

# NEUMANN KNIGHTS

St John Neumann Knights of Columbus Council 16169 44800 Warren Road Canton, Mi 48187 https://kofc16169.org/news.html#735

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

The January General meeting date will be changed. The date will be January 10, 2022 at 7pm. Watch your email for the zoom link if you plan on attending from home.

## From the Desk of the Grand Knight

Greetings Brother Knights and St. John Neumann Council Family,

Vivat Jesus! Happy New Year!!

Please note that the Father McGivney E-Membership has been extended until June 30, 2022.



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The month of January brings many events and celebrations. Hospitality Weekend/Knights Table, Feast of St John Neumann, Blood Drive at SJN, January 11 Business Meeting/January 11 Diocesan Region 5 Meeting, January 13 Protecting God's Children Workshop, January 27 Roe V Wade Memorial &; March, January 21-29 9 Days for Life, January 31 Corporate Communion, and Free Throw Contest January 22, 2022.

I hope everyone is enjoying the 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 year, we have done quite a bit of new programs and improved on existing ones. I look forward to second half of the Fraternal Year and all we can accomplish together. Thank you to my Brother Knights of Columbus Council 16169.

I Pray the New Year brings joy to all as we begin 2022 with new hopes and dreams.

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

Fraternally Yours, Edward A Hurst Jr , Grand Knight

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## Family of the Month Miranda Family

Congratulations to Cyril and Maryna Miranda as our Family of the Month for December Cyril and Maryna Miranda were married almost 41 years, with 3 children, Crystal, Colin, and Caitlin. Besides Cyril's



activities in the Knights, they are both very active in the India Catholic Association (ICA) and ICA Mother Theresa Volunteer Team. At the parish level they are active in Alpha and Maryana is in the Women's Organization, St. Monica Ministry, Alpha Prayer Team, and funeral luncheon ministry.

## Knight of the Month Deacon Pat Gonlin

Everyone knows Deacon Pat. It is hard to figure out when he has time for himself. He has given endlessly of his time for the parish, for the council and the community. As serving as a Deacon here at our parish, he has conducted many baptisms, assisted during countless masses, adorations and many other activities in the church. When he does the homily at mass everyone listens because he is so inspiring.



His knights activities has included assisting with the faith leadership, being an observer in the exemplifications, attending many of the knights activities such as the 24 hour adorations.

Aside from all of these activities he still finds time to serve as Chaplain for the Canton Public Safety Dept. and Admissions/Scrutiny Committee for Diaconate Community.

Congratulations Brother Deacon Pat as our December 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

Brooke Skotak, relative of brother Daniel J Skotak SK Ed Hurst, Lady Mary Alice Hurst and the rest of the Donna Custiss family

**Brother Mike Cartier** 

Mike Howe, uncle of brother Walter Stang Bob Beetle, boss of Brother Brandon Demiter Henry Shaheen Heavilin, two year old great grandson of SK Edmund Shaheen.

Grand Knight Ed Hurst, Jr.

Linda Pfeiffer, wife of brother Dan Pfeiffer Luke Walling, grandson of brother Jeff Matheny Bro Mike Kelch, friend of brother Edward A Hurst Jr. Julie Cervan, Sister of Brother Knight Steve Sarlitto Tina Sarlitto, Mother of Brother Knight Steve Sarlitto Ron Sarlitto, Father of Steve Sarlitto

Greg Womack, co-worker of bro Edward A Hurst Jr. Steve Neubecker, co-worker of bro Edward A Hurst Jr. Sandy Walke, co-worker of bro Edward A Hurst Jr. Bro Knight Jeff Battistella, friend of bro Ed A Hurst Jr Nancy Lang, wife of bro Chuck Lang

