



NEUMANN KNIGHTS

St John Neumann Knights of Columbus
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News from the Desk of the Grand Knight



Greetings Brother Knights and St. John Neumann Council Family,

I wish to welcome our two newest Brothers, Earl Hoffman, and Doug Helderop, who made their CUF degree on September 25, 2021.

As I sit here, and reflect on the past month, we are truly blessed. I am surrounded by some of the best Knights of Columbus in the world, and have Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney, God, and Jesus on our side!

I Pray Fall 2021 finds you and your families doing well. October 2021 sees us very busy with the COVID restrictions lifting and vaccinations.

Please keep all those on our prayer list in your prayers.

Fraternally Yours,

A word from our Chaplain

Please accept our apologies. Since this is the first newsletter we have not yet asked Father for an article. Therefore we took the liberty to republish Father's message in the Michigan Columbian.



The month of October is known as a Marian month, and on the 7th of this month we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The Feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary was instituted in 1572 by Pope Pius V as a way of giving thanks to the Blessed Virgin Mary for having delivered Christendom

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from the Turks through the decisive sea battle of Lepanto. Apparently, he had prayed for her intercession prior to the battle taking place. Ever since then, the rosary has been regarded as a powerful prayer in part because we seek the intercession of Mary, and Jesus does not refuse Mary's requests. This is why I highly recommend that we use the rosary in our family prayer. As I am sure you all realize, the family in many ways is under attack from our secularized culture. There is certainly no shortage of articles or books out there that make mention of this. Whether you want to blame it on technology or decaying morals, the fact of the matter is still the same: It is increasingly harder and harder to keep families strong and intact these days. Many parents face concerns about how many negative things their children are so easily exposed to these days, and they wonder, "How can I instill values in my children and impress upon them a desire to follow the faith as they grow older?" Pope St. John Paul II once said that "We need to return to the practice of family prayer and prayer for families, continuing to use the rosary." Why? Because family prayer is an indispensable form of communion within a family, and the rosary in particular is a powerful form of prayer that invites the Holy Family into the life of the family. Pope St. John Paul II also stated in *Familiaris Consortio*, "Only by praying together with their children can a father and mother – exercising their royal priesthood – penetrate the innermost depths of their children's hearts and leave an impression that future events in their lives will not be

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able to efface.” Without a doubt, the rosary reinforces the spiritual soundness and solidity of the family because it causes us to reflect on the Gospels, it causes us to reflect on Jesus’ life, his family, his sacrifice, and our salvation. That is why I would again encourage you to take up the rosary as a family to help you foster love and unity and devotion to God.

Vivat Jesus,

Fr. Paul Ballien

Our Newest Brother Knights

An Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity was held on Saturday, September 25, 2021, just after 4:30PM Mass at St. John Neumann. Earl Hoffman and Doug Helderop were exemplified and joined our council. Past State Deputy Sir Knight Mike Malinowski was also in attendance.



Birthdays for October



Joseph M. Henn Jr.
Dr. Mark Richter
Robert Wielechowski
Vincent Anwunah
Thomas Solak

Dan Timmerman
Dr. John Becker
Michael Polovich
Charles Wilson
Court Holiday
Jorge Lopez

"TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE"

It was 47 years ago that three members of a Chicago Council Number 4698, CC Boyle Council, in Tinley Park wanted to do something to support people with mental retardation. They came to this decision because one of the member's daughter who was mentally retarded and recognized that this category of people needed financial assistance.

At first, they planned on distributing Forget me Not seeds. After reconsideration they decide that not everyone wanted seeds , so they decided to distribute Tootsie Rolls. They picked a day and the men from their council stood in front of store fronts for two days. They raised over \$30,000 in those two days.

The council then submitted the program at the Illinois State convention to adopt the program . It passed unanimously. The Illinois councils increased this \$30,000 to almost two million dollars. When this success had been published in the K of C magazine other 43 states soon adopted the program.

Traditionally, the Michigan councils hold this drive on Columbus Day weekend. In the past few years Michigan councils added the Palm Sunday weekend. Due to COVID this has been curtailed. However, this year under the direction of our mr Drive Chairman, Larry Redman , we were able to conduct two successful drives. The first was in front of the Kroger stores in Canton on Ford Road and also on Michigan avenue in September. Our brother knights on that day collected \$2,240.77. The second drive was held after all the masses, on Columbus Day weekend at St John Neumann. Thru the efforts of our brother knights we collected \$2,020.00.

