



NEUMANN KNIGHTS

St John Neumann Knights of Columbus
 Council 16169
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<https://kofc16169.org>

From the Desk of the Grand Knight

Greetings Brother Knights and St. John Neumann Council Family,
 Vivat Jesus!

Blessed Lent to All!!

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

We received State Council of the Month for December 2021. Picture is on website and in Newsletter.

We received the State Deputy Award for achieving 100% of membership goals by December 31st of the fraternal year at the State



Chaplain/State Deputy's Membership Tribute Banquet.

The month of March brings many events and celebrations. Reverse Raffle, Knights Table @ Hospitality Weekend, March 8 Business Meeting, and Nominations for Officers for the 2022-2023 Fraternal Year

We have many programs upcoming. I look forward to standing with you in the second half of the Fraternal Year and all we can accomplish together. Please keep selling the state raffle tickets as we get \$1.00 back to council for every ticket sold.

Thank you to my Brother Knights of Columbus Council 16169.

Please stay safe and have a Blessed Lent.

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

Fraternally Yours,
 Edward A Hurst Jr
 Grand Knight
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 734-748-0431

Emergency Funds Released

Under our bylaws, the officers have the authority to use funds unto \$500. Our officers have voted to release \$500 to be sent to the Ukraine Solidarity Fund.

The supreme council will match very dollar donated . You can too donate. See the

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*Family of the
 Month
 the Baptist
 Family*



Our family of the month of February was Tom & Laura Baptist. The Baptist family have been members of SJN since 1993. Tom is active with SJN Ushers, St. Vincent de Paul and has coached T-Ball. Laura has been active in Religious Ed, a catechist for many years and helped organize Women's Bible Study. Together they taught Baptismal Prep, mentored couples in Marriage Prep and participated in GIFT, Alpha and Connect programs. Their children, Clare, Kelsey and Paul served as Mass Helpers, religious ed and VSB teen assistants, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers and Media Ministers.

A certificate will be awarded to the Baptist family at an upcoming Mass.

Congratulations Baptist Family !

*Knight of the
 Month*

Fr. Jeff Day



We have all seen Fr. Jeff Day at our Sunday masses.

Besides being an active Knight, Fr. Jeff has assisted in all our parish activities such as baptisms, adorations, and confessions. Fr. Jeff is the Moderator and Vicar General of the Curia for Archdiocese of Detroit, Board of Trustees for Sacred Heart Major Seminary.

**Congratulations Fr. Jeff
 as February 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

Fr. Joe Horn, pastor of National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica

Ed Sieracki, friend of bro John Safran

Nick & Caitlyn Habben, friends of bro Roger Biernat

Mike Maki, friend of Bro Brian Zahn, DD, PGK

Baby Brynlyn & her family, friends of bro Joe Bradley

John Hurst, relative of Gk Edward A Hurst Jr.

Susan Hurst, relative of Gk Edward A Hurst Jr.

Olivia Hurst, relative of Gk Edward A Hurst Jr.

Jerry Vance Brother in Law of Bro Steve Earles , friend of Gk Edward A Hurst Jr.

Bill Brennan, grandparent of bro William L Etienne

Barbara Romanowski, sister of bros John and Jim Kullman

Brian Hubacek Family, friend of bro Larry Redman

Brother Edmund Chrostowski

Sharlene Borke, wife of bro Tom Borke

Grandmother of Michelle Pilotto Kennedy, wife of bro Dave Kennedy

Bo Marshall, friend of GK Ed Hurst

Al Hill, husband of Becky Hill & friend of GK Ed Hurst

Cecilia Massarello, wife of bro Jack Massarello

Christopher Hurst, bro of GK Ed Hurst

Logan Hurst, nephew of GK Ed Hurst

Isaac Hurst, nephew of GK Ed Hurst

Pam Timmerman, wife of PGK Dan Timmerman

Brother John Guth & wife Jamie

Penny Randall, mother of bro Clint Randall

Judy Reamer, wife of Larry Reamer and frined of bro Paul Bak

Pam Turek, friend of Dan Timmerman

Yvette Correy, friend of Dan Timmerman

Karen Gedemer, cousin of bro Ron Kretschmer

Brother Joseph Pryce

Brooke Skotak, relative of bro Daniel J Skotak

SK Ed Hurst, Lady Mary Alice Hurst & the rest of the

Donna Curtiss family

Brother Mike Cartier

Mike Howe, uncle of bro Walter Stang

Bob Beetle, boss of Bro Brandon Demiter

Henry Shaheen Heavilin, great grandson of SK Edmund Shaheen.