**Brother Joseph Pryce** 

Patty Petretta, wife of Brother Leo Petretta Chris Ramey, son-in-law, of brother Tim Bodnar Anneliese Kelch, daughter of brother Mike Kelch Debbie Kelch, wife of Brother Knight Mike Kelch. Cody Deaton, Cousin of brother GK Edward Hurst Jr Joyce Hansen, wife of bro & former DD Hans Hansen Makenna Rugenski, daughter of bro Robert J Rugenski Ken Pietryga, friend of brother Edward A Hurst Jr. Nancy McGee, friend of brother Edward A Hurst Jr. Jody Hurst, relative of brother Edward A Hurst Jr. Nicole Taylor, friend of brother Ron Kretschmer's wife Vicki Barker, daughter of brother George Peters, and

SK John N Lutz, father of brother John Lutz Barbara Demiter, mother of brother Dan Demiter Melanie Adelman, friend of bro Edward A Hurst Jr. Hans Hansen PGK, FDD, friend of bro Edward A Hurst Jr

Dan Timmerman PGK

her surgeons and care-givers

Rev. Timothy Nelson and Rev. Rick Eberle, fellow brothers of brother Edward Hurst Jr.

Mrs. Catherine Leveque, friend of bro Edward A Hurst Jr.

Lucille Lang, mother of brother Chuck Lang

Donna Curtiss, parent of brother

Edward A Hurst Jr.

Bro Phil Wawrzyniec, brother-in-law of bro 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. 1

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

Nicole Brown, niece of Brother Joe Camill

**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

Bro Brandon Demiter & Family, friend of bro Ed A Hurst Jr.

Travis Baker friend of GK Edward Hurst JR & DD

**Brother Walter Stang** 

Glenn Timmerman, brother of PGK Dan Timmerman

Weronika, Kasia and Peter Gorski

Cherie and Marie Humphrey, friends of bro John Russell

Mara Conlen, granddaughter of Deacon Pat Conlen Amy Hurst, Sister, relative of brother Edward A Hurst Jr.

**Brother Steve Otting** 

Brother Ken Svoboda

Christina Fensomb, friend of brother Michael Myers

Brother Michael "Bear" Kisabeth





#### Remembering Fr Charnley

We sadly have to announce the passing of Fr. George Charnley. Father served us here at St John Neumann form 1986 to 2002. He was ordained March 6, 1976.

Fr. George was kn own and loved by many in our parish. Please keep him in your prayers.



## **Birthdays for January**

Alexander R Lams Nathaniel J Gasiorowski Alan K Nutten John W Brennan Andrew A Anyanwu

Stephen L Kamykowski Robert A Johnson Jeffrey A Niszczak

Michael S Cabaj Carl W Zahn Robert J Dempsey Jr Timothy P Quinn

## **Membership Anniversaries for January**

#### 1 Year of Service and above

Charles E Kovalik 3yrs

Carl W Zahn 3 years

Dr Timothy J Bodnar 2 yrs

Gregory J Link 1 yr

#### 5 Years of Service and above

Marshall J Grazioli 6 yrs

Edward A Hurst Jr 6 yrs

Ronald G Letcumeau 6 years

James R Michalik 6yrs

Robert J Rugenski 6yrs

Brian J Zahn. 6yrs

Jeffrey A Matheny 5 yrs

#### 10 Years and Above

Franklin E Njubigbo 16 yrs

#### 20 Years and Above

James R Korona 38 years

Mark Richard Rausch 27 years

Timothy P Quinn 22 years



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.

#### FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP THIS MONTH

# TELL YOUR SONS & DAUGHTERS AND YOUR YOUR GRANDCHILDREN AND NEIGHBORS TOO!

There is still time to sign up. And it is FREE! All boys and girls 9 to 14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions. They do not have to be a member os St John Neumann nor do they have to be Catholic. This companion is sponsored annually and the winners will progress through the local, district, and state competitions. International champions are announced by the K of C international headquarters based on scores from the state-level competitions. Last year more than 120,000



sharpshooters participated in over 3,600 local competitions. The event will happen January 22, 2022 from 3 to 5 PM. at St John Neumann Church – Gym (North Entrance) 44880 Warren Road, Canton MI To Pre-Register: E-mail or call Marshall Grazioli at mgraz5@yahoo.com or 248-535-3450 (cell). If you would like to help please contact Marshall.

