



K of C SJN Council 16169 January 2021 Newsletter



Worthy Brother Knights,

Happy New Year. 2020 was a year not too soon to be forgotten, we are wearing masks, social distancing and virtual meeting/Classes are the new normal. The vaccine is slowly beginning to be distributed. Unfortunately, we have lost family members, fellow parishioners, and friends. We began calling our Brother Knights to make sure they are okay and can we help in anyway needed. We had our January meeting with in-person and online brothers in attendance. We congratulated our Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Winners before the meeting. We had 52 entries this year. Thank you, Michael Tallman, for chairing the contest this year. Thank you to our Judges for assistance in a record year of entries. We sponsored Exodus 90 for the men of our parish beginning January 4th and have 13 men joined together in fraternity. SJN continues to Live Stream the 8:30 Mass every Sunday.

We are continuing the Fraternal Year strong. We are well on our way to STAR Award with Membership growth (122% of quota). Thank you, brothers please keep recruiting as the Catholic Church is under attack and we are needed now more than ever. We collected the Annual Fraternal Hours for 2020 and thank you for all who submitted their hours.

We have "Casey" the bears for Baptisms and available for the Canton Fire/Police to give out as needed. We have given out bears at Baptisms and hope with the new parents we can recruit the fathers to our council.

Reverse Raffle Planning is in full swing. This will be a virtual event. We purchased a multi-year banner to help advertise. Postcards and Letter from the Grand Knight are being finalized. On January 4th we did a test run of the raffle software with selling 650 tickets. Thank you to Gene Suchyta for making the changes necessary for the increased tickets. We have our license for raffle. Thank you to Dan Bihn with all his guidance on making this endeavor come together.

Family of the Month:

The Conlen Family:

- Deacon Pat has been our Deacon at St. John Neumann since his ordination in 1998. He is the Chaplain for the Canton Public Safety Department for 8 year. Deacon Pat is a Brother Knight and Sir Knight in the 4th Degree. He assists our Priests at many Sunday Masses, Adorations, and Baptisms. He is a great role model for our youth.
- Most everyone is aware of his public ministry at the parish, and there are some behind the scenes things as well. He helps at various funeral homes when they need clergy to provide services for families, and often Laurie comes with him to provide some cantor service. They are involved with the Diaconate community on the Admissions and Scrutiny committee. They interview candidates and their wives at the end of each academic year, as well as applicants for the formation program. Laurie is a past cantor at SJN, and still volunteers to help bring dishes for funeral lunches.
- While Deacon Pat is the chaplain, Laurie often is impacted by this ministry as well. Her support in His ministry has always been a blessing from God and makes all He does possible.
- They have 1 son, Sean, and he has been married to his wife, Priti (pronounced Preethee) for 7 years. They have 2 daughters: Leena is 3 and Mara is 1. Sean is a lawyer in the Navy JAG, and Priti is a doctor in the Navy. They live in Alexandria, VA. They make the trip to see them as often as possible. They will be heading that way toward the end of January.



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Knight of the Month:

Brother Knight Michael Tallman

- Michael recently chaired our Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. He jumped right in and purchased the gift cards. He made sure the forms and poster boards were ready for Religious Formation Classes and secured volunteers to meet each class and parents. He worked with All Saints School Art Teacher to get them all supplies needed to have the students participate. All Saints was virtual until just prior to judging of the posters and Michael was able to get the posters so we could include them in the contest.
- Congratulations Brother Michael as our Knight of the Month January 2021.

Upcoming Events:

- Leaving No Neighbor Behind Brother Calls
 - Beginning January 1, 2020
- January Meeting: January 12, 2021
 - Knights Knosh 6:30 pm/Meeting 7:00 pm
- January Officers Meeting: January 22, 2021
 - Meeting 7:00 pm
- Corporate Communion: January 31, 2021
 - 12:30 Mass
- Theology of the Body – A Special Talk by Father Paul Ballien: February 3, 2021
 - 7:00 pm in the Church
- February Meeting: February 9, 2021
 - Knights Knosh 6:30 pm/Meeting 7:00 pm
- Council Free Throw Contest:
 - February 20
- District Free Throw Contest:
 - March 13
- Regional Free Throw Contest:
 - April 10
- State Free Throw Contest:
 - May TBD

Nominations for Officers for 2021 2022 Fraternal Year

- We will start taking nominations in March for all the officer positions. Elections will be in May. Please consider running for one of the offices. We have a lot of new members, and it would be great to see some of them decide that leadership of our council is an activity of which they would like to take part.

Shirts and Badge Ordering:

- Brother Joe Bradley, is the contact person for name badge
 - csmjb@protonmail.com
 - 734-459-1764
- Brother Mike Cartier is the contact for shirts, jackets, hats, etc.



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Protecting God's Children:

Reminder: All Knights who plan to volunteer in the parish will need to complete a New Michigan Background Check with a copy of driver's license and volunteer code of conduct (this is a new form required from the AOD), forms available at <https://sjncanton.org/christian-service> and ensure Protecting God's Children class is completed. The Protecting God's Children is available online at https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/protecting_children.cfm?

VIVAT JESUS

Edward A Hurst Jr.

Grand Knight

St. John Neumann Council #16169