

Council Home Repairs

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Recently we have discovered that the southeast corner of the Council Home is eroding from past and recent heavy rains running off from the cemetery. ^ This is a serious problem that threatens the structural integrity of the building. ^ The repairs include inserting a new foundation below that corner and are very expensive, more costly than the Council can afford. ^

St John the Evangelist actually owns the building and we are just tenants. ^ However, in the past, when repairs were necessary, the Knights have made them or have hired contractors to do the work. ^ In this case the parish has determined that the repairs will be made and that they will direct the process. ^ The building has historical significance, has future value for the parish and will allow the Knights to stay on the campus. ^ The Knights will be able to repay the parish over a period of time, making it possible for the Knights to manage the cash flow for this major repair.

The Council Home was rehabilitated by a band of Brother Knights in a self help project in the early ^ 90's (that's the 1990's!). ^ The church was considering tearing it down but the Knights intervened and St John's let us remodel it for our Council Home. ^ We have gotten over 20 years of good service from the building, but any old structure will need repair ^ » ^.

We have been told that the building was erected in the early 1900's (circa 1905) as the original St John's school and so it has historical value for the parish. ^ One of the nuns who taught there told of how the school classes were arranged in the building and a fireplace furnished heat for the building.

Many changes have been made over the years including additions for the current kitchen area, office, storage and pool table rooms.

^ In more recent years we have added heating, air conditioning, a septic system replacement, and a new roof. ^

^ The most recent upgrade was an audio visual system that supports a projection TV system, Blu

^ Ray digital video disk movies, music CD playing, Public Address system, surround sound and more ^ » ^.

The Hall is capable of hosting business, social and other event types for a crowd of up to 60 people. ^ This event hosting concept is one of the ways that the Council developed to help pay for the operation of the Hall as well as ^ to foster fraternity among the Council and an inexpensive venue for parishioners to use for family activities. The pictures here show the Hall set up for a St Patrick's Day Party (on the left) and a Leprechaun that attended, on the right ^ » ^.