Grand Knight Ed Hurst, Jr.

Linda Pfeiffer, wife of bro Dan Pfeiffer

Luke Walling, grandson of bro Jeff Matheny

Bro Mike Kelch, friend of Gk Edward A Hurst Jr.

Julie Cervan, Sister of Bro Steve Sarlitto

Tina Sarlitto, Mother of Brother Knight Steve Sarlitto

Ron Sarlitto, Father of Steve Sarlitto

Greg Womack, co-worker of bro GK Edward A Hurst Jr.

Steve Neubecker, co-worker of Gk Edward A Hurst Jr.

Sandy Walke, co-worker of Gk Edward A Hurst Jr.

Brother Knight Jeff Battistella, friend of Gk Edward A Hurst Jr.

Nancy Lang, wife of bro Chuck Lang

Patty Petretta, wife of Bro Leo Petretta

Chris Ramey, son-in-law, of bro Tim Bodnar

Anneliese Kelch, daughter of bro Mike Kelch

Debbie Kelch, wife of Bro Mike Kelch.

Cody Deaton, Cousin of GK Edward Hurst Jr

Joyce Hansen, wife of bro and former District Deputy Hans Hansen

Makenna Rugenski, daughter of bro Robert J Rugenski

Ken Pietryga, friend of GK Edward Hurst Jr.

Nancy McGee, friend of Gk Edward Hurst Jr.

Jody Hurst, relative of Gk Edward A Hurst Jr.

Vicki Barker, daughter of bro George Peters, & her surgeons & care-givers

SK John N Lutz, father of brother John Lutz

Donna Curtiss, parent of Gk Edward Hurst Jr.

Birthdays for March



Gregory M Decker
 Ronald E Kretschmer
 James R Korona
 Robert J Liebau
 Charles J Lang
 Ronald J Rathbun

Robert E Basanese
 Richard J Florence
 Clifton Dake
 Gregory J Link
 Dennis Keshishian

Dennis Oszust
 Jim D Musgrave
 Russell R Seely
 Raymond L
 CoppiellieCoppiellie
 David J Kennedy

Membership Anniversaries for February

1 Year of Service and above

Gabriel R Wykle (2)
 Russell R Seely (2)
 Frederick J Morath (2)
 Philip M Mckay (2)

5 Years of Service and above

Cyril Miranda (5)
 Ronald E Sinco (7)
 Lawrence E Anderson (7)
 Daniel T Timmerman, PGK (7)
 Nicholas D Timmerman (7)
 Michael M Myers (7)
 Ernest P Gubry (7)
 John A Crabill (7)

10 Years and Above

Nathaniel J Gasiorowski (12)
 Raymond A Trupiano (18)

20 Years and Above

Dr Matt P Steffes (33)

Supreme Knight Message to Ukraine Knights

In a video message to members of the Knights of Columbus in Ukraine, Supreme Knight Kelly said, "In this time of intense danger, know that your brother Knights of Columbus around the world are praying for you, your families and all the people of Ukraine. We ask that our Lord protect you and your loved ones and restore peace in your land. We ask that He give you strength and courage to persevere."

To view message please click on link below

[Supreme Knight's Message](#)

UKRAINE SOLIDARITY FUND

Your gift today will provide temporary shelter, food, medical supplies, clothing, communications and religious supplies. These items will all be immediately distributed, and 100% of your gift will go directly to these displaced people.

Join us today in supporting Ukraine Solidarity Fund! To further your impact, the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council has promised to match every dollar up to \$500,000.

Please prayerfully consider how you can contribute to this effort. Your gift of any amount will go a long way in helping our brothers and sisters. Together, we can bring Christ's healing love to a wounded world.

[CLICK HERE TO DONATE DONATE](#)

Online Signup Opportunities

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.