#### The details of the companion are as follows:

3 Warm up free throws 15 free throws for scoring (5 extras for tie breakers, if needed) Girls and Boys Ages 9, 10, 11 12 foot distance Woman's size ball Girls Ages 12, 13, 14 15 foot (Regular Free Throw) Woman's size ball Boys Ages 12, 13, 14 15 foot (Regular Free Throw) Regular size ball Winners in each gender/age group move on to District competition and potentially the Archdiocesan Competition (Dates and Locations TBD) and the State Competition on March 21 at Sacred Heart Parish in Mt. Pleasant.

### Council Recognizes Fr Paulo



At the December 2021 council meeting, the council presented a certificate and vestments for celebrating Holy Mass to Fr. Paulo. Many of the vestments at St. John Neumann are too large for Fr. Paulo, and was unable to bring any when he came from India.

## St. John Neumann January 5 Feast Day

#### Reprint from Sjn.org

People called him the stubby priest and laughed when they saw him riding his horse, because his feet did not touch the stirrups. He was not very good-looking – a square face, a square body. He was quiet, not a man with a vivacious personality, not one to charm a crowd or draw attention to himself. He was not the type of Church leader who pleased influential people. But John Nepomucene Neumann was a man of God who was also true to himself and

he did the best job he could do.

Born and educated in Bohemia, John was interested in botany and astronomy as well as Church matters. By the time he was twenty-five, he knew six languages and was a trained seminarian. Since there were many priests in his country, and since he longed to be a missionary in America, John came to the United States in 1836 – with one suit of clothes and one dollar in his pocket.

The bishop of New York ordained John and sent him to the hard-working German-speaking people who were clearing the forests around Niagara Falls. He traveled on horseback from one mission station to another, visiting the sick, teaching catechism, and training teachers to take over when he

left. He was busy with his many responsibilities, but very lonely at times. He felt the need for the fellowship of community life and for the spiritual challenge that living with other priests might bring.

So John entered the Redemptorist Order. As a novice, he was sent to different places so frequently that he wondered if his superiors really wanted him. Finally they allowed him to make his vows, and he became the first Redemptorist to be professed in the United States. He helped in parishes until he was made the superior of the American branch of the order. While John felt very unqualified in this position, it was due to his direction that the Redemptorists became leaders in the parochial school movement. He served as a parish priest in Baltimore until he was made bishop of Philadelphia in 1852. There was great opposition to his appointment at that time.

The influential, wealthy Catholics wanted someone who would make a good impression: one who would speak eloquently and act the part of a refined, polite gentleman.

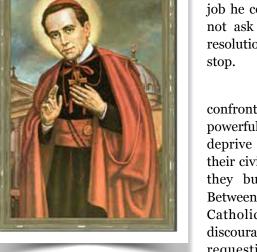
They wanted a bishop who would look the other way when he saw their unchristian practices. The Irish wanted a bishop who was Irish, who was one of their own kind. Those who were unhappy with John did not seem to care that he was a prayerful, sincere follower of Jesus. They disliked his thick Bohemian accent, plain speaking style, and the fact that he was very quiet and strict. He received a very cold reception

when he went to Philadelphia. While it hurt him deeply, John decided that he would just be himself and do the best job he could. He knew that God would not ask any more than that. But his resolution did not make the criticism stop.

