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Valentine's event has hearts singing



Sweethearts Tom and Pat Gemza enjoy an impromptu Valentine's dance.



The event hosts, Bud and Kay Sauer (at right), sample the delicious buffet.



KC couples enjoyed a great meal and a fun night out at Summerhill for Valentine's Day. Thanks to Bud and Kay Sauer for reserving the room for the event. Joe Peisert kept the karaoke humming along and Perry and Nancy Dalton helped ensure the event went smoothly and all went home with a door prize in one hand and their spouses hand in the other.



The Gorka's and the John's enjoy dinner conversation. Then, many karaoke singers took the stage to energize the event.



Coming events

- March 1 Pancake breakfast at Transfiguration (Missionary Sisters)
- March 3 KC meeting  Transfiguration
- March 3 FARKLE game night  KC ladies 7 p.m. Transfiguration
- March 15 Family bowling/pot luck
- March 22 Blessed Sacrament PCB
- March 22 St. Thomas PCB
- March 28 Ham Bingo Transfiguration



KC's from our council and Council 397 joined Fr. George Welzbacher on Feb. 7 at the Church of St. John in St. Paul to help deliver coats to local charities.

Charity: Coats for kids

KC's gathered Feb. 7 at the Church of St. John's in St. Paul to load up a trailer and deliver about 75 coats to Trinity Mission and an unknown amount to LifeCare Center East. Council 397 also distributed coats.

Of the 3,000 coats sent to Minnesota by the Supreme Council, 700 went to Duluth, 600 went to St. Cloud, and 1,700 went to the metro area. The need for these coats was great and will be appreciated by many families. Visit us online: www.kc4374.org



Grand Knight's message:

Brothers,

In my previous column, I used the word "change" and challenged you to be an instrument of change for the better.

Well, I can tell you from personal experience that if you don't change yourself, something or someone will come along and cause you to change and it may not be the change you had in mind.

As you may know, my wife just had brain surgery. We found out in October that she had a benign skull based tumor (acoustic neuroma) and on Jan. 27 she had it removed. Thanks to the skill of the surgeons at Mayo Clinic and many prayers, she is recovering nicely.

Diane's surgery and her time of convalescence have taught me to be more patient. It also reaffirmed to me the tremendous leadership we have in the Father Finley Council. While I was absent tending to my wife, meetings went on as scheduled, Supreme paperwork was submitted and a pancake breakfast was conducted successfully.

The Knights of Columbus are men on a mission. We will make this world a better place one person, one family, one Church and one community at a time. Become an active part of the world's largest Catholic Fraternal organization.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 25. Instead of giving something up this year how about "taking it on"?

We have many fund raising opportunities in March. Three pancake breakfasts: Transfiguration (March 1), Blessed Sacrament and St. Thomas (March 22) and Bingo at Transfiguration (March 28). Don't know who to call? Call me (651) 739-2714 or send me an e-mail message at grmencke@comcast.net. I will make sure you get contacted by one of our event captains.

Don't miss the family bowling event March 15 it will be a lot of fun and its free!

See you at the next meeting.

Vivat Jesus!

Greg Mencke, Grand Knight



March birthdays

- March 4 Rev. Joseph Andrade
- March 5 Wenzel Kust (45)
- March 9 John Cotroneo
- March 11 Leo Gau
- March 19 David Houle (50)
- March 21 Kenneth Chevrette
- March 21 Joseph Hoffman
- March 22 Jay Humsey (50)
- March 24 Donald Elm PGK (80)
- March 24 Lyle Fischer (75)
- March 24 Charles Knapp
- March 27 Benjamin Johnson
- March 28 Thomas Fitzgibbon (65)
- March 30 Francis Mikesh PGK
- March 30 Leo E. Pierre
- March 30 Gerald E. Lowe



Your chance to win \$500 month in the Minnesota Knights Raffle

Our council has a packet of raffle tickets and it could be your chance to win valuable prizes.

The raffle tickets sell for \$5 each. Local councils need to send all funds to the Minnesota Knights Foundation and our council will receive half back for its share.

The 10 prizes range from \$500 per month for one year to \$25 per month for one year. Winners will be drawn May 16 at the State Convention in St Cloud.

Call Deputy GK Tim Roering at (651) 779-7581 to purchase tickets.

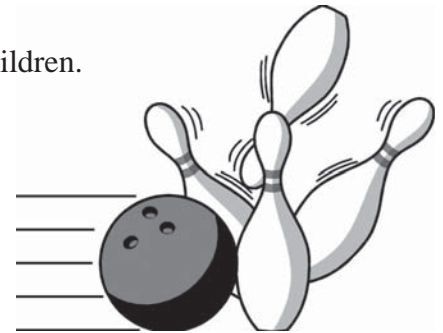


Time to spare? Bring the family bowling, with pot luck and refreshments

What: Free bowling for Council members their wives, children and grandchildren.
 Six lanes with automatic scoring, shoe rental \$1
 Twenty light-weight, 12-pound balls and gutter bumpers available.

