



# Grand Valley Council Newsletter

## May 2014



As I write this last newsletter, my thoughts wonder to thinking about what knowledge has been passed on during this past season, will it be enough and how will it be passed on from there. My sincerest hope is that the direction given always points to walking with Christ, not away or behind him, but with him. That a connection with him becomes central in all aspects of a cadets life, and a desire to know more be ever present for the future.

**Next Counselor meeting** – the Date and Place is yet to be determined, watch for messages and times in the coming months.

**Congress Report** – there are a few outstanding offerings yet to be taken and forwarded to the corp's office, If you know your church still needs to fulfill this obligation please contact your church's head Deacon and assure this issue will be resolved.

**GV Council Board** – The results are in, The following persons have been dually elected to the Grand Valley Council Board. Vice President = Dave Hoppe from Byron Center 2<sup>nd</sup>, Vice Secretary = Kurt Bolt from Byron Center 2<sup>nd</sup> . Vice- Treasurer = Jim Bos from 1<sup>st</sup> Byron Reformed, Assistant Counselor at Large = Scott Schaafsma from Wayland CRC and Congressman = Tyce Deboer from Bethany United Reformed. A special Thank you goes out to all counselors for your patience throughout this election process and to those who elected to let their name stand on the ballot. The current board members asks that you keep these men in your prayers as they plan out the upcoming season

**ICC Certification** – Session 3 – May 9-10, 2014 is a Friday to Saturday, Campout at Allegan Campground. Additional Counselors are still needed to help with the Campout (prefer Previously Certified Counselors but certification not required) These Helpers would only be needed for this Campout and doesn't mean you are planning on attending the International.

**Upcoming International Camp-O-Ree** – Please be in prayer for all those attending, plans are well under way for all those who are attending. Pray for safe travels and that Gods will be done for all those seeking guidance through this event.

**Council Excursion** – A special excursion to Berlin Raceway is being inquired upon, no official plans or dates have been set, but please stay tuned for further developments as they become available.

**Golf Outing** – May 17 (Saturday) @ The Pines Golf Course, \$70.00 per person for 18 holes with a cart. The cost to sponsor a hole is \$55.00. This is a four man scramble format. Continental Breakfast and Lunch will be provided. All proceeds to go towards defraying travel costs for area cadets going to the 2014 Camp-O-Ree.

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**Cadet-O-Rama** – Grand Valley Cadet-O-Rama was held on Wednesday, April 16 at Woodhaven Reformed Church in the Woodshed Building. The Award results are as follows:

### Plaques Awarded to:

- Best Cadre Project      1<sup>st</sup> Place = Calvary CRC for Pop Can Lamps  
   2<sup>nd</sup> Place = Faith Comm CRC for Knives w/Display
- Disc'g Gods Word      1<sup>st</sup> Place = Heritage CRC for Christian Life Badge  
   2<sup>nd</sup> Place = Heritage CRC for Bible Knowledge Badge
- Best Club Display      1<sup>st</sup> Place = Faith Comm CRC  
   2<sup>nd</sup> Place = 2<sup>nd</sup> Byron Ctr CRC
- Best Non-Merit Badge 1<sup>st</sup> Place = Faith Comm CRC for Go-Carts (Welding)  
   2<sup>nd</sup> Place = WoodHaven for Fishing Rods
- Best Merit Badge      1<sup>st</sup> Place = 2<sup>nd</sup> Byron Ctr CRC for Bird Watching Badge  
   2<sup>nd</sup> Place = Heritage CRC for Film Making Badge

**Pin & Stripe Awards Banquet** – Dinner to be held at Dorr CRC on May 8 , 2014 which is a Thursday Night Punch Bowl at 6:30 pm, Dinner at 7:00 pm. To those who have elected to attend, please remember your payment of \$13.00 /plate for those attending. As a side note this event is being catered by the young peoples group of Dorr CRC, A special donations Jar will be available to make a special contribution. All proceeds from this contribution will go towards this groups benefit and support.

In His Service,

***Douglas DeWent***

*GV Council President*

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