



## K of C SJN Council 16169 September 2021 Newsletter



Worthy Brother Knights of St. John Neumann Council #16169,

Happy Late Summer! We conducted our August meeting with in-person and online brothers in attendance.

### E-Membership News:

- **Extended until 12/31/21**
- **Code: MCGIVNEY2020**

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- Enter promo code **MCGIVNEY2020!**
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### Family of the Month:

Gene and Kathy Suchyta Family



Gene and Kathy Suchyta have been members of St. John Neumann since 1986. Gene and Kathy and St. John Neumann welcomed their oldest daughter, Kim in 1987 and Emily, the youngest, in 1989. Both girls received all their sacraments, baptism through confirmation, at SJN.

Upon joining the parish, Kathy immediately started singing in the choir and being a cantor at Sunday masses. Gene joined the choir about 5 years later and started being a cantor a few years after that. Gene also did all the cantor scheduling up through 2020.

In addition to being in the music ministry, Kathy, has, through the years, helped in religious formation as well as with funeral luncheons. She is also a charter member of the SJN Women's Organization, serving as their secretary as well as religious guide. Professionally, she has worked as a dental hygienist, a substitute schoolteacher in the Plymouth-Canton school system, and still volunteers time at a local dance studio.

Gene worked for 35 years at DTE Energy, which included working in electrical operations, customer service and storm restoration. He is a charter member of St. John Neumann's Knights of Columbus council, becoming a member of the Knights in 2015 and being exemplified to the Fourth Degree in 2016. In 2017, Gene became Faithful Navigator of Pope John XXIII assembly 1536, leading them



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through the end of June 2021. As Navigator, Gene helped lead collections of both coats as well as comfort items for veterans at the VA Hospital in Detroit. Gene also served as the executive secretary for the KofC Hennepin Province Michigan District 1 for the Fourth Degree. Additionally, through various bicycle rides since retirement, Gene has helped raise funds for the MS Society, the Children's Cancer Research Fund, and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Finally, being a regular blood donor, Gene has given over ten gallons of blood to the American Red Cross.

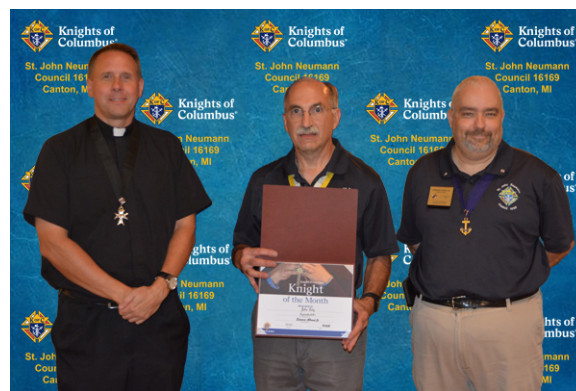
Through their charitable foundation, Gene, Kathy, Kimberly and Emily support not only St. John Neumann, St. Vincent de Paul and the Archdiocese of Detroit, they also support Detroit Cristo Rey High School, Knights of Columbus charities for both Coats for Kids and disaster relief, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Gleaners Community Food Bank, Canton Goodfellows, Michigan Armed Forces Hospitality Center, Wreaths Across America, Sea Turtle Conservancy, Belle Isle Conservancy, and the Plymouth Oratorio Society.

Kimberly is currently working in Detroit and has been various places, including two years in Australia, since graduating from Western Michigan University. She has been a Big Sister, a tutor for inner city kids and is frequently in community theater productions in the area.

Emily graduated from the State University of New York - Buffalo and has worked in entertainment for Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines for 10 months and for Walt Disney World for over 10 years. As an entertainer, she says there is great reward when working with Make A Wish children and their families, as well as other groups that come to Walt Disney World seeking once-in-a-lifetime experiences for God's special children.

### **Congratulations Suchyta Family as our Family of the Month September 2021**

#### **Knight of the Month:**



#### **Brother Knight John Lutz**

- Knight activities include:
  - Financial Secretary
  - New Podium
  - Flag Poles Made
  - Keeps our supplies up to date
  - Helps with many Knights activities



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- Parish activities include:
  - SVDP, Top Hat Sunday, Treasurer
  - Usher

**Congratulations Brother John Lutz as our Knight of the Month September 2021.**

### **September Meeting Highlights:**

- 1 year of service.
  - Kevin McGovern
- 10 years of service and above.
  - Dr. John Becker (15)
  - Clifton Dake (11)
- 20 years of service and above.
  - Fr. Paul Ballien (22)
- September Knights Birthdays:
  - David J Kubinski, Jeffrey T Wagoner, James Michael Tallman, Rev Paul K Ballien, Frederick J Morath, Dr Ehinor P Arhebamen, Franklin E Njubigbo, Austin R Lynn, John C Kim, James M Ostermeyer, Leonard R Spas, David R Blankenship, Timothy M Wood, Kenneth J Svoboda, David F Di Franco, Stephen C Moraca, Timothy F Lauster, Edmund J Chrostowski Jr, and Jose N Villarreal.

### **KnightCast:**

- Register: <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6105948/KnightCast-Registration>

### **Brother Knights interested in joining the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree:**

- Exemplification was held on Saturday, September 11, 2021, with two candidates from our Assembly
- Please see our council 4<sup>th</sup> degree Sir Knights or me for Registration packets

### **Early September and Upcoming Events:**

- Cans for Seminarians Can Return Signups for September and October
- First Saturday Mass September 4 @ 9am
- Hospitality Weekend September 4/5
- Council Meeting: September 14, 2021
  - Knights Knosh @ 6:30pm
  - Meeting @ 7pm
- Parish Picnic September 19 After 12:30 Mass
- Soccer Challenge @ Parish Picnic
- Exemplification September 18/25
- Officers Meeting September 28, 2021
  - 7pm
  - All are Welcome
- Hospitality Weekend October 2/3
- MI Drive October 9/10



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- After All Masses
- <https://volunteersignup.org/B7DL3>
- Membership Drive October 23/24
  - After All Masses

### **Welcome to Our New Brother Knights:**



Earl Hoffman and Doug Helderop

### **Shirts and Badge Ordering:**

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