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St John Neumann Knights of Columbus
Council 16169
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WISHING ALL OUR BROTHERS & THEIR FAMILIES A
BLESSED AND JOYOUS EASTER

From the Desk of the Grand Knight



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

Blessed Easter to All!!

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

We lost two Brother Knights in March, Joseph Pelukas and Ralph Ascencio. Resolution of Condolence was read to family at Joseph Funeral and enrollment in mass said at for the next ten years. Resolution of Condolence being sent to Ralph's Family ASAP and Ralph is also enrolled in mass for the next ten years.

We completed our Virtual Reverse Raffle on March 19 and went great, and we had Brother Knights and Family join us for fellowship and snacks.

The month of April brings many events and celebrations. Fr. McGivney Prayer Hour, 24-hour Adoration, Silver Rose, State Raffle at SJN, Knights Table @ Hospitality Weekend, April 12 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 last three months 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 Easter.

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

Fraternally Yours,
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Family of the Month *the Safran Family*

The family of the Month for March is John and Marsha Safran. Marcia and John have been married for 55 years and members of SJN for 47 years. They have two children and five grandchildren. John has been a Lector since joining SJN, served on the Parish Council for several terms (president at one time) and is currently the Sunday Experience Chairperson of the Parish Vision Team. Marcia has been a member of the Women's Organization, is a Eucharistic Minister and volunteers in the Liturgical Textiles and Fabrics Ministry.

Congratulations to the Safran Family!

Knight of the Month

Paul Bak



Paul is a very active member of our council. He has served at the Hospitality Weekends, with the Free Throw Contest, helped with Coats for Kids, setup and taken down the Memorial Crosses. He also helps in the parish clean-up day. Brother Paul currently is serving as an officer in the Outside Guard position.

Around St John Neumann, you will find him serving as an usher, a catechist and at the Men's Prayer Breakfast.

Congratulations Brother Paul!

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

Bro George Peters

Jonathan Borke, son of bro Tom Borke

Cindy Dennis, sister of Steve Sarlitto

Rick Moore, friend of bro Brandon Demiter

Jessica Gondek, granddaughter of bro Tim Gondek

Allyson Gondek, Granddaughter of bro Tim Gondek

Karen Gedemer, cousin of Ron Kretschmer

Brother Tom Borke

Brother Gary Sienkiewicz

Rick Burek, father of brother Darrin Burek

Tabatha Kidman, friend of bro Darrin Burek

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

Ed Sieracki, friend of brother 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 brother Edward A Hurst Jr.

Olivia Hurst, relative of Gk Edward A Hurst Jr.

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

Bill Brennan, grandparent of brother William L Etienne

Barbara Romanowski, sister of John & Jim Kullman

Brian Hubacek Family, friend of Larry P Redman

Brother Edmund Chrostowski

Sharlene Borke, wife of brother Tom Borke

Grandmother of Michelle Pilotto Kennedy, wife of Dave
Kennedy

Bo Marshall, friend of GK Ed Hurst

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

Cecilia Massarello, wife of bro Jack Massarello

Christopher Hurst, brother of GK Ed Hurst Jr

Logan Hurst, nephew of GK Ed Hurst Jr

Isaac Hurst, nephew of GK Ed Hurst Jr

Pam Timmerman, wife of PGK Dan Timmerman

Brother John Guth and wife Jamie

Penny Randall, mother of brother Clint Randall

Judy Reamer, wife of Larry Reamer & friend of Paul Bak

Pam Turek, friend of Dan Timmerman

Yvette Correy, friend of Dan Timmerman

Brother Joseph Pryce

Linda Pfeiffer, wife of brother Dan Pfeiffer

Nancy Lang, wife of brother Chuck Lang

Patty Petretta, wife of Brother Leo Petretta

Anneliese Kelch, daughter of brother Mike Kelch

Cody Deaton, Cousin of Gk Edward Hurst Jr

Joyce Hansen, wife of brother & FDD Hans Hansen

Makenna Rugenski, daughter of Robert J Rugenski



Joseph Pelukas
February 27, 1942
March 1, 2022

In Loving Memory
of Our Brother Knights



With Great Sorrow

We have to announce the
passing of two of our fellow
brothers during the month
of March.