The following activities are available for online signup:

The Knights of Columbus will be selling tickets for the St. Patricks Day Reverse Raffle at all Sunday masses starting February 6 through St. Patrick's Day.

Please use the following to sign up to help:

[March 5/6 Raffle Sales after mass](#)

[March 12/13 Raffle Sales after Mass](#)

[March 25/26: MI Drive \(Donations for Tootsie Rolls\), Kroger at Canton Center and Ford Rd](#)

[March 25/26: MI Drive \(Donations for Tootsie Rolls\), Kroger at Canton Center and Michigan Ave](#)

[April 1/2: 24 Hour Adoration - Security](#)

[April 9/10: MI Drive, St. John Neumann, collecting after each mass](#)

[April 9, 6pm: KofC Respect Life Annual Benefit Dinner](#)

[April 30/May 1: Spring Membership Drive](#)

[June 19: Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession Help](#)

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

Recognitions After Mass

After the masses on February 13, 2022, three different recognition certificates were awarded.

After the 8:30 Mass the Knights recognized



The Dark Family

After the 10:30 Mass on February 13, 2022, the Knights recognized not only Fr. Jeff Day as



The Gibelyou Family



Fr. Jeff Day
February Knight of the Month

Desert Meal a Success !



Pictured from left to right are the two organizers for the evening, Joe Camill and Bethann Pilotto, Grand Knight Ed Hurst, Fr. Paulo, the four seminarians Josh Luttig, Nic Brown, Jim Musgrave, Daniel LaCroix, Fr. Paul and State Deputy Walter Winkle.

The Desert Formation Experience is the thirty-day spiritual pilgrimage first-year graduate seminarians make each year to the Holy Land. There they experience firsthand the places Christ walked and taught, suffered and died, while seeking his guidance in their own walk toward the priesthood.

The ultimate goal of the Desert Formation Experience and all of the summer programs is to ensure the priest-graduate of the seminary is a man of strong character and deep spirituality; a man you can be proud to call your spiritual "Father."

The Desert Formation Experience cost roughly \$200 per seminarian per day (\$1,500 per week).

On Friday, February 26, 2022, the SJN Women's Organization and the SJN Knights of Columbus sponsored a Desert Meal to raise funds for seminarians that will be traveling overseas later this year. Because of COVID and security concerns, the seminarians will be journeying to Rome as opposed to the Holy Land. Further, because trips for the last couple of years have been cancelled, 3 classes of students will be traveling.

Four seminarians attended our sold-out desert meal, and we were able to hear from each of them. It was great to have them and to be able to show our support for them.



BUY NOW Reverse Raffle

Date & Time Sat, Mar 19
7:00 PM - 11:00 PM EST

Raffle Ticket - \$25.00 each

Grand Prize \$1,500.00,
2nd \$500.00,
3rd \$300.00,
4th \$200.00,
5th \$100.00

Also: 1st ticket drawn \$100 and \$25 will be awarded for every 25th ticket drawn.

Raffle will be viewable on-line. Watch the drawing via a Zoom Link that will be emailed to each ticket holder before the Event. Winners will be contacted after the drawing (no need to watch the livestream to win).

Proceeds will be utilized for SJN Knights of Columbus causes. ([Click here](#) to see a list programs supported by the SJN Knights of Columbus.)

Winners will be contacted after the drawing (no need to watch the livestream to win).

Tickets can be purchased at St. John Neumann after all Saturday evening and Sunday masses through March 13 (the weekend before St. Patrick's Day)

[CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS OR DINNER TICKETS](#)

For more information contact Chuck at [313.804.5513](tel:313.804.5513) or Joe at [734.673.0004](tel:734.673.0004).

Brother Knights Recognized



At the February 2022 council meeting, brother Robert Liebau was recognized for helping with pancake breakfasts, and brothers Steve Sarlitto and John Crabill were recognized for helping with Coats for Kids. *Thanks, Bob, Steve and John!*

Shining Armor Award



Also at the February 2022 meeting, Our Grand Knight Ed Hurst, Jr. Presented David Blankenship and Jeff Battistella the State of Michigan Shining Armor award. **Congratulations to Ed, David and Jeff!**

NOW is the Perfect Time



Now is the perfect time to ask your son, grandson, a relative or a friend to join. They can join and their first years dues are FREE!