He also found himself confronted by the Know-Nothings, a powerful political group determined to deprive foreigners and Catholics of their civil rights. To achieve their goals, they burned convents and schools. Between the Catholic and the non-Catholic attacks, John became so discouraged that he wrote to Rome requesting to be transferred to a smaller diocese. He thought maybe

someone else could do a better job in this position. But the highest Church authority in Rome told him to stay at his job – which he did! He stayed and contributed a great deal to Catholic education. In eight years, Philadelphia grew from two Catholic schools to one hundred schools, and was organized on a diocesan basis. Every year he made a visit to each parish and mission station, hoping to start a Catholic school in each place. He brought in many teaching orders of nuns and Christian brothers. For the German immigrants, he published two catechisms and a Bible history in German. He wrote many articles for Catholic newspapers and magazines.

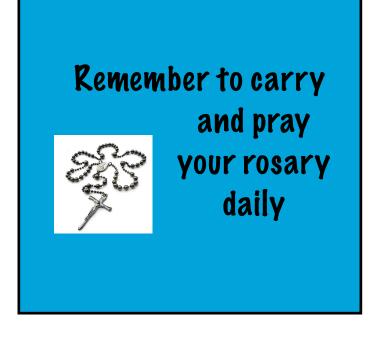
In 1860, he died of a stroke while walking down the street taking care of errands. After his death, people publicized his many hidden virtues and penances. This short, unassuming, often unpopular man who worked so hard for God was declared a saint on June 19, 1977.





## Coats For Kids Recognition By Gene Suchyta

At the December council meeting, brothers Hans Hansen, Paul Bak, Roger Biernat and Joe Bradley were recognized for helping with the distribution of Coats for Kids in November, 2021. The Knights of Columbus in Michigan were able to provide new coats to hundreds of kids through the generosity of the councils in the state. Hans helped distribute those coats to needy children in the Detroit area. Thanks, Hans, Paul, Roger and Joe!



## Supporting our Seminarians

Seminarians are in need of our help and support. They not only need our financial support but also our emotional and spiritual support.

We have two ongoing programs to answer these needs.

First is the Cans fo Seminarians program. This project has turned out to be a great success. The success is due to not



only the thousands of cans that our parishioners have donated but also a large part due to the seemingly endless trips that a few of our brother knights have been making, traveling back and forth between the church collection bin and the stores to redeem these can donations. To date we have collected and redeemed over \$4,000 worth of cans, Thanks to all who have either donated returnable cans or those who spend hours redeeming them.

You are not Alone

The second program is to give emotional support to those who have devoted their lives to study in the seminary to become our future priest. Just take the time to write a note, a letter or a card to tell them how much we appreciate all that they are sacrificing.

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

#### YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

To continue our many programs we must depend on the help of all of our members. Most of these positions that need to be filled only take a little of your time. Pick the program that you like the most and click on the link below. Please review the following links to the current programs that need your help.

January and February 2021: Cans for Seminarians

<u>January 2: Membership Table at SJNWO Hospitality</u> <u>Sunday</u>

January 22: Free Throw Contest

January 30: 12:30pm Mass Corporate Communion

February 2/3: Pancake Hospitality Week-End

February 12/13: Reverse Raffle post mass ticket sales

February 19/20: Reverse Raffle post mass ticket sales

February 26/27: Reverse Raffle post mass ticket sales

March 5/6: Reverse Raffle post mass ticket sales

March 12/13: Reverse Raffle post mass ticket sales

March 19 St Patricks day Reverse Raffle sign up

## Drivers Needed For Sunday Mass

Join the Ride-To-Mass Ministry

Drive those who are unable to drive go to Mass

Contact Brother Randy Martin or contact the parish office at 734-455-5910

## **Corporate Communion**



Please plan on attending our first corporate communion of 2022. It will be held on Sunday, January 30, 2022, at the 12:30pm mass Fr. Paul will recognize the

Knights of Columbus that are in attendance. No reservation is needed. If you have a KofC shirt, please wear it.

The Knights will cover all the service positions. Sign up is at <a href="https://volunteersignup.org/HKH9L">https://volunteersignup.org/HKH9L</a>.

