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From the Desk of the Grand Knight

Greetings Brother Knights and St. John Neumann Council Family,

Vivat Jesus!

I wish to welcome our newest Brothers, Joseph Carnes, Steve Polidori, Dan Schneider, Aashish Paul, Ken Plonka, Darrin Burek, and Larry O'Hara; who made their CUF degree on October 31, 2021, and November 20, 2021, respectively.

The month of November brings many events and celebrations. November also marked the loss of Brother Ronald Mlynek, thank you to Joe Camill for performing the scripture service at Ron's visitation, and to the many Brother Knights attending and assisting with the Funeral Mass. Eternal rest grant unto your servant Ronald, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

We have a new newsletter format to better let everyone know what we are doing and hopefully will interest more Catholic Men to join our council. As I sit here, and reflect on the past month, October saw our activities that had been sidelined due to COVID return and 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! Happy Veterans Day to our many Brother Knights who have served and protected us.

I Pray the Advent Season brings joy to all as we await the birth of our Savior.

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

Fraternally Yours,
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Family of the Month

The Dark Family

Jay and Aracely have been a members of SJN for 30 years. Aracely and Jay have been married for 22 years. They were blessed with Anne 20 years ago. Jay is originally from Kansas and Aracely is from Chihuahua Mexico, so the SJN community is like our family away from family. Over the years they have been involved in many ministries including 4th grade Catechists for 11 years now. Anne taught 3rd grade for two years before moving on to UofM. They are also 8:30 mass Sacristans and EM. They have been assisting with Benediction for Adoration since it began at SJN during the Changing Lives Together initiative. Jay was on the parish vision team leading the Sunday Experience. And lastly, they lead the baptism prep quarterly.

They just like doing family things together. Anne is only 20 minutes away, so Jay and Aracely get to see her frequently.

They will be recognized at a later Mass.

**Congratulations to the Dark Family, our
 Knight Family of the Month for November**

Knight of the Month

Fr. Paul Ballien



We all know the November Knight of the month, Fr. Paul Ballien.

Father is not only been busy running the every day activities of our parish St. John Neumann, but he always has time to serve the needs of the Knights of Columbus

Father is a 4th degree knight. His knights activities include not only serving as our Council chaplain, state chaplain, participation in our membership drives, host knights retreats ,and active in our respect life and rosary rallies.

Outside of the knights activities Father also served as the Alhambra chaplain, He is often seen helping at the grounds clean up, the Christmas decorations, the hospitality weekends, many golf outings and much more.

Congratulations Brother Fr. Paul as our

November Knight of the Month!

Brother Knights and Friends That Need our Prayers

If you or a family member or Friend is in need of our prayers please contact our Chancellor or any officer to add them to the list

Vicki Barker, daughter of brother George Peters, and her surgeons and care-givers
 SK John N Lutz, father of brother John Lutz
 Barbara Demiter, mother of brother Dan Demiter
 Melanie Adelman, friend of brother Edward A Hurst Jr.
 Hans Hansen PGK, FDD, friend of brother Edward A Hurst Jr.
 Dan Timmerman PGK
 Rev. Timothy Nelson and Rev. Rick Eberle, fellow brothers of brother Edward Hurst Jr.
 Mrs. Catherine Leveque, friend of brother Edward A Hurst Jr.
 Lucille Lang, mother of brother Chuck Lang
 Donna Curtiss, parent of brother Edward A Hurst Jr.
 Brother Phil Wawrzyniec, brother-in-law of brother Gene Suchyta
 Jason Gallinat, step-son of brother Mike Kelch
 Theresa Nutten, daughter of brother Alan Nutten
 Avery Andreolli, granddaughter of brother Dave Andreolli
 Christopher Demiter, son of brother Brendon Demiter, friend of brother Edward A Hurst Jr.
 Brother Joe Palukis, friend of brother Edward A Hurst Jr.
 Bill Kumm, friend of brother Larry P Redman
 Dennis Zeni, friend of brother Larry P Redman
 Ellen M., friend of brother Larry P Redman
 Brother Ron Mlynek's wife and family
 Lynette Owens, sister-in-law of Brother Steve Sarlitto
 William Pierce, uncle of Brother Dave Andreolli 10/31/2021
 Nicole Brown, niece of Brother Joe Camill 10/31/2021
 Brother Paul Trost
 Brother Jeff Matheny
 Fr. Theo DeCuna, friend of brother Edward A Hurst Jr.
 Paul and Evelyn Bak, friend of brother Edward A Hurst Jr.
 Andy Darmanin, friend of brother Joseph C Bradley
 Brother Brandon Demiter and Family, friend of brother Edward A Hurst Jr.