Please pray for them



Ralph Ascencio
NOVEMBER 1, 1939
MARCH 16, 2022

Brother Knights Recognized



Brother Chuck Lang was recognized for 5 years of service with the Knights of Columbus at the March general meeting,



At the March council meeting, the council presented to Deacon Pat Knights of Columbus vestments for use during Holy Mass.



Also at the March council meeting, brother Dan Timmerman was recognized for helping with the January Hospitality Weekend.

For the most up to Date Council information visit our website <https://kofc16169.org>

Nominations for new councils offers starts in April

At the next general meeting on April 12, 2022, nominations for Council officers. Nominations will continue at the general meeting on 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. The duties and responsibilities can be found on the last page of this newsletter

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.

Birthdays for April



Leonardo T Johnson
 Leo A Tykoski Iii
 Jeffrey J Battistella
 John A Lutz
 William L Etienne
 Dennis James Dooley
 Daniel M Vella
 Edward D Millenbach
 Paul P Pfannes
 Richard J. Williams
 Hans K. Hansen, PGK
 Richard D Clark
 Aashish Paul
 Victor Craig Pryce

Membership Anniversaries

for April



1 Year of Service and above

Paul P Pfannes (4)

5 Years of Service and above

Richard D Clark (7)	Eugene J Suchyta (7)
Paul J Smudski (7)	David J Kubinski (6)
Daniel M Vella (7)	James M Ostermeyer (6)
Mark S Zemanski (7)	Walter T Stang (5)
Christopher R Leach (7)	

10 Years and Above

Jorge A Lopez

20 Years and Above

Ronald J Rathbun (31)

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:

Please use the following links to sign up to help. If you are reading a printed copy of this newsletter please go to <https://kofc16169.org/signup.html> to sign up.

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

[April 8/9: MI Drive/Tootsie Roll Sale - Tim Horton's Drive](#)

[April 9/10: MI Drive/Tootsie Roll Drive - SJN](#)

[April 23/24: Baby Bottle Boomerang Bottle Handout](#)

[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

Can You pass up **FREE** !



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.

Carry and Pray your Rosary Daily

ROSARY Monday to Friday after the 9 am Mass
 ROSARY & NOVENA Tuesday 6:00 pm Pray in a group and on a routine with us at St. John Neumann Church. Join in the grace & power of group prayer!

HELP US HELP THEM

47th Annual M.I. Drive

To Assist Michigan Citizens with Intellectual / Developmental Disabilities

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MICHIGAN STATE COUNCIL



Spring "Tootsie Roll" Drive This Month

By Larry Redman

Mental Impairment Drive (aka MI Drive, aka Tootsie Rolls Drive)

Our council recently solicited donations at both Canton Krogers the weekend of March 25/26th. We collected \$2,200! Many thanks for fellow Brother Knights supporting this drive. Our Spring drive will continue Palm Sunday weekend: (1) Tim Hortons – in front of Meijer and (2) at SJN after all masses. Signup sheet is on-line: <https://kofc16169.org/signup.html>

State Tribute Dinner

By Gene Suchyta



The KofC State Tribute Banquet On February 26, 2022, at the State Deputy's and State Chaplain's Membership Tribute Banquet, council member and District Deputy Brian Zahn received the 2021-2022 Quick Start District Award for over 50% membership growth in the district for the first six months of the fraternal year. Grand Knight Ed Hurst, Jr., was recognized as an Ambassador Club member for recruiting two new brother Knights for the 2021-2022 fraternal year and also received the 2021-2022 State Deputy Award for 100% membership growth for the fraternal year. Finally, our very own Fr. Paul Ballien was recognized with the 2021-2022 Diocese Chaplain Award for the highest percentage gain in membership by a Diocese in the first six months of the fraternal year, and was also recognized for his service as State Chaplain for the 2020-2021 Fraternal Year as well as the 2021-2022 Fraternal Year.

During the awards presentations, Brian and Ed were joined by State Membership Director Daniel Fuller, Jr., and State Deputy Walter Winkle, Jr. Fr. Paul was joined by State Treasurer Barry Borsenik.

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. If you are reading a printed copy of the newsletter please visit our web site to sign up.

American Red Cross B L O O D DRIVE

Friday, April 15, 2022 St. John Neumann Gym To schedule an appointment, log onto RedCrossBlood.org (sponsor code: ccu) or call Diane at 313-549-7052. Appointments required.



