



# Knights of Columbus

LANSING COUNCIL, No. 3540

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brothers, The Lansing Council has experienced an exciting couple of months since our last communication. In August we wrapped up our annual raffle at the Cheeseburger in Paradise Party, September brought our MR/LD drive, and in October we held a hospitality weekend and membership drive at St Ann Church. Let me talk a couple of moments to tell you about the events and congratulate the Brothers who made them possible.

This year our raffle was chaired by our FS Rich Baltrus. Rich did an amazing job this year, with the support of all our Brother Knights selling tickets. We raised some much needed money to support our charities and council events. For his efforts, Rich was awarded Knight of the Month for August. Also awarded Knight of the Month in August, was our DGK Ron Fisher for his efforts supporting our local food pantries. If you recall from our last letter, Ron started a program asking Knights who attend the general

meeting to bring with them some nonperishable food. This food is then distributed to help those in need. Please continue to support this program by bringing some food with you to the meeting.

The MR/LD Drive this year was co-chaired by Delmar Angel and Phil Pastere. Due to their efforts and the help of many others, we were able to raise over \$6,500 dollars. This event takes a lot of effort to organize and coordinate, and I thank them both for the work. Please start thinking now about helping out next year. The drive is always in September, and with some additional help, maybe we can raise \$10,000 next year to help others. Delmar and Phil

shared Knight of the Month honors in September for their fine work.

October has brought the annual Knights of Columbus Fall Membership Blitz. October 3rd and 4th the Lansing Council in support the Blitz held a Hospitality Weekend at St. Ann. We had Brother Knights and Columbian Ladies at all Masses serving donuts and drinks in the narthex for parishioners. Hospitality events are important to the Lansing Knights; they allow us to show our support for the Church. It also allows us to introduce ourselves to parishioners that may not be aware of the Knights of Columbus and what we do. This year, with the help of our Insurance Agent Darryl Tabernacki (thanks again Darryl), we were able to introduce the Knights of Columbus to four perspective members. If you think about it, there is no better place to find new Knights than a Church filled with Catholic Gentlemen.

The weekend was very successful and I have some thanks to hand out. First thanks go to Father Fred and his staff at St. Ann for showing their support of Lansing Council. Thanks to our Columbian Ladies for their support, and finally to the host of Brother Knights that gave their time that weekend.

Until next time,

Vivat Jesus, Brian Fisher GK

## COLUMBIAN LADIES NEWS

The witches and pumpkins are everywhere around town, and the holidays are approaching quickly. The Ladies are busy preparing for their "Thanksgiving Delights" meeting in November. We will be collecting donations for the needy families in our area. This is our annual Thanksgiving feast and fellowship meeting.

We have been assisting our Knights with Hospitality Sunday in hope to recruit new members. We meet on the fourth Monday of the month at the Council Meeting Hall. Every Catholic woman over the age of eighteen is welcome to join our group. We do many projects and charity work with those of our community and we also volunteer help with many of the programs of the State Knights of Columbus.

We look forward to helping the Knights with the Christmas Party for the children and grandchildren of the Council. We also will start off the new year with plans for a fundraiser and other displays of interesting topics for our meetings.

Our November Meeting will be held on the 16th due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. The meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Lake Side Room of the Council Hall.

For more information, please call Pat at 708-895-6412 or Lorraine at 708-474-4416.

**For WAKE CALLS, contact  
Ken Collins at (219) 322-8847**



## Children's Halloween Party

Soon the leaves will start to turn the colors of Fall, and that can mean only one thing.....It's time for the Council's Annual Children's Halloween Party. We are inviting all the children and grandchildren of Brother Knights and Columbian Ladies up to 10 years of age to come spend an evening of Ghoulish fun with us. This year's party will be held on Friday, October 23rd, from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Lake Side Room.

We will be serving hot dogs, chips and goodies for all the children. It is very important you call so we can make sure we have enough. So, please contact Roger Tyderek at 219-852-0911 or Brian Fisher at 219-864-8380 by October 1st if you plan on attending.

## ADMIRAL GALLERY

The next meeting is Thursday, the 19th of November. At that meeting, the date and time to put up the Nativity Scene will be determined. Details will be announced at our December 1st Council Meeting.