Travis Baker friend of Grand Knight
 Edward Hurst JR and DD
 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
 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
 Joe Dodson, friend of brother Daniel T Timmerman
 Deacon Raphael Jimenez
 Luke Walling, grandson of brother Jeff Matheny
 Gracia Koss, daughter-in-law of friend of Brother Jeff Battistella
 Linda Pfeiffer, wife of brother Dan Pfeiffer 07/13/2021
 Brother Michael "Bear" Kisabeth
 Anneliese Kelch, daughter of brother Mike Kelch
 Debbie Kelch, wife of Brother Knight Mike Kelch.



Remembering Brother Knight

Ron Mlynek

Ronald John Mlynek, an active member of our council for almost 6 years passed from this life on November 5, 2021, at the age of 72. He is the first brother knight of the council to enter his heavenly reward. Please remember him in your daily prayers.



Birthdays for November



Ralph Ascencio
William Kumm
Christopher Kotcher
Greg Pietron
Dan Skotak

Justin Schaefer
Earl Hoffman
Don Schlagheck
Dan Pfeifer
Bill Springer

John McGee
Gene Suchyta
Ruchira Perera
Dr. Tim Bodnar
Ernest Gubry

Joe Bradley
Michael Pilotto
Mark Rausch
Andrew Shattuck.

Birthdays for December

Philip M Mckay
Daniel J Moote
David P. Trost
Gary R Sienkiewicz
Andrew J Miller

Patrick W Mulcahy
Ronald A Budzisz
Dan Schneider
Tom Borke

Walter T Stang
James C Demmer
Lawrence J O'Hara
Camillius M Jankowiak

Gerald T Heiss
Michael M Myers
Steven Polidori
Adam M Randall

Membership Anniversaries for November

5 Years of Service

- Tom Borke
- Tom Solak

10 Years and above

- Ed Chrostowski (17)

20 years and above.

- Jack Massarello (40)
- Joseph Pelukas (38)
- Jim Pryce (37)

Membership Anniversaries for December

5 Years of Service and above

- Edward F Curley
- Raymond L Coppiellie
- Martin J Mc Clellan
- Kenneth J Svoboda

10 Years and Above

- Ronald E Kretschmer (15)

20 Years and Above

- Joseph W Pryce (37)
- John W Brennan (31)
- Hans K. Hansen, PGK (23)



Proceeds from “Tootsie Roll” Drive distributed.

The proceeds from our last fundraiser conducted by our council for the benefit of people with intellectual disabilities (more commonly known as the “Tootsie Roll “ drive) are being distributed as follows to three different organizations. The distribution of funds will be as follows:

- St. Louis Center \$1,136.20
- St. Francis on the Lake Camp \$1,136.21
- Canton All Stars (Special Olympics) \$1,136.21

The check for the Canton All Stars was presented at the Special Olympics Halloween Dance.

Your Newsletter

The newsletter will be sent to all members around the first of every month.

The newsletter will recap all the activities of our council. Contributions to the newsletter will be accept from all members. If you attend or participate in any of the activities, your comments and pictures would be greatly appreciated.

The deadline for inclusion in the newsletter is the 24th of every month. To send your comments and or contributions please send an email either to newsletter16169@gmail.com or ronaldrathbun@gmail.com.

You can either submit an article (you will be given credit with a byline) or you can just send details to be included in an article.

Thank You. Your contributions and comments will be greatly appreciated.

Special Olympic Young Adults Halloween Dance 2021

Our council sponsors every year a special halloween dance. This year on Friday, October 28, 2022 from 6:30 – 8:30 PM the dance was held. The dance was open to all young adults with special needs. Invitations were sent out not only through St. John Neumann parish but also through the other local parishes.