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



Rev. Fr. Paul Belien
State Chaplain

Knights of Columbus



We Need You!
Tickets Only \$5.00 ea.

"We're on a Mission from God"

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

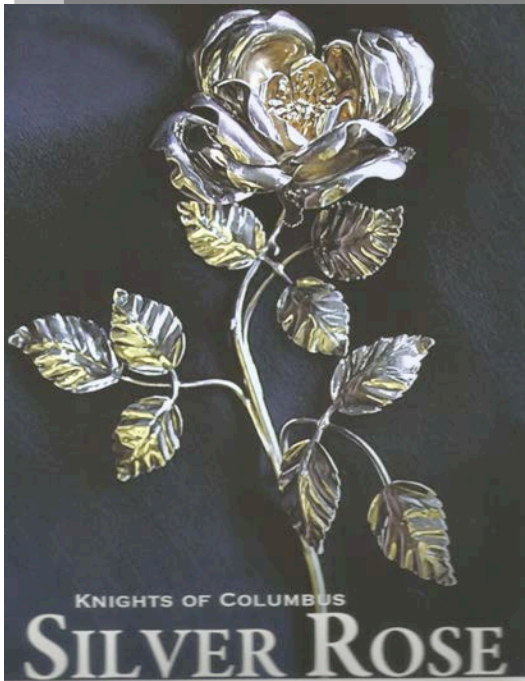


HISTORIC OJIBWAY HOTEL, SAULT SAINT MARIE, MI
4 Guests / 2 Nights / 2 Rooms
PLUS \$1,000.00 CASH

5TH - 10TH Prizes = \$400.00
21ST - 30TH Prizes = \$150.00

11TH - 20TH Prizes = \$200.00
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



Silver Rose Prayer Session Coming to St John Neumann

Don't forget the date, APRIL 7 from 4 pm to 8 pm .The prayer service will be at St. John Neumann . Father Paul Ballien our State and Council Chaplain will share that time with us. We will have Veneration, Skit, Movie, and Prayer Service that evening.

This Icon is very special as it has been to Rome and was Blessed and Signed by Pope Francis. We invite you to join us to pray for the sanctity and protection of all life created by God redeemed by the Son, and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

The Silver Rose Icon honors the Sanctity of Life and the Miracle of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Prayers are needed for the Sanctity of Life with the decision before the Supreme Court on Roe v Wade and the petition being developed in Michigan to change the State abortion law to include unregulated abortion on demand in the State Constitution.

History of the Silver Rose

Our Lady of Guadalupe did so much for her people in Mexico that, in 1960, the Columbian Squires, a youth organization of the Knights of Columbus, wanted to give something back to her. The group of young men in Knights of Columbus Council 2312 in Monterrey, Mexico, came up with the idea of running a rose to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico. The rose was chosen to commemorate Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses, an important part of the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The first rose was a natural rose and was blessed by Bishop John C. Cody of London. It was then flown to New York where it was received by Grand Knight Joseph Thomasen, who in turn, took it to Supreme Knight Luke E. Hart. Mr. Hart then shepherded the rose to Dallas, Texas. There, Texas State Deputy Jack Collerin received the rose and took it to Laredo, Texas, where it was finally given to the Squires from Monterrey, Mexico, at the International Bridge in Laredo. They ran the rose from the International Bridge through Sabinas Hidalgo N.L., Mexico, to Cienega de Flores and on to the Basilica in Monterrey, Mexico, on December 12, 1960.

