

Marysville Knights of Columbus Council 9526

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February 2018

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Hall Rental Information

Hall Manager	Matt Koss
Phone	364-6800
Cell Phone	824-7435

Important web sites:

Council web site:
maryvillekofc.org
Hall web site:
mcgivneybanquetcenter.com



Council #9526 membership meetings are held on the second Monday of each month in the Marysville Knights of Columbus Hall on the corner of Range and Ravenswood Road. Meetings start at 7:00 p.m.

An open business meeting is held on the fourth Monday of each month and starts at 7:00 p.m.

The Building Committee meets on the fourth Monday of each month immediately following the Council's open business meeting. All Council members are welcome to attend these meetings.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Council meets on the Second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Marysville Knights of Columbus Hall at the corner of Range and Ravenswood Road. Membership is open to women eighteen years or older. Any ladies interested in joining the Auxiliary can do so by contacting Linda Tokarski at 985-4670.

State Convention Delegates Nominations for 1st. and 2nd. Delegates to the Michigan State Convention in May will be held at the February membership meeting. If you are interested in going as a delegate to Mackinaw Island May 24-26 please contact GK John or a trustee. You must be a 3rd Degree Knight to attend the convention.



Corporate Communion with the Council and Ladies Auxiliary will be on Sunday, March 4, 2018 at the 8:00 am. Mass at St. Christopher's. All members and families are welcome to join together in the celebration of the Eucharist.

As a group, we will sit in the front 5 rows on both sides of the altar. See if you can get to church a few minutes early to sit in our group sections.

There is a 1st Degree tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 19th at the hall. Candidates should be there at 7pm with the Degree to start at 7:30 pm. If you have candidates please contact PGK Webb Coates at 364-7533.

2nd and 3rd Degree exemplification is scheduled for Thursday, February 22nd at our hall. Start time is 7pm. If you are a 1st degree member, this is a great opportunity to complete your 2nd and 3rd degrees since it doesn't get any closer to home than this.

The council has around twenty 1st degree members who could take advantage at this time to complete their degrees. For more information, contact membership chairman Webb Coates at 364-7533.

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The Council mourns the passing of Brother Knight Frank Christopher who passed away on Sunday, December 31.

Brother Frank was a 4th. Degree member, a life member and a charter member of our Council. Please keep Frank and his family in your prayers.



Ladies Auxiliary Birthday Party is on February 12th. It will be a potluck dinner starting at 6 pm. Be sure to bring a dish to pass. Meat and beverages will be provided. This is a great opportunity for all our brother knights to say “thank you” to the Ladies for all the tremendous support they have given in the past. Regular membership meeting will follow the dinner at 7pm.



Lucky “500” Club Winners for January

Winners were Ed Taylor, Charlotte Carufel, Greg White II, Tim Kelly and Terry Carl.

Tickets for this year’s “500” Club drawings will be available soon. If you need one or know someone who would want to purchase a lucky ticket, contact Rick Goodmen at 364-8097.

1st drawing will be in April.

Hall Sitters Needed

There are a few events coming up that need to be covered. If you have some free time, contact Matt at 364-6800 for more information on the dates that need coverage help.

Catholic Lenten Practices

Giving up something for Lent, eating fish on Fridays and fasting from meat, almsgiving and penance throughout the forty days of Lent—these are some of the practices for which Catholics are known. But why do we as Catholics do this? Because through these commitments—known as “Lenten practices” or “Lenten disciplines”—the Catholic Church calls us each year to renew our discipleship in Christ. Specifically, each year during the liturgical season of Lent the Church asks us to pray, give alms, and fast.

Pray

We know the importance of prayer in our lives—as individuals, as families, and as a community. Prayer is especially important during Lent. The Lenten season is a time for reflection, evaluation, and repentance. As the booklet Praying Lent (Loyola Press, 2009) says, Lent asks us: “What needs changing?” Lent calls us to a personal conversion and renewal—to a recommitted life in Christ so that we might not just celebrate Easter forty days later but also feel the risen Christ alive in us and in the world. This means prayer. During Lent we set aside time for prayer that is reflective in nature and reveals places where we have failed to open ourselves to God.

Give

Every day we witness situations of injustice, violence, and hatred. Television and the Internet bring

these into our living rooms, but we also observe and live them in our own cities and homes. The Church calls us during Lent to be especially conscious of the needs of others and to act accordingly. Giving materially to another is an act of Christian charity known as “almsgiving.” During Lent, the Church also calls us to first convert ourselves and then to transform the world for justice, so that we might serve the Kingdom which Jesus lived and preached.

Sacrifice

Fasting and abstinence are not sacrifices for the sake of pain or vain discomfort. Sacrifice for the sake of sacrifice is not a Christian virtue. We are asked by the Catholic Church to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and not to eat meat on the Fridays of Lent. Feeling an empty stomach, or fighting the urge to have that juicy steak or candy bar does more than just remind us that for some people an empty stomach is their daily bread. Fasting and abstinence help us to ask ourselves the question: “What sustains me and gives me life?” What nourishes me on my journey of life? We will find the answer, not in the steak or the candy bar, but at the end of these forty days of Lent—in the Resurrection of Jesus. We fast and abstain because, when we do, we are reminded of who we are—followers of the risen Christ.

As Catholics, we joyfully engage in Lenten disciplines because we are disciples (and yes, both words have the same root). We pray, give (almsgiving), and sacrifice (fast) because we follow Christ, who loved us so much that gave his own life so that we might share in Eternal Life.