## Did you pay your dues?

Bills for 2022 were emailed last month with a payment due date of December 31. As of the December meeting only 35% have not yet paid. The balance in our Sacred Heart Major Seminary Endowment Scholarship fund was at about \$230. And the balance for our Take 10 fund was about \$400 at December's meeting.

### Order Knightware



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

#### And The Winners Are.....

The "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" poster contest this year was again coordinated by Brother Knight Michael Tallman. Seventy three youths submitted posters and made the judging very difficult. Thanks to brother knights Keith, Len, Tim, Ed, Michael, and Joe B who served as judges. The event was a great success.

The contest was open to all young people between the ages of 5 to 14. The entries were judged in three age groups. Ages 5 through 7, Ages 8 through 10 and ages 11 through 14.

Each poster reflected the KEEP CHRIST In CHRISTMAS" theme. The posters were judged on three criteria, 1. Slogan, 2. Visuals, and 3 Overall impact. Since no other council in our district held the contest the three winners from our council will move on to compete in the regional level on February 12 which will be followed by the State level. International winners will be announced approximately March 15th.

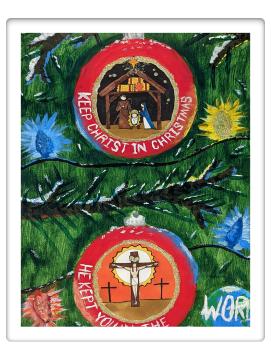
Let us cheer on our three council winners.



Margaret Tallman Age group 5-7



Lucas Toth Age Group 8-10



Lily Sajovic Age group 11-14

## Holy Cross Sweatshirt Collection 2021 Update

The totals this year for the sweatshirt collection for our District #114 was 55 Sweatshirts and \$636.00 which filled 48 bath baskets. These all were donated to Holy Cross. Thanks to all who participated.

Right to Life Memorial and March
January 20, 2022
Washington DC
If interested in attending
contact our
Grand Knight

## K of C Scholarship Applications are available after Jan 1

Did you know that the Knights of Columbus grants scholarships? Each has different qualifications and different deadlines for submission. Below are listed those that are available in the United States. There is also a scholarship for seminarians. An applicant must be:

- 1.Entering freshman year, of a four-year, undergraduate program, leading to a bachelor's degree, at a Catholic college or Catholic university, in the United States.
- 2. A member in good standing of the Knights of Columbus, a son or daughter of such a member, or of a such a deceased member, who at the time of death, was in good standing, or a Columbian Squire in good standing. (Not limited to fourth degree members)



#### U.S. UNDERGRADUATES

An eligible candidate for these scholarships is a K of C member in good standing, a child of the member or of deceased member who was in good standing. Scholarship candidates should be entering the freshman year in an approved Catholic college in the United States and its territories as a fulltime student in a bachelor's degree program.For more information or to apply follow this link:

https://www.kofc.org/en/ what-we-do/ scholarships/usundergraduatescholarships.html? 1tab=1tab0



#### **MATTHEWS AND SWIFT**

The Francis P. Matthews and John E. Swift Educational Trust Scholarships are available to children of members in good standing who are killed or permanently disabled, by hostile action, while serving in the armed forces in a combat zone identified as eligible by the **Knights of Columbus Board** of Directors; as well as the children of fulltime firefighters and law enforcement officers, who performance of their duties. died as a result of criminal violence directed at them. In either event, applications must be filed within two vears of the date of death or disability.

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## BISHOP GRECO

Bishop Charles P. Greco Graduate Fellowships assist U.S. students pursuing a master's degree designed for teachers of people with intellectual disabilities. Applicants must be a member in good standing or his wife or child attending a Catholic college/university. This also applies to the widows and children of deceased members who were in good standing. To For more information or to apply follow this link: https://www.kofc.org/en/ what-we-do/scholarships/

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## THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

A select number of undergraduate scholarships are administered by the Catholic University of America, on behalf of the Knights of Columbus. There are also fellowships available to help prepare CUA graduates to teach at the university level. Please contact Catholic University of America for Undergraduate and Graduate applications.