The Squires were so enthused by the success of this effort that they wanted to invite other Squires from around the world to participate. They called on Squires from Texas and Ontario to join them. The Canadian Squires asked that the journey of the rose begin in their home and move from there through the United States, finishing at the Basilica in Mexico. After a year, the first rose had decomposed, so a group decided to make a bronze rose that would not age. When the Squires of Circle 660 in Monterrey heard of the bronze rose, they decided to make a similar rose. Silver was chosen for this new rose because it is a precious metal of Mexico. The first Silver Rose was blessed by Bishop Alfonso Espino Silva and sent to the Supreme Council headquarters of the Knights of Columbus in New Haven, CT. Both the Bronze Rose and the Silver Rose were received by Supreme Knight Luke E. Hart and were so admired by Archbishop Francis J. Spellman of New York that he kept them for a special Mass before they were flown to Texas to once again be turned over to brother Knights at the midpoint of the International Bridge. After 1961, the program was conducted by the Knights of Texas and Mexico and the Our Lady of Guadalupe Province of the Fourth Degree until the mid-1990s, when it was adopted as a Knights of Columbus Supreme Council program. In 2001, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson expanded the Silver Rose program further. “[This is] a perfect program for the Knights of Columbus,” said Mr. Anderson. “Through it we honor not only Our Lady of Guadalupe and express the unity of the Order, but we also reaffirm the Order’s dedication to the sanctity of human life. It is to the Blessed Mother that we turn in prayer as we work to end the Culture of Death that grips our society. As we think in terms of ‘One Life, One Rose,’ it is most appropriate that we turn to Our Lady of Guadalupe who made known her will through Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses.” Today, eight roses run along different North American routes that include Canada, every U.S. state, Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, and Mexico. This tradition spreads devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe and embodies international brotherhood as jointly nurtured across the continent.



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.

New Shirt for Father's Day

Tell your sons, daughters, and your wife, you want a new shirt for Father's Day. Order your Knight wear like dress shirts, polo shirts, hats, jacket or any Knights of Columbus gear now to have them in time for Father's Day. All items can be purchased thru Brother knight Mike Cartier..



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

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.

Catholic Information Booklets



Since its founding, the Knights of Columbus has been involved in evangelization. In 1948, the Knights started Catholic Information Service (CIS) in response to blatant anti-Catholic bias in other religious media in order to educate non-Catholics about the beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church.

Our council provides written copies of the "Domestic Church Series"

in a kiosk in the lobby of our church free of charge.

Each month in our newsletter, we will feature a different one of this 30 booklet series and provide a link so you can read this booklet or have the booklet read to you.

This series in this newsletter is known as "The Luke E. Hart Series". This series can be found on the KofC website. (<https://www.kofc.org/en/who-we-are/our-faith/cis/booklets.html#%2F>). The Luke E Hart Series is Based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the Luke E. Hart Series seeks to provide answers to three basic questions: What do Catholics believe? How do they worship? How should they live? Anyone seeking a better understanding of Catholic faith and morality will find this series an essential resource. The series is designed for Catholics and Non-Catholics. For Catholics it brings us back to think about the basics of our faith.

This month's booklet is found on the next page in this newsletter



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.

Message from our Faith Director

By Dan Pfeiffer

Brother Knights, this year Father's Day falls on Corpus Christi Sunday. What better way to model Christian Fatherhood than to bring your family to honor Mary and worship Jesus by attending the Eucharistic Procession and Rosary on June 19th after the 12:30 Mass? Stand up as an example of a man who puts God first. Ask your family to plan your barbecue for later in the day. Arrange for a later tee time. Bring your kids and grand kids to experience the Presence of Almighty God in this Grace filled Celebration of Life!

This Month's Featured CIS Booklet



101 – FAITH

Written by Peter Kreeft, *Faith* gives a basic understanding of the relationship between faith and reason, faith and authority, and faith and the Church. If you want to put your faith in action, it's a good idea to know what the Church teaches about faith.

You Can download this booklet to read during your leisure. [Download PDF](#)

or

The booklet will be read to you by clicking on the audio link to the right

IN THE USA, ABORTION TAKES THE LIVES OF OVER 600,000 BABIES A YEAR.

DOBBS V. JACKSON WOMEN'S HEALTH COULD CHANGE THAT.



K of C Council 16169 Hosted the Fr. McGivney Prayer Hour on March 29, 2022

The Knights of Columbus Council 16169 St. John Neumann Canton, MI hosted a Prayer Hour for Fr. McGivney Founder's Day.



Blessed Michael McGivney, a model parish

priest and founder of the Knights of Columbus, was recognized as a "saint" in his day by the people closest to him. When he was named "Blessed" by Pope Francis on Oct. 31, 2020, the Church declared what many had long believed — the holy soul of Father McGivney lives today to intercede for us before the throne of God.

The prayer service at St. John Neumann in Canton MI was held on Tuesday, March 29th from 7:00 PM to 8:00 pm. Father Paul Ballien our State and Council Chaplain will share that time with us.