This year 114 Registered and 2 non registered guest attended for the event and 7 who previously register were not able to attend. There were 25 parents/ chaperones and helpers.

The planning committee this year included GK Ed Hurst Jr, Dance Chairman



Robert Rugenski, John Craybill, Dan Skotak, Hans Hansen and PGK Dan Timmerman (Past Chair) from the Knights and also Kathy McClintock

(Photos), Beth Ann Pilotto from SJNWMO, and Mike M from Alhambra.

Each attendee needed to bring a bag of candy to share. The evening included Pizza, Popcorn, Cookies, Ice Cream Cups, Bottled Water, Pop, Apple Cider, Candy bags, and Donut Holes.



The evening events began with an opening parayer by Fr. Paulo. The Dj was Norm Pranger who not only provided the music for the evening but also provided aMicrophone/Stand/Table for Equipment. Norm provided this all for no charge.

Thanks to all knights that attended or contributed to this fantastic event.

\$4,078.00



That is over 4,000 cans and bottles that our council has collected here at St. John Neumann for the support of the seminarians. Not only is that a lot of cans but that reflects many volunteer hours by our fellow brothers. Each can or bottle after it is donated has to be collected and brought to a local retailer where it is converted to cash. Sometime the cans have to brought to two or more retailers to find the right place to be exchanged. The brother knights that collect these cans put in many hours converting thee cans to cash, but these brothers know that all the effort they put in goes to a great cause. Every dime collected goes to support seminarians.

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 or Monday thru Thursday or Friday thru Sunday. The time that collect these are totally up to the collector. Everything is done on your own schedule. Currently all slots are filled for November & December. Plan on signing up for January and. February. The link for the sign up sheet will be sent out in mid December.

Remember
to carry
and pray
your rosary daily



Do you know where your Dues Go?



The annual bill for 2022 has been emailed with a payment due date of December 31. Let

Brother John Lutz know if you'd prefer that a paper copy be mailed to you. As in past years, there will be two optional contributions; \$10 for Take 10 which supports several Michigan based charities and \$6 for the Endowment Scholarship for Sacred Heart Major Seminary.

Out of the \$40 annual dues, \$3.50 goes to Supreme per capita, \$10.00 goes to State per capita, \$3.00 goes to Holy Cross Services (Boysville), \$1.00 to Catholic advertising, \$2.00 to Culture of Life and the remainder stays in our Council.

Hospitality Sundays

By SK. Gene Suchyta



Hospitality Sundays are back, and the Knights are coordinating as previously done! We always serve coffee and other drinks. Depending on day and the week-end, we either serve donuts and cookies or

pancakes.

The number of people needed when we do donuts and coffee is rather small, with more needed for pancakes. This includes one brother to man our KofC information table. See the sign-up sheets below for more information.

Our next hospitality week-end is December 5. Please [click here](#) to sign-up.

Lecturer's Message

By Marshall Grazioli

November 11

became Veterans Day owing to it being the date that the Armistice to end WWI was signed however the origin of the date goes back to the life of a Catholic Saint, St.



Martin of Tours. St. Martin lived from 316 to 397 in France. He was a soldier by age 15 but did not find the military life to his liking. One night while on patrol, in the dead of winter, he came across a beggar and tore his cloak in half and gave half of it to him. In a dream it was revealed that the beggar was Jesus. He left the military and became a "Soldier of Christ" and then later by the acclamation of the people and without being an ordained priest Bishop of Tours for 25 years. His feast day is November 11th, a day which became a traditional day for signing peace treaties. This was why November 11 was picked to sign the Armistice to end WWI which has now become, in the US, Veterans Day. St. Martin of Tours, Pray for Us.

Be Proud to be a Knight

Now you can show the world that you are proud to be a Knight. Order your Knight wear like 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.

COATS FOR KIDS



The Coats for Kids program was again a great success. A total of 600 coats were purchased for distribution to assure that no child is without a

coat this winter. This distribution happened on Oct 30 at the Most Holy Trinity Church, 1050 Porter St, Detroit. At this time 300 coats were distributed. The remaining coats were distributed on Saturday, November 13th, at a Coats for Kids distribution which was held in Ecorse at St. Andre Bessette Parish.



Achievement Award

Ernest Bucks III was recognized at the November meeting for achieve a milestone as a brother knight. Ernest was awarded “Honorary Membership” .