For more information or to apply Contact CUA Undergraduate Contact CUA Graduates Studies

raduatestudies@cua.edu

### **SEMINARIAN**

Each year, the Knights of Columbus offers Scholarships to seminarians studying at major seminaries. Applicants will attain the appropriate ecclesiastical approval, will have been accepted at a major seminary, and will be studying for an (arch)diocese or religious institute in the United States or Canada. For more information or to apply follow this link: https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/scholarships/seminarian-scholarships.html?1tab=1tab0

#### **Council Awards**

By Bro. John Lutz

An award is given by the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council at the end of each fraternal year (July 1st to June 30th) in each of three categories. Any Council which achieves all three awards earns prestigious Star Council status.

The first award, called the Father McGivney Award, is earned by meeting or

exceeding the net membership growth quota set each year by Supreme based upon the size of the Council. The quota increases as Council membership grows. Every new member brought into a Council helps to achieve the quota while any member who drops out (withdraws his membership) or has his m e m b e r s h i p suspended, has a negative impact. Members who transfer into or out of a Council have no effect on meeting the membership gain

quota. Our membership gain quota for the 2021 – 2022 fraternal year is 9. To date, 12 new Brother Knights have joined Council 16169 so we have currently achieved 133% of our quota. Achieving 200% of our quota would make us eligible for Double Star Council.

At present we have a total of 195 members although two will soon likely

transfer to other Councils (as previously stated, these will have no effect on our achievement of our membership growth quota).

The second award, called the Founders' Award is earned by achieving the Insurance Member Quota. A couple of years ago, this meant that a certain number (quota set by

Supreme each year) of

Brother Knights bought an insurance product from the Knights of Columbus for the first time. The current requirement is simply that a certain number of Brother Knights participate in an insurance informational program organized by the Knights of Columbus.

The third award, called the Columbian Award, is earned by a Council having a minimum of 10 activities during the fraternal year (was 16 prior to COVID). These activities must include two in each of the

following categories: Faith, Family, Community and Life.

Our St. John Neumann Knights of Columbus Council #16169 was chartered in March of 2015 and is very proud of the fact that we have achieved Star Council status during each of the 6 years that we were eligible with some of them being Multi-Star Status.



## **Christmas in the Philippines Update**

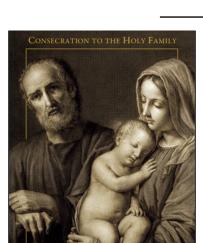
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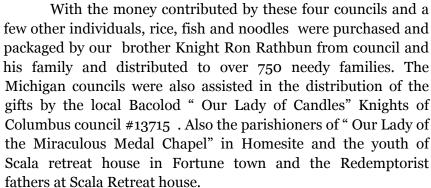






Withe the Covid pandemic and the recent typhoon that passed through the Visayas region of the Philippines, the "Christmas in the Philippines" program could not have been more needed.

Over 750 needy families were presented Christmas Gifts of rice, fish and noodles. Each food gift cost on an average of \$2.34 Our council is the lead council in the program and was joined by the Msgr. Kern Council, the St.Edith council and the Dun Scotus Council.







The remaining distribution of the gifts will happen on January 8. We will travel about two hours up into the mountain to a community of 150 families who were hit hard by the recent typhoon.

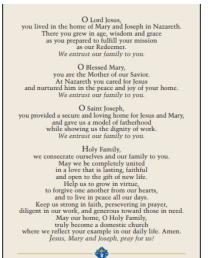
It was planned that the first distribution would be live streamed but due to the typhoon that pass through the area the internet went down and the live stream did not happen.

Thank You and God Bless our council for the generous donation of \$500 for this years

program.