The proceeds from these drives are shared by Canton All Stars St. Louis Center, ChelseaSt. Francis Camp on the Lake



Brother Knights and Friends That Need our Prayers

If you or a family member or Friend is in need of our prayers please

- Brother Walter Stang
- Nancy Lang, wife of brother Chuck Lang
- Glenn Timmerman, brother of PGK Dan Timmerman
- Weronika, Kasia and Peter Gorski
- Cherie and Marie Humphrey, friends of brother John Russell Mara Conlen, granddaughter of Deacon Pat Conlen
- Makenna Rugenski, daughter of brother Robert J Rugenski
- Brother Joseph Pryce
- Amy Hurst, Sister, relative of brother Edward A Hurst Jr.
- Patty Petretta, wife of Brother Leo Petretta
- Brother Steve Otting
- Brother Ken Svoboda
- Joyce Hansen, wife of brother and former District Deputy Hans Hansen
- Susan Elliott, sister of parishioners Kathy and Randy Hollenstine
- Christina Fensomb, friend of brother Michael Myers
- George Hurley, friend of brothers Joe Bradley and Gene Suchyta
- Brother Stanley Wawrzyniec, friend of brother Gene Suchyta
- Chris Ramey, son-in-law, of brother Tim Bodnar
- Vicki Barker, daughter of brother George Peters, and her surgeons and care-givers
- Joe Dodson, friend of brother Daniel T Timmerman
- Lucille Lang, mother of brother Chuck Lang
- SK John N Lutz, father of brother John Lutz
- Deacon Raphael Jimenez
- Brother Ron Mylnek and his wife
- Donna Curtiss, parent of brother Edward A Hurst Jr.
- Luke Walling, grandson of brother Jeff Matheny
- Gracia Koss, daughter-in-law of friend of Brother Jeff Battistella
- Brother Jeff Matheny
- Andy Darmanin, friend of brother Joseph C Bradley
- Patrick Shripka, friend of brother Joe Bradley
- Linda Pfeiffer, wife of brother Dan Pfeiffer
- Brother Michael "Bear" Kisabeth
- Anneliese Kelch, daughter of brother Mike Kelch



Rosary Rally

On Oct 16 at noon , Our council sponsored a ROSARY RALLY on the lawn in front of the church in connection with America needs Fatima. The rally was attended by over 30 people. The event was chaired by Brother knights Joe Camill and Dan Pfeifer. In addition to the rosary, the group prayed the Litany of lorreto, Divine paise, prayer of St Micheal and followed by a blessing by Fr. Paulo.

Family of the Month *The Mathney Family*

Congratulations to the Mathney Family, our Knight Family of the Month for October.

Jeff and Lynn have been married 39 years, they have three daughters, four grandsons, two granddaughters with another one due in November. They have been SJN parishioners for 27 years.

When their daughters were younger, they were very involved in the youth group, and taught religious education. They are also former hospitality leads, and still enjoy helping with that when called upon today. Jeff is a past church board member and a present Knights of Columbus, Lynne is a Sacristan, both are Eucharistic Ministers, and their grandson Charlie, is an Alter Server.

Now that Jeff is retired, he looks forward to getting more involved in the Men's Prayer Breakfast and helping more with the Knights.

The Mathney Family will be presented with a certificate after the 4:30 Mass on Saturday October 23. Everyone is welcome to attend to congratulate this outstanding family.



Knight of the Month *Steve Otting*

Congratulations to Brother Knight Steve Otting. Steve is well known with the St John Neumann Knights. When the decision was made to continue the Cans for Seminarians a continuing program, Steve

stepped up to chair this project. Recently Steve not only help at the Tootsie roll drive but he recruited his grandson to help with the Tootsie Roll Drive. So he truly includes his family in parish Catholic life, helped out with hospitality weekend and also parish clean up the parish grounds.



Membership Anniversaries for October

At the October Meeting , Brother Knight Mike Cartier was recognized for his five years of membership and service as a knight.

Other knights that achieved a significant anniversary as a knight during the month of October were :

5 Years of Service

- Gary Sienkiewicz
- Joseph Bradley
- Robert Wielechowski
- Michael Cartier
- Charles Wilson

10 Years and above

- George Peters (12)
- Fr. Ron Richards (13)

20 years and above.

- Steve Kamykowski (32)

Special Olympics Halloween Dance



Again this year the St John Neumann Knights will sponsor a Halloween dance for young adult athletes with special needs

Registration starts at 6 pm Dance: 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the Dearden Rooms Friday, October 29, 2021 The price of admission is one bag of candy to share. Pizza and other refreshment will be provided. Parents Care Providers are encouraged to chaperone. The chairman for this program is Bob Rugenski.. Help is still needed for set up and clean up. Please volunteer. To help sign up at the following link.

<https://volunteersignup.org/QMRXH>

If you know of a young athlete with special needs that would like to attend please RSVP to Cindy Fox cindypestars@gmail.com

Sweat Shirts & Bath Baskets



Our District Deputy Bryan Zahn PGK is spear heading a drive in our district to supply Sweat shirts to Holy Cross Services.

