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75 YEARS
OF CHURCH AND
COMMUNITY SERVICE

Sunday, June 24, 2012
Knights of Columbus Hall

St. Mary's Council #2781
Knights of Columbus
Chartered May 23, 1937

Our Lady of Grace Circle #611
Daughters of Isabella
Chartered June 24, 1937
Past Regents

1937 ......................................................... * Gladys Beeler
1941 ......................................................... * Rose Noa
1947 ......................................................... * Rose Kondratowicz
1949 ......................................................... * Blanche Donich
1950 ......................................................... * Marian Hunt
1952 ......................................................... * Mable Jensen
                              * Lyene Lenartowicz
1955 ......................................................... * Ann Debelak
1959 ......................................................... * Irene McCoy
1961 ......................................................... Regina Vought
1962 ......................................................... * Margaret Deitering
1964 ......................................................... * Marjorie Swantek
1965 ......................................................... Grace Rowley
1968 ......................................................... * Angela Enders
1970 ......................................................... * Joan Kirt
1971 ......................................................... Mary Niedziewiecki
1974 ......................................................... *Angela Enders
1976 ......................................................... Marleah Muzyl
1977 ......................................................... * Angela Enders
1979 ......................................................... Diana Peffers
1980 ......................................................... Mary Niedziewiecki
1982 ......................................................... Agnes Moore
1984 ......................................................... * Angela Enders
1988 ......................................................... Dorothy Nowak
1990 ......................................................... * Emily Frederick
1991 ......................................................... Florence Dowker
1992 ......................................................... * Sylvia Kucel
1993 ......................................................... Grace Rowley
1995 ......................................................... Val Tykoski
1997 ......................................................... Agnes Moore
1999 ......................................................... Mary Tomaszewski
2001 ......................................................... Rita O'Connor
2003 ......................................................... Joann Koenigsknecht
2005 ......................................................... Susan Blasius
2007 ......................................................... Joann Koenigsknecht
2009 ......................................................... Mary Tomaszewski

* Deceased
History of St. Mary Council #2781

St. Mary's Council #2781 held its first meeting on May 27, 1937 under Grand Knight Henry Friday of Cheboygan with election of officers as the first order of business. Edward Lynch was elected as our First Grand Knight. The Chaplain was Monsignor Francis Kaminski who was our chaplain for 52 years. The Council Charter was presented by Past State Deputy Joe Smitzler at a banquet on January 22, 1939 at the Kiwanis Hall.

During the war years the Council participated in a great many supportive ways such as blood banks, buying defense bonds, donations to the Red Cross, USO and others.

Fund raising was and is a main concern of our members to have the means to help in financial ways when asked. With no hall the members had to hold their events at such places as Vin's, Tip Top Bar, AuSable Ranch, Sno-Valley and Schlang's. The Council started a bingo in 1947 as one of its fund raisers and it is still a major source of our income today.

The Council bought the Pulaski School for a Knights of Columbus Hall in 1964 and it was home until 1972 when the present hall was completed. The grand opening of the new hall was held June 24, 1972, forty years ago today. We are now 450 members strong. This is also the home of Our Lay of Mt. Carmel Fourth Degree Assembly.

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<th>Former District Deputies</th>
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<td>* Nicholas Enders</td>
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Past Grand Knights

1937-39 .................................................. * Edward Lynch
1939-40 .................................................. * Joseph Latuszek
1940-42 .................................................. * Edward Lynch
1942-44 .................................................. * Louis Dipzinski
1944-45 .................................................. * Edward Lynch
1945-47 .................................................. * Dr. Michael Donich
1947-49 .................................................. * Nicholas Enders
1949-51 .................................................. * Harry Galbraith
1951-53 .................................................. * Michael Pomarzynski
1953-55 .................................................. * Harry Marcenkowski
1955-57 .................................................. * Thaddeus Dreffs
1957-60 .................................................. * Bernard Dreffs
1960-63 .................................................. * Leonard Butka
1963-65 .................................................. George Rowley
1965-66 .................................................. * Carl Mier
1966-68 .................................................. * Albert Kassuba
1968-69 .................................................. * Jerome Borowiak
1969-71 .................................................. Anthony Zimbicki
1971-72 .................................................. * Alfred Dembny
1972-74 .................................................. * George Psaris
1974-76 .................................................. Ralph Robarge
1976-78 .................................................. * Robert Pellers
1978-80 .................................................. * Ted Rypkowski
1980-83 .................................................. Frank Moore
1983-85 .................................................. * Jack R. Lovelace
1985-87 .................................................. Jerry Abel
1987-88 .................................................. Joseph Hickerson
1988-90 .................................................. * Edward Burzynski
1990-92 .................................................. Joseph Mack
1992-93 .................................................. * Larry Piche
1993-95 .................................................. Paul Gunderson
1995-96 .................................................. Harry Rudeen
1996-98 .................................................. Gerry Curran
1998-2000 .............................................. Syl Tomaszewski
2000-02 .................................................. James Maddix
2002-04 .................................................. Robert Olszewski
2004-05 .................................................. Robert Lane
2005-06 .................................................. Robert Forde
2006-08 .................................................. Michael Rola
2008-10 .................................................. Raymond Sroka
History of Our Lady of Grace Circle #611

Our Lady of Grace Circle #611 was formed and chartered on June 24, 1937 under Minerva C. Boyd, the National Regent, and Mary F. Kiley, the National Secretary. There were 18 original members, with Fr. Francis Kaminski serving as Chaplain. Father Kaminski was later elevated to the rank of Monsignor and remained Chaplain of the Circle, followed by Frs. James Suchocki, Frank Murphy, John McCracken and presently Fr. James Bearss.

