April

**2nd – Business Meeting - 7:30**

**3rd – Fish Dinner 5-7pm**

**5<sup>th</sup> – Easter Week**

**12<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday**

**18<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Grayling**

**25th – Spring Dinner**

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### General Meeting April 2nd

Our regular business meeting will be held on April 2nd at 7:30 pm at Christ the King. Come and see what we're up to!

### Grand Knights Report

*By: Charlie Elsenheimer*

Thanks to all the Brothers and families that have stepped up in the last couple of months to help with the many projects and charities we are involved in. It is Great to see new faces and some we haven't seen in a while! The breakfasts and Fish Dinners have been well attended and well run by our crew leaders.

A special Thanks to everyone that helped with Ed's Jamaica Fund raiser breakfast! We raised \$ 2882.58. With the \$1500 donation the Knights budgeted, the total we gave to Ed to take was \$ 4382.58. It was a great example of our orders first degree motto of Charity. Please remember to Pray for Ed Harris as he travels to Jamaica this month.

Are you ready to become a full 3<sup>rd</sup> degree member of our council? Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> there will be a major degree held in Grayling. There is no charge if you are a 1<sup>st</sup> degree member. Lunch will be provided. Please contact me at 631-2493 or e-mail me at [candd8@gmail.com](mailto:candd8@gmail.com) and let me know that you will be there or if you have any questions.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Ever wonder how every Sunday morning you get to Church and the Coffee is already brewing and all the donuts, milk, water, hot chocolate and tea are magically set up and ready to go? I bet you didn't know that there is a crew of dedicated Knights that take one month shifts year in and year out. Arrive about 8 am and set up for donuts. This crew is Deacon John Falicki, Dave Burke, Pete Vanberlo, Dennis Ritter and Joe Kane. If you see one of these men be sure to thank them for a job well done.

The Fr. Fred Drive will be held during the first weekend in May This year I offer a challenge to you. If you are unable or unwilling to stand and collect money on that weekend, donate what you can afford to the Father Fred Drive instead. You can drop the money off to me at the next two business meeting or send it to me at;

1263 Marvin Gardens  
Traverse City, MI 49686

Be sure to write the check to K of C #9979 and Write "Fr Fred Drive" in the memo line.

Also coming in May is the Clergy Appreciation Dinner.

Please share the wealth and lesson the burden by asking a friend to become a Knight.

Vivat Jesus  
GK Charlie

### Blood Drive

*By: Frank Samborski*

There will be a blood drive on Tuesday, April 28th, from 12 Noon until 6 o'clock p.m. in the lower level of Christ the King church. We're looking for some "new blood", no pun intended. Some of our regular donors can't donate any longer or they moved out of this area. It would be nice if we could have some new

donors to take their place. If you never donated before, it's very easy and takes about 5 to 8 minutes to donate. You can also make an appointment on a list in the church's outer office, and as always if it is inconvenient to donate at this drive, you can do so at the blood center at 2575 Aero Park Drive. Just call them to make an appointment 935-3030, and be sure to tell them it is for Christ the King church. Thanks for your continued support. It is the gift of Life.

My apologies for overlooking the crews that placed all the posters advertising the Blood Drive last month. They were Jan Mannor and Jack and Marilyn Niesen. Kudos to them for making the Drive a whopping success!

Blood Drive Chairman  
Frank Samborski

### Widow Outreach

*By: Neal Breaugh*

It seems that all our widows are grateful that winter is coming to a close and that spring will be here soon. It has been a rough winter for Anna Larch. She was in and out of the hospital 3 times, but is now back on track and doing well in the nursing home. Her daughter said to tell the Knights that Anna at 94 years of age is still a fighter and making another comeback.

Shirley Niepoth is still in the Meadowbrook Nursing Home in Bellaire and is doing as well as can be expected.

It was also a hard year for Irene Risky—mainly because she fell a couple of times—and all this snow made her very mad because she couldn't get out and go-go-go-as she has always done and likes to do. However, she still remains upbeat about things.

Peg Langdon and Fran Courtade are still very enthusiastic and optimistic

about everything and still provide lots of help around Christ the King Parish.