The online or e-membership code to honor Fr. Michael J. McGivney has been extended again!

Until June 30th, 2022 the free online membership code is MCGIVNEY2020

Here's how it works .Direct prospects to kofc.org/joinus. Enter promo code **MCGIVNEY2020**. Enter your membership number for sponsor credit.

Also sponsors can win. A monthly \$100 Bonus Raffle: The sponsors from each month that we exceed our goals will be entered to win a \$100 bonus raffle per month. The goals from each month are as follows 200+ new members in January, 225+ new members in February, and 250+ new members in March.



Hospitality Pancakes Helps Seminarians



For the February 6th hospitality Sunday, our fellow knights flipped and served a pancake breakfast after all morning masses. Proceeds from the breakfast will directly support our seminarians at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. The total amount of donations collected that Sunday was \$1236.75. Thanks to all the knights that served and those who donated to the cause.

Nominations for new councils offers starts in March

At the next general meeting on March 8 , nominations for Council officers. Nominations will continue at the general meeting on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, 7:00pm; and, Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 7:00pm. The election will be held at the Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 7:00pm General Meeting after nominations are closed.

Please consider either volunteering for a position or nominating a fellow knight.

Council offices that are up for election are as follows:

Grand Knight
 Treasurer
 Inside Guard
 Deputy Grand Knight
 Advocate

Outside Guard
 Chancellor
 Warden
 Three Year Trustee
 Recording Secretary

The newly elected officers take office on July 1, 2022, the start of the new Fraternal Year.

Do you want a new shirt?



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



Spring "Tootsie Roll" Drive This Month

This year the our spring drive for people with intellectual disabilities will be on March 25/26, 2022 and two neighborhood Kroger stores on Canton Center Rd (both Ford Rd and Michigan Ave). All Kroger shifts will be two hours long; the first shift will start at 9:00am and the last shift will end at 5:00pm. This is a great way to get family involved, including spouses and older children!

Tootsie Roll donations at St. John Neumann will be taken after all week-end masses on April 9/10. There is also a strong probability that we will also be collecting donations at Tim Hortons drive thru. As soon as this site is confirmed, you will receive a notice and an opportunity to volunteer in your email.

If you would like more information on this, you can contact co-chairs Joe Pryce at joseph_pryce@yahoo.com or Larry Redman at casaredman@yahoo.com.

[Click here to sign up for a 2 hour shift for the Kroger at Canton Center and Ford Rd.](#)

[Click here to sign up for a 2 hour shift for the Kroger at Canton Center and Michigan Ave.](#)

[Click here to sign up to take donations after Masses on Palm Sunday weekend at SJN.](#)

For the most up to Date Council information visit our website



HELP US HELP THEM



47th Annual M.I. Drive

To Assist Michigan Citizens with Intellectual / Developmental Disabilities



Summer Games opening at CMU



Intellectual ID

April 8, 9, and 10, 2022
Palm Sunday Weekend





Enjoying a hot summer day at camp!



Developing Skills in the Community



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MICHIGAN STATE COUNCIL**

Bottles and Cans

Over the past year, our council has been returning the bottles and cans that our parishioners have so generously donated. The proceeds has been directed to the support of our seminarians, The time has come to share the wealth. Cans iwll be collected during the months of March & April by the St John Neumann Women club and the proceeds will be directed to the St. Christine's Food Pantry. The Knights will resume collection in May/June


Keeping our Church Safe




The Knights of Columbus will be providing security for 24 Hour Adoration on April 1-2 from 6:00pm to 6:00am. One hour shifts will be available. Please click here to sign-up.

Let's be "Friends"!

Follow Michigan Knights of Columbus on Facebook (www.facebook.com/MichiganKofC) for up-to-date news on statewide Faith in Action events and activities. "Like" and "Share" with your friends, family, and prospective members today!




Knights of Columbus



We Need You!
Tickets Only \$5.00 ea.