A member attains Honorary status when he turns 65 years old and has been a member for 25 continuous years and attains Honorary Life status at 70 years old with 25 years of service.



Welcome

New Brother Knights

On November 20th after the 4:30 Mass , Dan Schneider (e-member), Aashish Paul, Kenneth Plonka, Darrin Burek, Steven Polidori and Larry O’Hara under went the exemplification ceremony of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity and became new members of our council.

We would also like to welcome David Trost who transferred to our council from Msgr. Kern Council



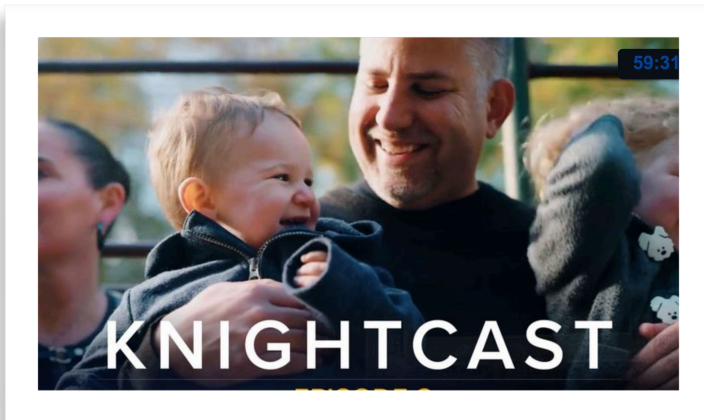
Assembly 1536. Pope John XXIII (Fourth degree)

You can support the 4th degree! Just in time for your Christmas shopping. Sam’sClub has agreed to donate 25% of your membership to the Pope John XXIII Assembly. You must act fast since the offer is only good until Tuesday, December 14. Remember to state that your membership is part of the group raise for Assembly 1536.

If you would like to join the 4th degree ,please contact any 4th member of the council or contact the Grand Knight.



Eucharistic Adoration Fridays
The Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the main Church after the 9 am Friday Mass. Exposition is made available until 7pm concluding with benediction. Come in to pray and spend some time with the Lord.



KnightCast is a groundbreaking new video series from the Knights of Columbus with the aim of engaging today's Catholic men in a compelling conversation about the Catholic Faith and their own, personal growth as they lead their families in service to the Church. Featuring host Jonathan Reyes as well as guests and subject matter experts in each episode, KnightCast seeks to cover topics ranging from sports and marriage to evangelization and the Saints. New episodes premiere each month. Currently the webcast is in the fifth episode. However, you can still view all the previous episodes.

To sign up or to view the current episode follow the link below. If you are viewing this newsletter digitally, you can just click on the following link.

http://kofc.org/en/for-members/resources/member-webcasts.html?utm_source=A360&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=Thanksgiving

Complete the one-time sign up form for free and receive all episodes of KnightCast via email. The first episode of KnightCast features Past Supreme Knight Carl Anderson sharing his personal reflections on the significant events of the past two decades. The second episode features interviews with Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly, President of the March for Life Jeanne Mancini, Super Bowl XLVII Champion Matt Birk, and General Agent Daniel Schachle. The third episode shows how University of Notre Dame college Knights recently consecrated themselves to St. Joseph, explores exactly what “evangelization” is and how to do it, takes a real world look at how to keep your kids Catholic, and much more. The fourth episode explored how to strengthen marriages by embracing God’s plan, examine the history of Native American Catholicism and the Order’s work with Native American communities, and look at the hope and healing of the Warriors to Lourdes Pilgrimage.

YOUR HELP NEEDED

By SK. Gene Suchyta

Jeff Cavins is an American Catholic evangelist, author, and biblical scholar. He will be at SJN for three events ([click here](#) to see information on the events). The Knights of Columbus is joining with the SJN Women's Organization to support these events for which there is the following needs:

1. Finger Desserts for the Book signing, Friday, December 3

The dessert should serve 12 - 15 people. Please bring to kitchen by Friday, December 3, 3:00PM. Please [click here](#) to sign up.

2. Kitchen Help, Friday, December 3

Includes Food prep and setup from 3PM-5PM, serving from 5PM to 7PM, and cleanup from 6PM to 8pm. Please [click here](#) to sign up.