### Upcoming Step Outs are:

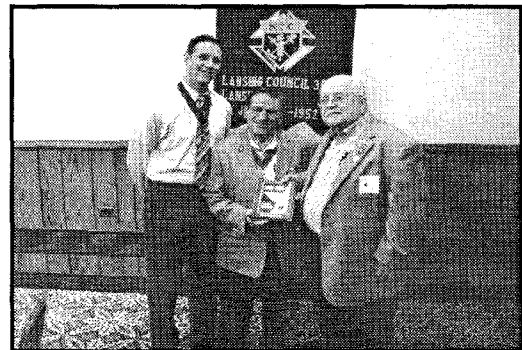
#### Show Up      Mass

- 10/18/09 Sunday . . . . . 10:30 a.m. . . 11:00 a.m.  
Our Lady of the Millennium - St. James, 22400 Torrence
- 11/7/09 Saturday . . . . . 10:00 a.m. . . 10:30 a.m.  
Confirmation - St. Kieran, 724 195th
- 11/21/09 Saturday . . . . . 3:30 p.m. . . . 4:00 p.m.  
125th Anniversary - St. Columba, 13323 Greenbay
- 11/22/09 Sunday . . . . . 10:45 a.m. . . 11:00 a.m.  
Confirmation - St. Andrew, 768 Lincoln, Calumet City
- 12/13/09 Sunday . . . . . 8:00 a.m. . . . 8:30 a.m.  
Hospitality/Step Out - St. James

## SPELLING BEE CONTEST

Our Council will be holding its annual Spelling Bee Contest on January 23, 2010, our our Council Hall. Signups will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the contest will start at 10:00 a.m. This contest is free and is open to girls and boys from 5th grade to 8th grade that live in our neighborhood.

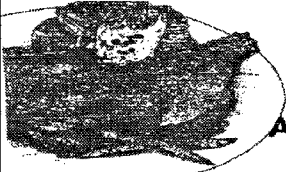
The first, second and third place winners will receive a trophy each and will be eligible to compete in our Regional Contest, which will be held in March at our Council Hall also. If you have any questions, please contact Pete Marx at 219-864-0418.



Lansing Knights of Columbus Council 3540 was awarded the National Columbian Award for completing four programs in each of the categories which symbolizes excellence in the volunteer programming activities that serve the Church, Community, Council, Family, and Youth. Presenting the Award is Ken Cuprisin, State Diocesan Membership Chairman to Immediate Past Grand Knight and now District Deputy Rich Czarniecki as the present Grand Knight Brian Fisher is looking on.

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## Knights of Columbus ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY

Christmas time is just around the corner! Everyone is invited to our annual KC Adult Christmas Party. Please come join us on **Saturday, December 19, 2009** from 6:00 p.m. until Midnight. A family-style dinner will be served, with drinks, music, prizes, and raffles. As always, a fun time will be had!

Tickets are \$25 each and **reservations must be made by Friday, December 11.**

**NO WALK-INS WILL BE ACCEPTED THIS YEAR.  
SO, PLEASE RSVP!**

Bob Layne - 708.889.9629

Mike Wysocki - 219.322.1255 or socko710@hotmail.com

## MR/LD FUND DRIVE 2009

*by Delmar Angell, Chairman*

Although it was like a rainy election day (not the big turnout), the ones that did show up to help worked very diligently, and I am happy to say, although we didn't reach our goal, we came close to it.

I would like to thank the Brother Knights that helped, the Ladies Auxiliary, New Hope, L.A.R.K., St. Ann's Pad, Our Lady of Knox, and a few who just wanted to help. I'm sure that what we did collect will help us to be proud of our Council.

## Our Council Sick

Please keep all our members and ladies in your prayers as their health is failing and we must intercede in prayer for them.

*Our list includes:* Jerrie Bond, Bill Mitchell, Helen Bobalich, BK Gus Landeroz, BK Michael Cernyar, Grace Mary Cernyar, Mary Rita Davis, Debra Ray, Pat Nowakowski, James Danielwicz, Al Rogers, Bob Mendez, Louise Kopaczewski, Jose Cabrales, Harold and Mary Ware, BK Gene & Martha Pope, Raymond Kuzynski, Sr., BK Roy & Anita Rodriguez, John Ponziano, BK Don & Linda Szala, Joan Fisher, Adeline Collins, Daina Wolak Tonny, and Eugene Rose.