“We’re on a Mission from God”



Gary “Elwood” DeCarlo
(586) 436-0121
Kevin “Joliet Jake” Rowley
(586) 596-8649


Rev. Fr. Paul Belien
State Chaplain

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

Champions of Faith and

During Black History Month, the Order is proud to honor the faith and contributions of African American Knights, including the professional athletes featured below.

Floyd Patterson: Heavyweight Champ and Knight

Floyd Patterson was one of the greatest boxers of all time, with 55 wins, an Olympic gold medal and two Fighter of the Year awards. In 1991, he was inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame. He was also a Knight of Columbus and had a deep Catholic faith. [WATCH VIDEO](#) | [READ MORE](#)

Everyday Heroes: Heart of a Champion

Darrell Miller played five years with the Los Angeles Angels and hails from one of the most celebrated sports families in the country. For Miller, a committed Catholic and Knight of Columbus, sports can help grow one’s character and faith. [WATCH VIDEO](#)

Knights Who Helped Break Baseball’s ‘Color Barrier’

Members of the Knights of Columbus in professional baseball took steps toward racial equality in the sport prior to, and during, the historic 1947 season. [READ MORE](#)



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.



State Council of Michigan

JOIN US FOR A ONE-DAY SPIRITUAL RETREAT

Hosted by Michigan Knights of Columbus
State Chaplain Father Paul Ballien

MARCH 12, 2022

St John Neumann Parish
44800 Warren Rd
Canton, MI 48187



Registration at 9am, Retreat begins at 10am
Cost is \$20 per person
Contact State Faith Director Greg Brunson
at 810-824-9533 or g.brunson@mikofc.org
Or call the parish office at 734-455-5910

Retreat topics:

"Into the Breach"

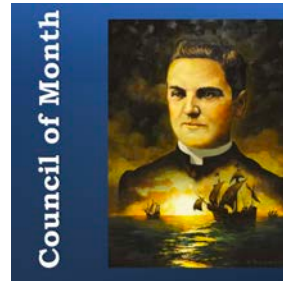
The Miracle of our Lady of Guadalupe

What is the *Silver Rose*?

The Importance of Mary and the Rosary

Eucharistic Adoration

Retreat will conclude with Mass at 4:30pm



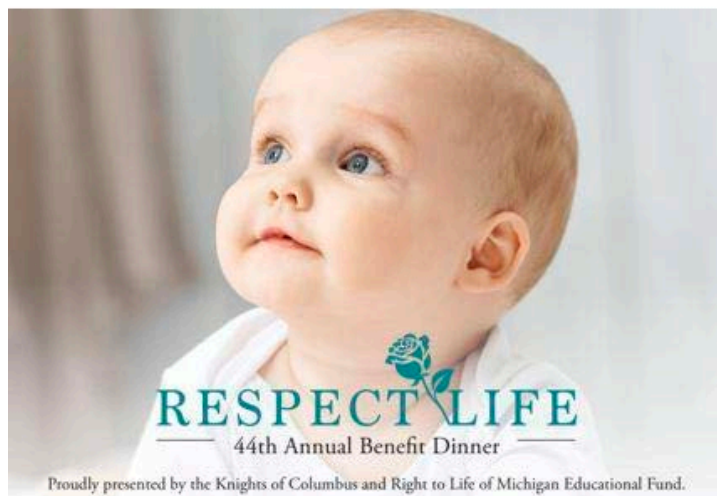
State of Michigan Council of the Month

The St. John Neumann Council was chosen as "Council of the Month" for December 2021. At the February, 2022 meeting, our council was recognized by the State Knights of Columbus leadership as the Council of the Month for December 2021.



PICTURED ARE, FROM LEFT, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE CHAPLAIN, COUNCIL CHAPLAIN AND PASTOR FR. PAUL, GRAND KNIGHT ED HURST, JR., STATE ARCHDIOCESAN MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR SOUTH REGION 5 HANS HANSEN, STATE ARCHDIOCESAN PROGRAM DIRECTOR SOUTH REGION 5 LOU BROTHCNER, STATE DISTRICT DEPUTY DISTRICT 114 BRIAN ZAHN.