To help with this program our District Deputy is collecting new, unused sweatshirts. The sweatshirts must be XL or larger and must bear a college or pro Team logo.

If you want to donate please contact an officer, bring them to the next meeting or bring them by the church for collection. We are about only half way to our goal. If you can not purchase these sweatshirts you can donate cash. The cash will either be used to purchase these sweatshirts or a \$10 bath basket for the Holy Cross Services.

Cans for Seminarians



Our country is suffering from a real shortage of men joining the priesthood. Those few men that do enter the Seminary not only have to devote their lives just for the chance to serve God, but they have to pay their own expenses and education expenses. Our council has found an easy and inexpensive way to assist these men. A collection bin has been placed outside of the side door to


our church. This bin is for all parish members to place recyclable cans and bottles. Our brother knights have signed up to collect these recyclables and return them to local stores for cash that is given to seminarians to help offset their expenses. **YOU CAN HELP IN TWO DIFFERENT WAYS.**

1. Drop off all your recyclables in the bin. (This can be done 24/7 since the bins are outdoors)
2. Volunteer to collect these recyclables and return them to the store for cash. The two slots that are assigned are Monday thru Thursday or Friday thru Sunday. The time that you collect these are totally up to the collector. Everything is done on your own schedule. Currently all slots are open for November & December. To volunteer follow this link . <https://volunteersignup.org/4XTCD>

2021 Michigan State Charities Raffle


Tickets are only \$5

CHARITY - 1st DEGREE PRIZE




STAFFORD PERRY HOTEL, PETOSKEY, MI
4 Guests / 2 Nights / 2 Rooms
* Deluxe King Room with Balcony and Lake View
PLUS \$12,000.00 CASH

UNITY - 2nd DEGREE PRIZE




AMWAY GRAND HOTEL, GRAND RAPIDS, MI
4 Guests / 2 Nights / 2 Rooms
*Includes Guided Beer Tour with Transportation
PLUS \$3,000.00 CASH

FRATERNITY - 3rd DEGREE PRIZE



HOTEL SAUGUTUCK, BED AND BREAKFAST, SAUGUTUCK, MI
4 Guests / 2 Nights / 2 Rooms
PLUS \$2,000.00 CASH

PATRIOTIC - 4th DEGREE

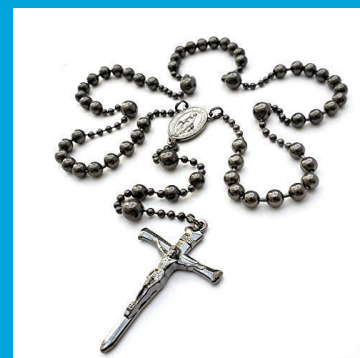


HISTORIC OJIBWAY HOTEL, SAULT SAINT MARIE, MI
4 Guests / 2 Nights / 2 Rooms
PLUS \$1,000.00 CASH

5TH - 10TH Prizes = \$400.00 11TH - 20TH Prizes = \$200.00
21ST - 30TH Prizes = \$150.00 31ST - 40TH Prizes = \$100.00

Drawing: Thursday, April 21, 2022 Doors Open @ 5:00 pm Drawing @ 8:00 pm
St. John Neumann Parish, 44800 Warren Rd., Canton, MI 48187 (586) 436-0121

**Remember to carry
and pray your rosary
daily**



Adopt a Seminarian

When most of us in our younger years thought about a missionary as a priest who was assigned overseas in a foreign country far far away. In todays world there is a real shortage of Priest. Here in the united States , we are now that foreign country. We are seeing our priest here in our country coming from Africa or Asia.

Today when a man enters the seminary, he gives not only his life for Christ but also suffers financially and at times can suffer loneliness.

Not all of us are called to this way of life. However, we can show our support and prayers for the men. A simply way to show this support is to take the time to write a small letter, note or card to a seminarian. These notes are just to say that we appreciate the man's efforts and we are praying for him. Basically you will be adopting a seminarian.

If you are willing to write a letter or card to a seminarian contact brother knight Joe Camill at jcamill@wowway.com or you can just drop the letter at the parish office attention Joe Camill.

God Bless.



Right to Life

Council 16169 again sponsored at table of 7 brother Knights, spouses and friends at the annual AAA Pregnancy Resources Center Fundraiser banquet on September 23. Peggy Roberts of AAA shared how they help women who find themselves in an unplanned pregnancy come up with a plan to raise their babies instead of having an abortion which is not a plan but a reaction.

About 20 brother Knights, SJN parishioners and friends stood in the annual Life Chain on Wayne Road north of Warren Road on October 3 (Respect Life Sunday). We stood in prayerful silence for an hour and a half along the roadway holding signs related to the affirmation of life and how abortion hurts women and all of us. While there were many positive responses from those traveling by, there were also some negative responses giving us much opportunity for prayer.