***If you have someone you want added to the Sick List, please call Grand Knight Rich Czarnecki (708) 755-0248 or Deputy Grand Knight Brian Fisher (219) 864-8380.***

## ANNUAL VOCATIONS RAFFLE

Brother Knights, It is once again time for our Vocations Raffle. Information on the Raffle along with raffle books will be available soon. All proceeds from this raffle will be used to support Seminarians and Priests. They need our help. So, please sell your book and return the stubs with the cover in tact as soon as possible.

For more information or additional books, please contact Ron Fisher, your Vocations Chairman, at 708-895-5579.

**For Fourth Degree Stepouts, call  
Rich Czarnecki 708-755-0248**

### ***MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!***

This year, Breakfast with Santa will be held on December 19th from 9:00 a.m. till Noon at the Hall. Children and grandchildren of Knights and Columbian Ladies ages 10 and under are invited to enjoy a breakfast buffet along with their families. We will have a visit from Santa with gifts for all the children after breakfast. The breakfast is free for the children, and we ask that parents donate \$7 per person to help cover expenses.

If you plan on attending, you must contact me or Ron Fisher at the numbers below by November 23rd. Attending the event without contacting one of us and providing the information below is a Ho Ho No No as we will not have a present for your child. We will need the following information when you call; Families name, child's name, age, boy, girl, total number of adults attending, and a phone number.

Thanks, Brian Fisher, DGK

Brian Fisher 219-864-8380 Ron Fisher 708-895-5579

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## Upcoming Events

### NOVEMBER

3rd *Tuesday* . . . . . Knights Council Mtg . . . . . 8:00 p.m.  
4th *Wednesday* . . . . . Stritch Mtg., St. Kieran . . . . . 8:00 p.m.  
16th *Monday* . . . . . Columbian Board Mtg . . . . . 7:30 p.m.  
16th *Monday* . . . . . Columbian Ladies Mtg . . . . . 6:30 p.m.  
18th *Wednesday* . . . . . Stritch Officers Mtg. Dalaly . . . . . 7:30 p.m.  
19th *Thursday* . . . . . Admiral Gallery Mtg . . . . . 7:30 p.m.  
24th *Tuesday* . . . . . Knights Officer Mtg . . . . . 8:00 p.m.  
25th *Wednesday* . . . . . Grand Knight  
Past Grand Knight Meeting . . . . . 8:00 p.m.

### DECEMBER

1st *Tuesday* . . . . . Knights Council Mtg. . . . . 8:00 p.m.  
2nd *Wednesday* . . . . . Stritch Mtg. General Pinta Neri. . . . . 8:00 p.m.  
16th *Wednesday* . . . . . Stritch Officers Mtg. Dalaly. . . . . 7:30 p.m.  
19th *Saturday* . . . . . Children's Breakfast with Santa . . . . . 9:00 a.m.  
19th *Saturday* . . . . . Adult Christmas Party . . . . . 6:00 p.m.

### DECEMBER (continued)

21st *Monday* . . . . . Columbian Board Mtg. . . . . 7:30 p.m.  
29th *Tuesday* . . . . . Knights Officer Mtg. . . . . 8:00 p.m.  
30th *Wednesday* . . . . . Grand Knight  
Past Grand Knight Meeting . . . . . 8:00 p.m.

### JANUARY 2010

5th *Tuesday* . . . . . Knights Council Mtg. . . . . 8:00 p.m.  
6th *Wednesday* . . . . . Stritch Clergy Night Trinity . . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
15th *Friday* . . . . . Council Free Throw Coolidge School.. 6:00 p.m.  
18th *Monday* . . . . . Columbian Board Mtg . . . . . 7:30 p.m.  
20th *Wednesday* . . . . . Stritch Officers Mtg Dalaly. . . . . 7:30 p.m.  
23rd *Saturday* . . . . . Council Spelling Bee Hall. . . . . 10:00 a.m.  
25th *Monday* . . . . . Columbian Ladies Mtg . . . . . 6:30 p.m.  
26th *Tuesday* . . . . . Knights Officer Mtg . . . . . 8:00 p.m.  
27th *Wednesday* . . . . . Grand Knight  
Past Grand Knight Mtg. . . . . 8:00 p.m.