Where: St. Francis Bowling Center. 426 South Osceola Ave St. Paul
 (One block north of Randolph and West 7th Street)

When: Sunday, March 15 from 1 to 5 p.m.
 Refreshments provided by the council (pop, beer and water).
 Bring a dish to share.



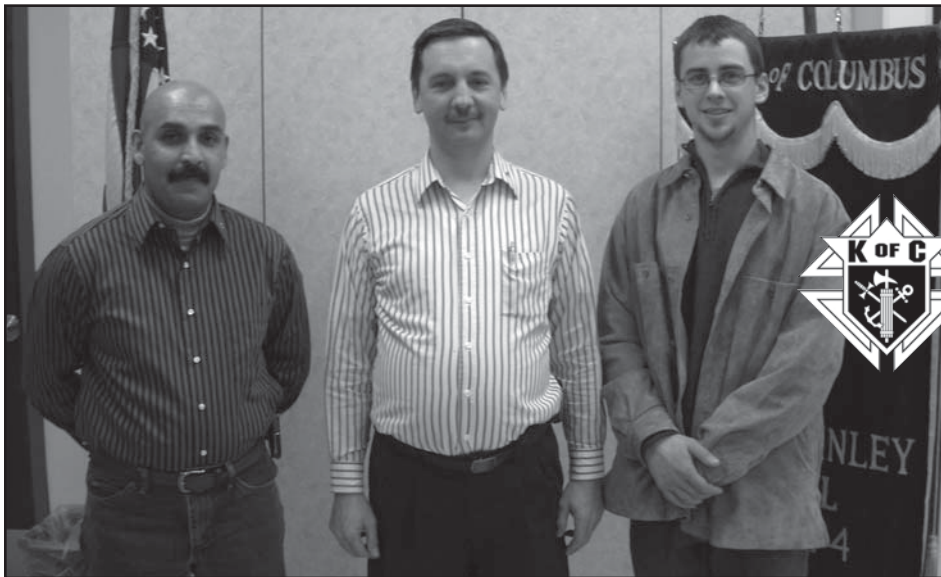
'40 Days for Life' Sundays at 7 p.m., all day March 13

The 2009 Twin Cities "40 Days for Life Vigil" began Ash Wednesday (Feb. 25) at Regions Hospital in St. Paul. Our council will once again take part in a Sunday night prayer vigil outside the hospital beginning March 1 from 7 to 8 p.m. and an all day prayer vigil on March 13.

On March 13, join fellow parishioners from Transfiguration and Presentation to spend the day (5 a.m. to 9 p.m.) in prayer. Sign-up for an hour at the parish or just show up when you can. Meet in the front of Regions Hospital on Jackson St. in St. Paul. All KC's are invited to join us in prayer, fasting and peaceful activism to turn hearts and minds to a culture of life.

Contact Mike Braun at (651) 779-0769 or see www.40daysforlife.com/twincities/. The 40 Days campaign will end April 5 (Palm Sunday).

These men they call Knights ...



The Father Finley Council conducted a First Degree Ceremony Jan. 27, 2009, at Transfiguration. The new members inducted were (left to right):

- Gregory John, St. Thomas;
- Charlie Dobihal, Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; and
- Brian Smith, St. Hubert's in Chanhassen.

Rosaries for RCIA candidates

For the second year in a row our council offered rosaries to RCIA candidates (Right of Christian Initiation for Adults) to St. Thomas the Apostle, Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Transfiguration. Thirteen candidates were presented rosaries.

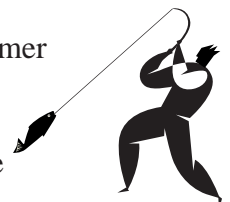
The rosary packet also included a "How to Pray the Rosary Card," information about the Knights of Columbus and our council's thank-you card with coming KC events.

Don't miss the boat ...

All KC's and their family members are invited to go fishing on Lake Mille Lacs from 5 to 10 p.m. Saturday, May 30.

Cost is \$35 for each person and includes fishing food and beverages. Fishing rods and reels will be provided. Each person must have a valid Minnesota fishing license. The fishing launch leaves promptly at 5 p.m., so don't miss the boat.

Contact Bill Kramer at (651) 739-5722 for details. Reservations are due by May 25.





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Good of the Order: Pray for these KC's and their families

Greg Auge	Audrey Knudsen
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Ray Collisimo	Howard and Geraldine Muraski
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Rick Hill	Family of Patsy Tacheny
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Yearl Johnson	Marion Yelle
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Prayer for the Canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body, which is the Church.

Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request) ... through Christ our Lord, Amen. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.