3. Kitchen Help, Saturday, December 4

Includes Food prep from 8AM-12PM, setup and serving from 9AM to 1PM, and cleanup from 1PM to 3pm. Please [click here](#) to sign up.

Keep CHRIST in CHRISTmas Poster Contest

The Knights of Columbus “Keep Christ in Christmas” Poster Contest is open to all young people between the ages of 5 and 14. Age eligibility is determined by the age of the contestant as of November 1. Contest entrants compete in one of three age groups: ages 5 through 7, ages 8 through 10, and 11 through 14.

Each poster must reflect the Keep Christ in Christmas theme with a visual image. There is no limit to the number of posters each contestant may submit.

Each poster will be judged on the following criteria :

1. Slogan — 30 Points:
2. Visuals — 30
3. Points: Overall Impact — 40 points.

The following prizes will be awarded :

- \$25 for the first place entry in each age group (5-7, 8-10, 11-14) at council level.
- \$25 for the first place entry in each age group at district level
- \$50 for the first place entry in each age group at state level.
- \$250 is awarded to the first place entry for each age group at the international level.. Two runner-up prizes of \$100 each are also awarded for each group. All international winners receive a framed certificate signed by the supreme knight as well as developmental credit if their designs are used in promotional posters or program literature.

The following rules will be followed:

1. Posters should be completed by December 13, and the council judging should take place by December 31. Additional judging will be approximately January 15th for the district ,



January 31st for the regional and February 15th for state. International winners will be announced approximately March 15th. 2. Poster must reflect the theme of Keep Christ in Christmas. Each poster should be the original work (including concept, layout, slogan and any visual images) of a single person. Poster must be 11X17 inches in size. If pastels, chalk or charcoal are used the poster must be laminated or covered with clear plastic.

3. Each poster must be submitted with a Knights of Columbus “Keep Christ in Christmas” Poster Contest entry form.
4. The name and age of the entrant should be printed on the reverse side of the poster in case the poster and entry form get separated.
5. All entries become property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council.

There will be signs in the vestibule of St John Neumann Church in December that will give full details. The posters should be returned to the SJN Parish office / Religious Education office.

The poster and entry form must be returned by 12/13/21. The plan is to judge the posters between Christmas and New Years.

This event is sponsored by our council and is chaired by brother Knight Michael Tallman. If you would like help please contact Michael Tallman at 517-392-2943 or email: tallman.michael@gmail.com

[Click here](#) or on the image of the form to download a contest entry form.

An American Catholic Evangelist

By SK. Gene Suchyta

Jeff Cavins is an American Catholic evangelist, author, and biblical scholar. He is known to be a Protestant pastor who converted back to the Catholic Church. He is the creator of The Great Adventure Bible Study program, and was the founding host of the Television Show "Life on the Rock" on EWTN and of the Morning Air radio program on Relevant Radio. Jeff is recognized both nationally and internationally as an exciting public speaker and bible teacher. He communicates the Catholic faith at a level that everyone can understand, taking theological truths and expressing them in a practical way. The foundational study has enabled students to understand the flow of Scripture. Over one million Catholics have benefited from these studies in the US and other countries, and they have helped them to engage in scripture in a life-changing way.

Jeff is here for three events:

1. Book signing, Friday, December 3, 5:00-6:30PM

There will be a light meal and book singing. Tickets are \$35.00 per person and only 100 are available. Tickets can be purchased by [clicking here](#). Books will be available for purchase, and a ticket will guarantee seating at the Night of Reflection (see next item). Contact Chris Leach at cleach87@gmail.com with questions!

2. Advent Night of Reflection, Friday, December 3, 7-8:30PM (doors open at 6:15PM)

Admission with Free Will Offering, seating is first-come, first served basis. Contact Joyce Hansen at j.hansen@sjncanton.org.

