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COLUMBIAN CLUB OF WATERVLIET officers: Bruce Meyers Glen Giannetti Art Stanley Robert Herman
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SICK OR IN DISTRESS---

REC Frank Simanton Pete Mannino Jack Walter
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plus Robert Ott (son of DGK Bill Ott and Ryan Ott's brother) and Sandy Teunissen
Rick Lara's wife (cancer) Marge Baes Ruth Frogberg(Deacon Art's daughter)

IN MEMORIAN--PDD and PGK Kenneth Stewart, PGK Thomas Powers, Brother Thaddeus Arendt

In your prayers please remember the souls of our brother knights listed above.

Brother Ken Stewart was our current Council Advocate but he had been an officer and an active member of this council for many years. When this council had very few funds to work with, Ken was chairperson of several "millionaire parties". Ken was one of the bookkeepers for a bingo team until his health forced him to slow down. He offered his professional electrical advice to the council, the parish, and individual knights and he had a smile, a laugh, and a good word for everyone.

Brother Tom Powers retired to a home in Coloma and joined our council immediately. He stepped in as Grand Knight for the second part of PDK Chet Rybarczyk's term after Chet's passing and Tom led our council to several Star Council awards. He was active in several committees for our council including being one of the bingo workers and chairmen.

Brother Ted Arendt retired to a farm in Watervliet, joined St. Joseph Parish and our council shortly after his arrival. Ted always had something to say and told stories from many aspects of his life. Ted was a member of the Polish Army and captured by the Germans early in WWII. He escaped from a forced labor camp in Norway, made his way to Sweden, England and finally found some family in Detroit, where he lived for many years. He became very active in our council by working the bingo, breakfast, adopt a highway, food baskets, Tootsie Roll drive, fish fry and just about any other activity we had. He never lost his Polish accent, his smile or his sense or humor.

MAY GOD GRANT ETERNAL REST TO THESE BROTHER KNIGHTS

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 request a calendar by sending \$25 to Holy Cross Services 8759 Clinton-Macon RD, Clinton, MI 49236-9910

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

YOUR 2019 DUES ARE DUE NOW!! PLEASE SEND TO FS Paul Nickels

WELCOME--Richard (Rick) Lara joined the Knights of Columbus at our January Meeting. He lives in Coloma, works for Coloma Community Schools and is a member of Immaculate Conception Parish. Please welcome him, his wife and daughter to the council.

MAJOR DEGREE CEREMONY COMING TO BENTON HARBOR COUNCIL---If you have not made your second or third degree initiation into the Knights of Columbus, please set aside part of **May 11, 2019** to get the job done. These ceremonials explain to a higher level what the K of C is about and they explain why the K of C does some things the way it does. Your going through the process is well worth the effort. Please contact GK Mike Duffy as soon as you can to make a reservation.

BINGO VOLUNTEERS---The council still needs a couple of workers on each team. The teams need people **willing to learn** *how to call the bingo(our machine and verifier take care of a lot), do the paperwork (the computer can do most of this work), learn how to use the cash register(we got a new one of these too) and to work the floor(the verifier makes this easier too)*. At the start of this newsletter, I listed 3 bingo workers. We have several knights that are still on the job and they are in their 80s and 90s. The council asks you for 2 Tuesdays with 4 Tuesdays off. Most of us work from 6pm until 9:45pm. A few start around 5pm and we would all be gone by 9:45pm if we didn't try to solve world problems afterward. Come down any Tuesday to take a look around. If you decide to help the council out contact Brothers Ron Ostrowski, Paul Nickels, Art Stanley, Bob Herman

Cub Scouts need a sponsor---The officers will be looking into this in the near future. If you have information or a concern, contact an officer soon. The officers will bring a recommendation to the council

K of C members and Columbian Club members Say THANK YOU. Mr and Mrs Al Bodfish volunteered to scrub, scap and otherwise take all of the old wax off of the building floor recently. The floor is whiter than it has been in years. THANK YOU to these friends of the council.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH WILL NEED SOME EXTRA HANDS THIS SPRING

For those of us that have been members of St. Joseph parish for awhile, you will know that the parish has not had a maintenance worker for years due to budget constraints. The parish is looking for someone to do light maintenance for 10-15 hours a week

1. Also, this spring are the K of C going to do the edging and mulching around the parish?
2. Clean up the parish cemetery?
 - a. dead limbs
 - b. remove extra decorations?
 - c. remove part of the chain link fence in the back and side
3. Other projects proposed by the parish?

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING FOOD--Council members have offered up their favorite chili recipes for the February Meeting. If you are interested, contact FS Paul Nickels.