

Madonna Council #3891



The organizational meeting for forming a Knights of Columbus council was held in June, 1954 at Assumption Hall. The purpose was to form a council in the Northern Hills area. With the help of six local parishes, Madonna Council #3891 was formed.

The first regular meeting of the council was held on August 25, 1954 in Assumption Parish Social Hall where Joseph Temming was elected Grand Knight and Roy Ryan the Deputy Grand Knight. The new council began with a chartered group of 250 members and the first admission degree class brought in 83 men. In the first few years the council grew to over 400 members.

During the first year the council met at Lake Nina, then moving to the church hall at St. Margaret Mary. On May 6, 1955 the Northern Hills Home Company was established to find, finance and maintain a permanent home for the council. In 1960 the council found its first home in Stardust Hall in the heart of Mt. Healthy. Shortly after moving into Stardust Hall, the Sunday night bingo was started. In 1968 the Home Company found itself in a financial position enabling it to purchase the building in which Stardust was located. In the spring of 1971 the council made another move, purchasing the property on Seward Avenue which is the current home of the council. After many years of fond memories the building containing Stardust was sold in the early 1990's.

Many activities have occurred over the 58 years of the council. The wives of members started the Ladies Auxiliary. In October, 1963 the Columbian Squires was formed for the sons and grandsons of the members. Social activities included bowling teams, softball teams, campouts, dances, Turkey Fests, Easter egg hunts, children and adult Christmas parties, family picnics and council awards nights. There are annual memorial Masses for deceased members and rosary rallies.

In 1983 the first fish fry was held. To this day the fish fries have been the primary source of income designated for the Seminarian and charity funds. In 1989 the council, along with Boy Scout Troops 27 from Assumption and 393 from St. Margaret Mary Churches held the first Mt. Healthy Haunted Hall. This activity begins with setup in the last half of September and continues until the first week in November each year. It is in its 23rd year of operation. In the last 5 years the council has sponsored the TurkeyFest and KrautFest dinners. It has an annual golf tournament named for PGK Bill Holger and currently has held a cornhole tourney.

One annual activity the council has participated in, for over 30 years, is the Measure-up Campaign. The members spend hours at local stores and churches "shaking the cans" asking for money to help our "mentally challenged" neighbors and friend. Over \$2000.00 annually has been collected.

Even though membership has ebbed, Madonna Council has remained a vibrant member of the Knights of Columbus community, winning many awards from Ohio State and Supreme Councils. Several of the members have been held positions and have participated at the State and Supreme levels.