3. Activated Disciple Workshop, Saturday, December 4, 8:30AM-2:00PM

"The Activated Disciple" is based upon Jeff Cavin's latest book of the same name! Are you ready to take your faith to the next level? If you yearn for a life that moves

beyond believing and practicing your faith, if you want to radically live your faith, then it's time for you to become an activated disciple. The foundation of discipleship is imitation. True discipleship requires such a close relationship with God that every area of your life is transformed. It is about opening yourself to God and inviting him to dwell within you, becoming holy as he is holy, loving as he is loving. By imitating God, disciples of Christ become the

instruments that God employs to transform the world! Tickets are \$45.00 and can be purchased by [clicking here](#). Books will be available for purchase at the workshop. Contact Chris Leach at cleach87@gmail.com with questions!

St. John Neumann Church
Presents

JEFF CAVINS

Friday, Dec 3 evening
5 - 6:30 pm
Book Signing \$35/person
7 - 8:30 pm
Advent Reflection

Saturday, Dec 4 daytime
8:30 am - 2 pm
Workshop \$45/person

Buy tickets from the homepage:
www.SJNcanton.org

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A message from your Knights of Columbus Field Agent

Dear Bothers,

With holidays approaching we get busier and busier...right through to the end of the year. It seems nearly non-stop with family gatherings, holiday shopping, special programs at the parish and at schools. Everybody gets busy! From what I've read about shipping and trucking delays of getting shelves restocked it looks like Christmas shopping will need to start even earlier for many.

As busy are you are, here is one item that needs your attention: If you have not yet completed the Annual Survey, please take just a few minutes and respond. It's easier than ever; it can be done by emailing them directly to me at Thomas.mccully@kofc.org. Your responses help me understand your current situation better. That in turn allows me to be of better service to you. For some of you that means referring you or a family member to one of our many fraternal benefits. For others it may mean updating important contact or family information. Still others may benefit from a comprehensive look at your current insurance plans. With our new financial needs analysis tool and a few minutes together I can give you an accurate picture of where you stand when it comes to your family's protection. With our full suite of products, life insurance, long-term care insurance, disability income insurance and retirement annuities, I can help in most any situation.

Our financial needs analysis allows me to gather information from you and make fact-based recommendations based on your wants, needs, and

desires. With the help of computer modeling we can look at a variety of scenarios and help ensure you are on the right track regardless what lies ahead.

Now, before things get too busy, let's meet and take a look at where you stand. Maybe you're in good shape in one area, but could use some shoring up in another. Those blind spots can be problematic, but once identified you can take the necessary steps to address them.

Thank you to the many brothers who have met with me so far this year. I've been very fortunate to be of service to them and their families. Even as the end of the year gets busy, I look forward to helping more.

Be safe, stay safe, and know your risk.

God Bless,

T.J. McCully FIC

Field Agent



Knights of Columbus



Rev. Fr. Paul Belien
State Chaplain

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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

Christmas in the Philippines

By SK. Ronald Rathbun

I have been visiting the Philippines frequently since 1974. After one of my visits, I was telling fellow knights about the extreme poverty that I saw there. I was shocked that first time, when I saw families living in cardboard boxes. I saw people living in filth and the only flush toilet that they have is high tide and low tide of the same ocean or river that they bath, wash their dishes and clothes in. I saw people including young children dying because payment has to be paid up front before any medical treatment would be given. Everywhere I looked I would see a beggar with a hand out, just looking for a centavo or two so he would have something to eat. I am not saying that all Filipinos live this way. But a large number do. Nearly 70% of the Philippine population live below the poverty level.

That year Fr. Victor Renaud council started "Christmas in the Philippines". The concept was simple. Individual knights and their families would donate money to be sent to the Philippines to purchase food for the needy of the Bacolod area. The food was purchased and through the cooperation of the local Philippine Knights of Columbus councils the receipts were chosen and the food gifts were distributed. That year over 100 families received Christmas gifts from Council 3292.

This program has continued every year since. After I retired, I was able to take a more active roll in the purchasing, preparations, select of receipts and the distribution. Currently all program activities in

the Philippines is coordinated my myself and my family in the Philippines. We still use the local Philippine councils band Catholic Churches to assist in the selection of the receipts and distribution of the Christmas Gifts.



Over the years, other southeast Michigan councils request to join. Before Covid, six southeast Michigan councils contributed to the program. With these six councils, over 3,000 families received gifts of rice, fish and noodles. During the Christmas of 2020, with COVID, only four councils participated and due to the restrictions in place due to Covid, the distributions were limited and speed out over the year.