Judy DeNoyer missed her pasties in February because she was visiting her daughter in Arizona. She had a great time.

Helen Wilcox remains active with family, but is also looking forward to Spring. Her planned driving trip to Florida was put off because when she was scheduled to go, the snow was really falling; so she stayed home. Her grandson enjoyed February's pasties with her, and she still likes attending Christ the King the best.

We have not been able to contact Cupie Gnadt for some time; so we assume that she is away in a warm climate waiting for Spring to arrive before returning home.

### Chaplain's Comments

*By: Fr. Jerry*

#### EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

Do I direct my thoughts to God in whom I have faith? Am I aware of his care and goodness to me? Do I worship God and God alone and respond to his love for me? Do I love God? How have I expressed this to God?

God has given us the gift of life. Do I abuse that gift by not taking care of myself? Do I respect the gift of life God has given to others? How have I failed to respect life?

In the Ten Commandments God instructed us to show our love for Him through our positive actions and behavior and through our relationship to and with others. Do I show respect and love for my parents, spouses, children, friends, relatives and co-workers? Do I criticize or belittle others? Am I jealous of others? Do I make false judgments or slander another's good name or reputation? How have I hurt people? Have I apologized to them and asked their forgiveness?

How do I pray? Is prayer important to me? Have I missed Sunday worship or holydays of obligation? Do I see a value in praying with the Christian community?

Have I deprived my family of myself, my time, my love? Have I been neglecting my family? Does something else seem to be more important than my family?

Have I been insensitive towards others? Do I trample on other people's feelings, attitudes, and opinions? Do I fail to see the gifts God has given them? Does my selfishness and/or insecurity hinder me from seeing the good in others and respecting them as persons created in the image and likeness of God? Have I failed to see the good in me and the gifts God gave me? Have I used them to build up the Church?

How has my personal sin added to the social sin surrounding us: poverty, racism, oppression of people for whatever reason, violence, war, starvation? What am I doing about my personal sin?

Do I use my tongue to preach God's word, praise God, and encourage people? Or is it used to destroy people, use God's name as a curse instead of a blessing, cursing, swearing, and gossiping? Do I use God or his name for selfish goals, to get even with people, to control people?

Do I take my religion outside of this building? Am I a hypocrite? Do I practice what I believe where I live, work, play, gather with people?

Do I use people for selfish reasons? How do I use and/or abuse people?

### THE PERSONAL NEEDS AND CLEANING PRODUCTS

**PANTRY** hosted by Grace Episcopal Church, located at Jubilee House (325 Washington Street), has been busy serving the needs of Traverse City residents for over a year. Your support is needed to restock the shelves. The following personal hygiene and cleaning supplies are needed:

- Toilet paper
- Facial/bath soap
- Facial tissue
- Shampoo and conditioner

- Paper towels
- Hand and body lotion
- Diapers (especially Larger sizes)
- Laundry supplies  
(detergent/stain remover/fabric softener)
- Feminine hygiene
- Bleach
- Depends
- Dish washing detergent
- Razors and shaving cream
- Glass cleaners
- Deodorant
- Dusting aids

The Jubilee house is open to clients on Wednesdays from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm, Thursdays and Fridays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, and Saturdays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. To arrange for pickup or delivery of your donations, please call the Jubilee House at 947-2330 or the LOVE, INC, office at 941-5683.

### Donut Schedule

*By: Pete Vanberlo*

If you can't make it on your assigned day, please call someone to sub!

4/5/09 – Team 8

Paul	Kociemba	938-5957
Terry	Hardwick	946-9100
Ronald	Kovarik	946-0843
Denny	Courtade	947-7033

4/12/09 – Easter – No Donuts

4/19/09 - Team 9

Michael	Bartkowiak	938-0085
Steve	Fasel	947-0105
Nevenko	Buntic	933-0559
Michael	Maasberg	938-1279

4/26/09 – Team 10

James	Keedy	929-3678
Patrick	Parker	947-0388
John	Niesen	938-9057
Francis	Tenbusch	938-3342