The first Regent was Gladys Beeler. The meetings were held in the old St. Mary's church basement. Sometimes there were not enough members present for a quorum, especially during the winter, so it was decided to not schedule meetings in January and February. Meetings were added in the summer months to complete the 10 required meetings annually. Social activities and parties highlighted the early years, and lasting friendships developed.

On May 20, 1958, Junior Daughters of Isabella were chartered and welcomed by our Circle. There were 19 members under the leadership of Judy Mellon and later Mary Ellen Tholl. It was disbanded a few years later. Two of those Juniors Rosalie (Janik) Makarewicz and Ann (Czarkowski) Drzewiecki are now members of our Circle.

We hosted the 1963 State Convention which was held at Hidden Valley, now known as the Otsego Club. All of the State Officers were there, as well as Bishop Noa from the Marquette Diocese. Dr. Hayes, a local physician, helped with music for a skit about a surgery. Our members worked diligently and the Convention was a grand success.

The Daughters of Isabella motto is UNITY, FRIENDSHIP AND CHARITY. We have provided support for our members through prayer, visits, cards, rosaries and funeral luncheons. We have worked together to support St. Mary's Cathedral School, New Life Pregnancy Resource Center, the Food Pantry, the Rectory Renovation Project, Right to Life and many charities. We have an Annual Crafts ‘n’ More event, two Corporate Communions each year, and spiritual retreats to Companions of Christ the Lamb Retreat Center, Paradise; and day retreats to Our Lady of the Woods Catholic Shrine, Mio; and the Cross in the Woods Shrine in Indian River. Our Circle makes the Baptismal Bibs for our parish, and Bereavement gowns for hospitals in Northern Michigan.

Our Circle has presently grown to 127 members, but maintains the warm, caring friendships that were the goal of our founding sisters.
Our Lady of Grace Circle #611
Officers 2011-13

Regent ........................................... Carol Stramaglio
Vice Regent ..................................... Rosalie Makarewicz
Past Regent ..................................... Mary Tomaszewski
Treasurer ....................................... Ruth Pierce
Financial Secretary .......................... Annette Dolan
Recording Secretary .......................... Corinne Abel
Scribe ............................................ Sharon Smith
Chancellor ..................................... Mary Woycik
Auditors ...................................... Grace Rowley, Sue Blasius, Joann Koenigsknecht
Custodian ...................................... Lillian Manuszak
Monitor ......................................... Sharon Bourdaghe
Banner Bearer .................................. Dianna DeHooghe
Guides .......................................... Marge Kauffmann, June Eckstein
Guards .......................................... Shirley Wolf, Val Tykoski
Musician ....................................... Ellen Palm-Mackowiak

Charter Members
Anne Downey, Gladys G. Beeler, Rose Noa, Mable Lovelace, Anna Noa, Kathryn M. Stark, Helen Spreeman, Rose C. Marcenkowski, Carrie Milbocker, Rose Kwapis, Josephine Nelson, Margit Mack, Gertrude Kwapis, Violet Matusik, Martha Gwizdala, Monica Kondratowicz, Helen Holewinski, Blanche Kowaleski
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St. Mary’s Council #2781
Officers 2010-12

Grand Knight................................. Joseph Makarewicz
Deputy Grand Knight......................... Ed Woycik
Chancellor .................................... Syl Tomaszewski
Recorder ....................................... Ken Tomaski
Financial Secretary.......................... Robert Olszewski
Treasurer ...................................... George Rowley
Advocate ...................................... Joe Fronczak
Warden ........................................ Patrick Oliver
Inside Guard .................................. Jack Blotske
Outside Guard ................................. Harold Miller
Trustee ........................................ Gerry Moran
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Doug Kusiak
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Dennis Kudej

Charter Members


Michael Slivinski, Edward Walsh.

Chartered May 23, 1937
Program

Welcome                 Jerry Moran
Invocation                Bishop Bernard Hebda
Dinner                  Music by Matthew Oliver
Introduction of Guests   Grace Rowley
                          Jerry Moran
Greetings from Our Lady of
Grace Circle #611         Carol Stramaglio,
                          Regent
Greetings from St. Mary’s
Council #2781            Joseph Makarewicz,
                          Grand Knight
Greetings from State Circle
Daughters of Isabella    Mary Zagorski-Graver,
                          State Vice-Regent
Greetings from State Council
Knights of Columbus      Michael Malinowski,
                          State Secretary
Comments and Benediction  Rev. Fr. James Bearss,
                          Chaplain