This year, Our council has lead the way and again this year has donated \$500 to the cause. There are pledges from other Southeast Michigan councils and individual knights. My wife and I are back in the Philippines this year, we plan on a great "CHRISTMAS in The PHILIPPINES", this year. The average cost of each food gift package which consist of rice, fish and noodles cost about \$2.50 per family gift. Also note that every penny donated goes directly to the recipients and all labor is done on a volunteer basis.

If any individual knight would like to contribute, please contact the financial secretary John Lutz and he will make sure the tax deductible donation is forwarded on.

WHATSOEVER YOU DO TO THE LEAST OF MY BROTHERS YOU DO UNTO ME - MATTHEW 25:31-46



Landmark Supreme Court Hearing

Dobbs vs. Jackson Women’s Health Organization

The supreme court has agreed to hear the case Dobbs vs. Jackson Women’s Health Organization. The hearings are schedule to be heard starting on December 1, 2021. The case involves a Mississippi law that bans nearly all abortions or 15 weeks of gestational age. The state of Mississippi is asking the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn the constitutional right to abortion that was established in the 1973 decision. The decision to overturn has a good chance of happening since the court has a solid conservative majority.

The most important thing we can do to pray to our Lord Jesus Christ, asking for the end to Roe, and to the brutal practice of abortion.

Potential SCOTUS Decisions for *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health*

- Supreme Court overturns *Roe v. Wade* and allows states to ban abortion before viability.**
18 states immediately ban abortion & 13 states and DC protect abortion. 22 states would pass new laws addressing abortion access.
- Supreme Court allows states to ban abortion pre-viability when the ban does not burden a substantial number of people seeking abortion care.**
This could potentially lead to new cases to review each state's ban and the facts of how many people are burdened in that state.
- The Supreme Court upholds *Roe v. Wade* and does not permit states to ban abortion pre-viability.**
The Court might establish a new standard on how to evaluate undue burden.

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The above is a reprint from an article by <https://www.kff.org/womens-health-policy/pres-release/dobbs-v-jackson-womens-health-state-asks-supreme-court-to-overturn-roe-v-wade/>

Make a note of this



Not all of us are called to be a priest. However, each of us can show our support for those that are called.

Brother Joe Camil is chairing a program called “Adopt a Seminarian” to show our support and encouragement by not only praying for their success but also let them know

that we are thinking of them.

We can show this support by writing a letter , a card or even just a note personalized to these individuals. You can write the note to any seminarian or you can personalize it. A poster is in the vestibule of the church listing these men.

If you or a member of your family 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.

Men's Prayer Breakfast Men of St. John Neumann

All men of the parish are invited to come join us for faith, food and fellowship!

Our Men's Prayer Breakfast meets every Thursday at 6:00am in Baldwin Hall!

Contact: Ron Kretschmer
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A Letter from our District Deputy

Worthy Grand Knights,

Yesterday, my wife Kelly and I had time to assemble all of the bath baskets and prepare them for delivery next weekend to Holy Cross. I have attached 3 pictures: 1) All of the items staged on my dining room table, 2) A full basket before wrapping 3) 6 big boxes with 8 baskets in each totaling 48 baskets.

I want to share a story about a funny way that God was at work helping us with this project:

On Friday, I was driving home from the Dollar Tree with a trunk full of bath basket supplies. One of the biggest challenges with the HCCS bath basket project is finding a way to package the baskets so they are not smashed or have ripped packaging. The baskets are heavy and the gift bag is made of a thin plastic and not very durable. In the past I have used many different types of boxes but nothing seems to work.

As I neared my house, I got caught at the light at 5 Points. While sitting at the light, facing the Belleville Police station, I couldn't believe what I was seeing. They must have bought new desk chairs and had all the empty chair boxes at the curb ready for trash pickup. I pulled into the parking lot and sure enough they were perfect! I rushed home and grabbed my truck and my youngest son and we went down to get the boxes. As we loaded the last box in the truck, the garbage truck pulled up and took the trash. Just in time!!!

I really appreciate all of the donations from your councils. We had a very successful campaign and I am certain that the people at Holy Cross will be happy and thankful.

Vivat Jesus,

**Brian Zahn - District Deputy
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