



NEUMANN KNIGHTS

St John Neumann Knights of Columbus
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From the Desk of the Grand Knight



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

Blessed Spring to All!!

Please note that the Father McGivney Free E-Membership ends June 30, 2022.

We hosted the State Raffle on April 21 and we had State Officers, Brother Knights from Councils all over the State of Michigan; and Family join us for dinner, raffle drawing, and fellowship.

The month of May brings many events and celebrations. Membership Drive, Hospitality Weekend, State Convention on Mackinac Island, May Crowning, Exemplification of new

Brother Knights, Baby Bottle Boomerang Collection, Living Rosary in Lansing, Blue Mass, Spring Cleanup, Memorial Crosses, Corporate Communion, and Confirmation Mass with Color Corps. Nominations of Officers for the 2022-2023 Fraternal Year

We have many programs upcoming in June as well. I look forward to standing with you my last two months of the Fraternal Year and all we can accomplish together.

Thank you to my Brother Knights of Columbus Council 16169.

Please stay safe and have a Blessed Spring.

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

Fraternally Yours,

Edward A Hurst Jr

Grand Knight



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



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April Family of the Month

The Grazioli Family

Marshall and Colleen Grazioli have been parishioners at SJN since they moved to Canton in 1991. Together over the years they have been a visitation couple for Engaged couples, helped to plan Marriage Enrichment events, and had a long time involvement in Worldwide Marriage Encounter. They have also been Table Hosts for Alpha, are currently co-leaders in one of our Connect Groups and put together the recent SJN Faith and Science series. Both have also been Religious Education teachers and been involved in many Christian Service projects. Over the years their three boys were involved in the Youth Groups, Altar Serving, the Media Ministry and CYO Basketball as well as the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Indian Guides.

Congratulations to the Grazioli's

April Knight of the Month

Brother Roger Biernat

Brother Roger Biernat is the knight of the month for April. Roger has been active in many of our council's activities. He worked the Hospitality Weekend, Technology Co-Director, Coats for Kids and he Council Setups up the council chambers.

Many of you will also see Roger serving as an Usher during Mass.

Congratulations Brother Roger!

Brother Knight's Family Recognized



After the 4:30 Mass on April 9, 2022, Our council recognized Marsha and John Safran as the March 2022 Family of the month.

Congratulations Marsha and John Safran!

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

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Bo Marshall, friend of GK Ed Hurst
Al Hill, friend of GK Ed Hurst
Mary Schmidt, friend of GK Ed Hurst
Sandra Nutten, wife of brother Alan Nutten
Theresa Nutten & Kate Plague, daughters of bro Alan Nutten
Pray for Pauline Kalisz, Mother-in-law of bro Gerald Heiss
Sylvester Noetzel, friend of brother Edward A Hurst Jr.
Linda Pfeiffer, wife of brother Dan Pfeiffer
Brother Knight John Guth and wife Jamie
Joyce Hansen, wife of Bro & FDD Hans Hansen
Makenna Rugenski, daughter of brother Robert J Rugenski
Brother Tony Esser
Brother Gary DeCarlo
Brother George Kruczek, friend of brother Larry P Redman
Brother George Peters
Jonathan Borke, son of brother Tom Borke
Cindy Dennis, sister of Steve Sarlitto
Rick Moore, friend of brother Brandon Demiter
Jessica Gondek, granddaughter of brother Tim Gondek
Allyson Gondek, Granddaughter of brother Tim Gondek

Karen Gedemer, cousin of brother Ron Kretschmer
Brother Tom Borke
Brother Gary Sienkiewicz
Rick Burek, father of brother Darrin Burek
Tabatha Kidman, friend of brother Darrin Burek
Fr. Joe Horn, pastor of National Shrine of the Little Flower
Basilica
Repose of the soul of Ed Sieracki, friend of bro John
Safran
Nick and Caitlyn Habben, friends of brother Roger Biernat
Mike Maki, friend of brother Brian Zahn, DD, PGK
Baby Brynlyn and her family, friends of brother Joe
Bradley
John Hurst, relative of brother Edward A Hurst Jr.
Susan Hurst, relative of brother Edward A Hurst Jr.
Olivia Hurst, relative of brother 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 brothers John & Jim
Kullman