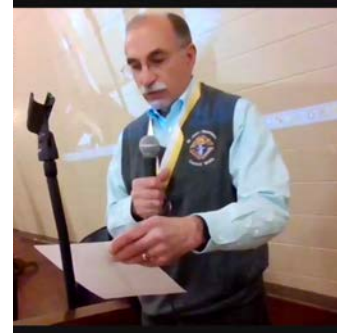
We had a Relic of Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney and Prayer Hour that evening.

In a spirit of total trust in God, we invoke Blessed Michael McGivney's intercession, for our own intentions and for the needs of others, knowing that one more miracle is required for canonization, sainthood in the Catholic Church. We pray, most of all, that through the holy witness of Father McGivney, many will be brought closer to God and that we ourselves may renew our love of God and neighbor

Seminarian Funds

By FS John Lutz

There are many ways to help and encourage Seminarians on their journey to the priesthood. Certainly, the most powerful thing we can do is to keep them in our prayers. This year, the Saint John Neumann Knights of Columbus Council are financially supporting Seminarians in three different programs. These programs are: the RSVP, the Sacred Heart Major Seminary (SHMS) Endowed Scholarship Fund and donations toward the Desert Formation Experience. In addition, we are offering thoughts of encouragement through cards and letters that Knights and other parishioners send to seminarians.



RSVP

The Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) is a Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Faith in Action program. It encourages local Knights of Columbus Councils to donate funds directly to Seminarians to help them pay for expenses so that they can better concentrate on their education. It does this by refunding \$100 to the local Council for every \$500 the local Council gives to a Seminarian up to a maximum refund of \$400 for each Seminarian supported. Our Council currently supports 3 Seminarians through this program.

SHMS Endowed Scholarship Fund

The Michigan State Knights of Columbus entered an agreement with SHMS in April of 2018. The agreement established a scholarship fund and the Knights committed to raise \$1,000,000 for it. Once fully funded, the endowment will assist seminarians at Sacred Heart in need of financial support, with preference given to those men who also are members of the Knights of Columbus. Scholarships will be distributed from the interest earned annually so the principal gift remains intact. Primary support for this scholarship comes from Brother Knights who elect to donate an optional payment of \$6 to the fund with their annual dues payment. Well over 25% of the funds have been raised.

Desert Formation Experience

The Desert Formation Experience is the thirty-day spiritual pilgrimage first-year graduate seminarians make each year to the Holy Land. Fundraisers such as the Desert Meal recently held at St. John Neumann are a means to help defray the cost to the seminarians for this pilgrimage. Due to COVID, the pilgrimage has not been held for the past two years so this year, instead of just first-year graduate seminarians, there will be 3 classes attending.

The financial support from Saint John Neumann Council comes from different sources. Our operating budget each year includes RSVP funding obtained through dues payments and other fundraising events, the “Bottles and Cans for Seminarians” program generates considerable income and as mentioned previously, the optional payment for the SHMS Endowed Scholarship Fund included with our dues supplies significant funding on an annual basis.

Congratulations

Tom, Laura, Claire, Kelsey and Paul



The family of brother knight Thomas Baptist and his family from our council was awarded State family of the month for the month of February.

First Place Winner

We are proud to announce that Margret Tallman from our council has been chosen as the top winner in the “Keep Christ in Christmas” at the state level.



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!

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!

Your Membership Dues

As of the March meeting 46 members (24%) have not yet paid 2022 dues. If you have not sent in your payment yet. Please do soon. Our council still has to pay the Supreme for each member if the member pays or not. If you have not paid your dues and can not because of financial difficulties, please notify us. If you do no longer wish to be a knight please contact us so we can officially have you removed from our rolls or place you on the associates list.

Memorial Plaque Purchased



The council has purchased a memorial plaque to remember the deceased members of our council. The plaque will be on display outside of Baldwin Hall.



Reverse Raffle

The reverse raffle was a great success again this year. All 650 tickets were sold before the drawing. All members were notified by telephone.

The raffle provided about \$16,000 that will be used to install badly needed DVDs and smart tv monitors in the classrooms to be used for instructional purposes. Some of the funds have also be used to purchase mass vestments for Fr. Paolo, our associate pastor.

St. John Neumann Baby Bottle Boomerang

Every year we sponsor the "Baby Bottle Boomerang ". On April 23 & 24 after all the masses the knights from our council will pass out baby bottles. The parishioners will then fill the bottles with their small change (and maybe some dollars). Once the bottles are filled, they can then be "boomeranged" back to be collected in the designated Week- end. Your help is needed to distribute the empty bottles to be filled. Please volunteer by signing up on the link in this newsletter or on the council's website.