**IN THE USA, ABORTION
TAKES THE LIVES OF
OVER 600,000
BABIES A
YEAR.
DOBBS V.
JACKSON
WOMEN'S
HEALTH
COULD
CHANGE THAT.**



Tuesday, April 5, 2022
6:00 p.m. Social Hour
7:00 p.m. Dinner Served

San Marino Club
1685 E. Big Beaver
Troy, Michigan

Reservations
\$55 Individual
\$495 Table of Ten

Register online by
March 27 at RTL.org

Questions?
For more information contact
Brad at respectlife@rtl.org or
call (248) 765-8717.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for articles or information to be included in the monthly newsletter is the 24th of every month. Please send any info to ronaldrathbun@gmail.com or newsletter16169@gmail.com.



Can't Get to the Meeting?

We will bring the meeting to you. All meetings are on zoom and you can attend and participate from anywhere in the world.

The general membership meeting is held very 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7PM in Baldwin hall at the church.

If you can not attend, our worthy Grand Knight will send everyone a link to the zoom meeting. It is simple and you can elect to be seen or not. Be sure to mute your computer, phone or device and unmute if you want to be heard.

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!

Baby Miraculously Healed through Founders Intercession

In this clip from KnightCast, we take a look at the miracle attributed to our founder, Father Michael McGivney, which healed Mikey Schachle of a life-threatening condition. This miracle paved the way for Father McGivney's beatification in Oct. 2020.

[Click to View the story](#)



St. John Neumann Parish

Pilgrimage to The Basilica & National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation

FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2022

Chartered bus, leaving SJN lot at 10 am.
Lunch is included upon arrival.
Tour and a Mass on site celebrated by Fr. Paul Ballien.
Reserve your seat today in the Front Office, \$60 per person.
Seats are limited, however, let's fill this bus!
Bring your rosary!

A Message From Your Knights of Columbus Field Agent



March arrives and Lent begins on the very next day, March 2. We all know that Lent is the time of preparation for Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with Holy Thursday. In order to prepare to celebrate the Lord’s resurrection we are to exercise self-control and self-denial by fasting. We are encouraged to encounter Christ in the reading of Scripture and we are to serve others by the giving of alms.

When I was a kid, the “go to” self-denial was giving up chocolate...made those chocolate Easter bunnies most tasty! I think a lot of us are creatures of habit when it comes to self-denial. We continue on the same path, “giving up” the same things each year. Although self-denial is important as a practice, I’ve gotten a

little older and a bit more introspective. I try to think of positive things to do rather than what I want to give up. Here are some of the things on a personal level that I’m going to try: Devote some time each day to reading Scripture. I’m not going to read whole books or commit to something I can’t achieve, but for 10 minutes each day I’m going to read the Good Book. I think reading scripture every day is good habit to nurture.

Rather than “giving up” I’m going to try to “give away.” It doesn’t help anyone...other than me...if I give up chocolate again this year. But if I give away to the poor, that can have a positive effect on me and on someone else. God has blessed me with so many material blessings I can afford to part with some. And that includes money. I’m determined to be more generous this Lent.

As men of faith let’s take advantage of some of the many program offerings during Lent. Some of these programs are done diocesan-wide, some at the local parish level, and many councils have special programs for prayer and reflection. If you are able perhaps you can lead or help lead a program at your council. I know for me, being involved with other men of faith strengthens me.

As we prepare spiritually for this new liturgical season of Lent, don’t forget the temporal. Tempus fugit, memento mori! I am honored to carry on our blessed founder’s vision of protecting Catholic families.

Vivat Jesus!
 T.J. McCully
 Knights of Columbus
 Assistant General Agent
 734-717-1466

Joe Jordan Presents

Stress Free Retirement Planning



Join us for an informative online presentation by inspirational speaker, behavioral finance expert and brother Knight, Joe Jordan.

Joe will discuss “Stress Free Retirement Planning,” including how to plan for your financial future and a secure retirement. His talk will give you new insights into your financial affairs without losing sight of your faith and values.

Sponsored by Your Knights of Columbus Borrelli Agency Agency

Date: April 27, 2022

Time: 7:00PM

Registration link:
Look for email invitation

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**Knights of
Columbus**

Contact me today to learn more:
T.J. McCully
 Assistant General Agent
 734-717-1466
 thomas.mccully@kofc.org