# Consecration to the Holy Family

On the feast of the Holy Family, all that attended mass at St. John Neumann recited the Consecration to the Holy Family. Our council distributed prayer cards. The cards were very popular. Next year we will have to order a larger supply.



## A Message from the General Agent

Happy New Year! Welcome 2022!

Could we be any prouder of our nurses, doctors, aides, respiratory therapists, and all those at the tip of the spear in this fight against the corona virus? Thanks to all of them. How about teachers? They retooled and kept their students learning in a virtual world! How about you members that pitched in in local communities and made sure that you would Leave No Neighbor Behind? Thanks for all you are doing to make this world a better place where we take care of our brothers and sisters.

Of course the new year brings us to...making resolutions. That is a good thing! But being cooped up and working from home for over a year have given all of us plenty of time to think about the things we need to change. All of us want to resolve to do those things that will lead to happier, healthier lives.

Some of the most common resolutions are to lose weight, get in shape and exercise more. Others resolve to stop smoking.

If you think about the spiritual, many new year's resolutions concern having a more centered prayer life or receiving the sacraments more often for those who feel comfortable attending Mass.

Many of my friends think more about quality time...quality time spent with their family and friends; those that are most important in their lives.

As you think about family, one resolution I can help you keep is to update your Family Service Record and take stock of your financial goals. Are you where you want to be? Do you have a plan? We have a brand new tool to use to help analyze your financial needs; Profiles Professional. With this tool you can see if there are any gaps in your coverage and how close you are to achieving your goals and aspirations.

Some members are not aware of all the products we have to offer: Life insurance, long term care insurance, disability income insurance and retirement annuities. These products can help protect your family in all the financial situations where you might find yourself. Life insurance protects your loved ones financially if you are not here to help provide. And with the pandemic, many are taking stock of what they have to protect those they love. Disability income insurance provides a paycheck if you are sick or hurt and can't work. If your company offers some, do you know how much, for how long and is it taxable? I can help sort that out. Long term care insurance protects those assets you've worked so hard all your life to accumulate. Don't deplete all your savings for a care event when the Knights can take on that risk. With all the concern about market volatility and the health of Social Security, our fixed rate annuities guarantee a minimum interest rate for life, a company investment strategy based on Catholic teaching and an income stream you cannot outlive.

What's most important to you and your family? There is no cookie cutter answer. That's why I meet with members and their spouses...and we can meet virtually over the computer...to first determine what issues are of most concern to you. From there I can help analyze where you are in relation to your goals and develop a strategy to get you where you want to go. All done with a virtual appointment over your computer and at your convenience.

As your field agent I'm a brother taking care of brothers. Resolve today to meet with me and ensure that at the end of this new year, your will be closer to your goals.

Vivat Jesus!

T.J. McCully

Field Agent



# KnightCast Returns Jan. 4

In a new episode of KnightCast that will premiere Jan. 4, 2022, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly reflects on his Oct. 25 audience with Pope Francis. Host Jonathan Reyes also interviews the Order's vice president of public policy, Tim Saccoccia, about the U.S. Supreme Court case Dobbs v. Jackson and the impact it could have on the pro-life movement.

Link to KnightCast

St. Francis Camp on the Lake Wild Game Dinner, Friday, January 28, 2022, 6:00PM, Monaghan KofC Hall For the most up to Date
Council Information
Visit our website
<a href="https://kofc16169.org/news.html#735">https://kofc16169.org/news.html#735</a>

## Membership drive

By Bro Larry Redman

Our council will be planning another Membership Drive in Spring. Details will be forthcoming. In the interim, if you know of good catholic men that you think would be a good fit in our council, please extend an invitation to join us! Remember we're not looking for saints to join our council. We are all on our own faith journeys. I think you'll agree that joining the Knights has brought us all closer to Jesus.

Peace, Larry Redman, membership

## 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!

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