The current number of members in our council is 191



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.

A Message From Your Knights of Columbus Field Agent



I would like to invite you to the upcoming Fraternal Benefit Seminar “Purpose Driven Retirement Strategies” presented by Joe Jordan.

Join us for an informative online presentation by award-winning author, financial thought leader, and brother Knight Joe Jordan

Joe will show you the keys to a prosperous retirement without losing sight of your faith and values. His message has helped boomers & seniors with successful retirement strategies that go beyond just ROI (Return on Investment) and deal with ROL (Return on Life)

In “Purpose Driven Retirement Strategies” Joe will discuss two fundamental questions you will face when planning for retirement:

1. How will you spend your time?
2. How are you going to pay for it?

Register Today to reserve your spot.

Wednesday April 27th at 7:00PM

<https://bit.ly/36A4WrMIKOFc-PURPOSEDRIVENRETIREMENT>

Be safe, stay safe, and know your risk.

God Bless,

T.J. McCully FIC
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

LIFE INSURANCE • DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE • LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE • RETIREMENT ANNUITIES

Knights of Columbus, 11 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510



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Columbus**

Contact me today to learn more:
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Duties and Responsibilities of Elected Council Officers

Below is the duties and Responsibilities of all the elected officers to assist you in the upcoming elections . The other officers & directors are appointed positions.

Grand Knight

1. Presides over all council meetings
2. Appoints program and membership directors
3. Appoints committees as needed
4. Countersigns orders for payment and checks
5. Ensures the submission of all paperwork required by the Supreme and State Councils
6. Maintains working relationships with the council's chaplain, district deputy, field agent and general agent, as well as with other local service organizations (e.g. Habitat for Humanity, food pantries/soup kitchens)
7. Has a working knowledge of the kofc.org website, Officers Online and Member Management
8. Responsible for his council's First Degree Team and the scheduling of frequent First Degree Ceremonials

Deputy Grand Knight

1. Assists the grand knight with operation of the council
2. Presides at council meetings in the absence of the grand knight
3. Is recommended to serve on the council's retention committee
4. Has a working knowledge of the Knights of Columbus website, Officers Online and Member Management
5. Performs other such duties as the grand knight may direct

Chancellor

1. Assists the grand knight and deputy grand knight with their duties, as assigned.
2. Is entrusted with strengthening the members' interest in council activities
3. Is recommended to serve as the chairman of the Admission Committee
4. Performs other such duties as the grand knight may direct

Advocate

1. Acts as parliamentarian for the council
2. Has a working knowledge of Method of Conducting Council Meetings
3. Knows the council's bylaws and the Order's Charter, Constitution and Laws
4. Has access to Officers Online and Officers Desk Reference
5. Seeks legal assistance from the state advocate as needed
6. Performs other such duties as the grand knight may direct

Warden

1. Supervises and maintains all council property
2. Arranges the council chambers for meetings and degree exemplifications
3. Oversees inside and outside guards
4. Performs other such duties as the grand knight may direct

Treasurer

1. Handles council funds
2. Receives money from the financial secretary and deposits it in the proper council accounts
3. Maintains all of the council's checking and savings accounts
4. Is responsible for paying all council expenses, including assessments from the Supreme Council
5. Performs other such duties as the grand knight may direct

Recorder

1. Responsible for keeping and maintaining a true and permanent record of all actions of the council, using a Recorder's Minute Book
2. Maintains all correspondence of the council
3. Reads the bills entered into the minutes for discussion
4. Performs such other duties as the grand knight may direct

Inside/Outside Guards

1. Attend the doors of the council chamber, checking for current membership cards and allowing entrance
2. Perform other such duties as the grand knight may direct

Board of Trustees

Consists of the grand knight and three other members, who are elected by the council's membership for terms of three years, two years and one year

At each regular election, the position of each trustee will be voted upon, with the current three- and two-year trustee potentially moving on to become the two- and one-year trustee, respectively

1. Supervises all financial procedures of the council and conducts the semiannual audits
2. Ensures that proper protocol and procedures are followed by the council for the 14 payment of monies — however, cannot override the vote of the council's membership