Protecting Your Family

During the past year we saw how our health and finances can drastically change almost over night.

Are you prepared to handle these crises. Family is a high priority with the Knights of Columbus. In the beginning when Fr McGivney founded the Knights the main concern was the welfare of the Catholic families .

To assure every member that they have adequate protect for the family, the Knights of Columbus has founded its own insurance. This way the company can tailor insurance to the exact needs of the Catholic family.

Over the years of its existence, the Knights of Columbus Insurance has gained the highest possible rating by AM Best. This rating service granted to The knights insurance a A+ rating. Today the company has more than \$86 BILLION in insurance in force.

The purchase of insurance is NOT mandatory for each knight. Also, the agents take more of an informative approach than a sales approach.

Did you know that company not only offers affordable permanent life insurance but also offers term life, Retirement Annuities, Long term Care , and Disability Insurance products.

To inform you of your options and benefits, Insurance Field Agent Thomas J. McCulley Jr. offers webinars that allow you with others learn about the current products and how it will affect you from the privacy of your own home. Tom will also set up individual visits on your schedule to custom design an insurance program to meet your current needs, help you plan for the future or simply explain the many fraternal benefits that come with membership. discuss your needs. No pressure will be applied and your financial situation will not be given to anyone other than Tom himself.

For more information , please contact:

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Coats For Kids



In 2009, the Knights of Columbus started a program to ensure that every needy child would have access to a winter coat. Since its beginning the program has supplies nearly 4000,000 coats to children in the USA and Canada. The knights were able to secure these coats for about \$20 per coat. Our council has approved the purchase of 6 cases. These coats will be picked up on Oct 28. Now all that is left is to have our members to volunteer to distribute these coats. Your help is needed on Oct 30 at the Most Holy Trinity Church, 1050 Porter St. Detroit, Mi.

We need 15 knights and seven have already signed up. That means we still need 8 more knights. It should take only 3 hours of your time from 11am to 2 pm.

To help follow this link LINK <https://volunteersignup.org/99APM>

Assembly 1536. Pope John XXIII (Fourth degree)



The fourth degree was added to the order in 1900 and membership is open to any knight in good standing that has already achieved the honor of the third degree and has been for at least one year.

During the past month the assembly cleaned the highway under the adopt a highway program, had several color corp assignments.

The assembly is collecting apple & cranberry juice boxes, small bottles of water, small bottles of Gatorade, Peanut Butter & Cheesy cracker snacks, small snack bags like goldfish, Fritos & Lays. These will be given to the JOHN D. DINGALL VA MEDICAL CENTER. Please place donations in the box on the porch at 43502 Candlewood Dr. Canton or call or text 734-748-2644 for pickup. The collection is from October 1 to November 21.

How do I get a Council shirt ?



Dress shirts, polo shirts, hats, jacket or any Knights of Columbus gear can be purchased. Brother knight Mike Cartier coordinates all the orders.

A price list and order form is available at the parish office or contact Mike at mikeandnoel81@comcast.net 734.459.5635

If you need a name badge please contact Brother knight Joe Bradley at csmjb@protonmail.com , Cell (preferred): 734-673-0004 or Home: 734-459-1764 to purchase this.

Larger lapel pins are also available for purchase. To purchase this contact Brother John Lutz. The cost for these pins is only \$5.

News from Brother Councils

From Council 3292 Fr Victor Renaud



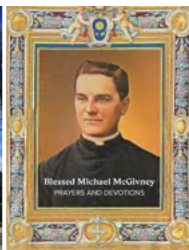
On Oct 29 the Renaud Council will sponsor a “TRUNK or TREAT” at the council hall from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. There will be a

bonfire, Hot Cider, S’mores station, Carmel Apples and the lounge will be open.

On November 11 2021 at 11am the council will sponsor a fundraiser FALL CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT. There is a \$20 buy in , Includes Single and Doubles. 3 Kinds of Chili, chips, soda or water, Cider & Donuts.

Council 3292 is located at 150 Fair st off of Lilley in Plymouth.

Mass of Thanksgiving & Exemplification Honoring Blessed Fr. McGivney



Our Chaplain, Fr. Paul Ballien will be celebrating mass at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral at 9844 Woodward Ave, Detroit, MI 48202 on Sunday October 31st at 2PM. This mass commemorates the one-year anniversary of Blessed Fr. McGivney’s

beatification. All Knights of Columbus and their families are invited to attend this special mass of Thanksgiving.

Immediately following mass there will be an Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. This is a great opportunity to bring your new member candidates and First-Degree Brothers to the Cathedral for this special exemplification in honor of our founder Blessed Fr. McGivney.