Birthdays for May

Christopher R Leach
Robert S Victor
Michael J Cartier
Mark S Zemanski
Wayne T Worosz
Martin J Mc Clellan
Pjeter Deda
Mr John P Stabnick
Deacon Patrick T Conlen
Stephen J Meibers
Raymond F Hennessey
Joseph P Camill
Nicholas D Timmerman
Clinton L Randall
Brian S Paul
Martin I Sviland

Membership Anniversaries for May

1 Year of Service and above

Daniel J Skotak (3)

5 Years of Service and above

Peter J Nestor (9)
Dennis James Dooley (7)
John A Russell (7)
John A Safran (5)

10 Years and Above

William E Springer (12)
Jason D Turner (12)

20 Years and Above

Ronald A Budzisz (46)
Mr Ernest B Bucks III (43)

Spring "Tootsie Roll" Drive Our Biggest Drive Ever

On March 25 and 26, and again on April 8, 9 and 10, 2022, members of our Council and their families were taking contributions for Tootsie Rolls. All proceeds from our Council will go to help those developmentally challenged in Canton. Collections were taken at both Kroger stores in Canton, the Tim Horton's in front of Meijer on Ford Road and at St. John Neumann.



Nominations and election for new councils Officers Next meeting

At the next general meeting on May 10, 2022 nominations for Council officers will continue. Immediately following the close of the nominations, the election will be held. 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. The nominations as of the close of the last general meeting are as follows:

- **Grand Knight** – Dan Timmerman nominated **Chuck Lang** (accepted)
- **Deputy Grand Knight** – Chuck Lang nominated **Steve Sarlitto** (accepted)
- **Chancellor** – Chuck Lang nominated **Bill Springer** (accepted)
- **Treasurer** – Chuck Lang nominated **Jeff Matheny** (accepted)
- **Recorder** – Jeff Battistella nominated **Ron Kretschmer** (accepted)
- **Advocate** – Joe Bradley nominated **Jeff Battistella** (accepted)
- **Warden** – Jeff Battistella nominated Roger Bienat (accepted)
- **Trustee 3rd Year** – Dennis Oszust nominated Dave Andreolli (accepted)
- **Inside Guard 1** – Ed Hurst Jr nominated Michael Pilotto (accepted)
- **Inside Guard 2** – Ed Hurst Jr nominated Bob LeBeau (accepted)
- **Outside Guard 1** – Ed Hurst Jr nominated Paul Bak (accepted)
- **Outside Guard 2** – Ed Hurst Jr nominated John Safran (accepted)

Nominations will continue at the next general meeting

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

Respect Life Dinner

By Marshall Grazioli. Right to Life Director



On Tuesday April 5th, Marshall Grazioli, Bob Rugenski and Len and Laura Carravalla at our council sponsored table at the annual Knights of Columbus Sponsored Respect

Life Dinner at the San Marino Club in Troy to benefit Right to Life of Michigan. It was a very successful evening with the Michigan Sate Council presenting a check for \$100,000 to Right to Life of Michigan. Archbishop Vigneron gave the opening prayer and the special guest speaker was George Dennehy who has a very inspiring story to tell of his abandonment in a Romanian orphanage and adoption as an infant by an American couple when he had been pretty much left for dead.

We ask you to keep the date of October 6, 2022 on your calendars when we will be looking for folks to sit at our council sponsored table for the benefit fundraiser banquet for the AAA Pregnancy Resource Center.

Right to Life Crosses



We The St. John Neumann Knights and their families will be setting up the Right To Life crosses on Saturday, May 21, 2022, starting at 9:00 am.

Please [click here](#) to sign-up or go to

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DA5A62BA2FFC43-may21>

We will be also removing these Right To Life crosses on Saturday, June 5, 2022, starting at 9:00am. Please [click here](#) to sign-up or go to

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DA5A62BA2FFC43-june2>

Message from our Faith Director

By Dan Pfeiffer

In order to keep the deaths of our unborn brothers and sisters in the minds of our neighbors in our communities and on the top of our prayer lists, K of C Council 16169 will be selling yard signs at our officers and membership meetings in May and June. There are 3 different wordings ...DEFEND LIFE, CHOOSE LIFE AND LIFE BEGINS AT CONCEPTION. Please pray that pro life candidates are elected to government offices at every level.

There are still openings on the sign ups for the Eucharistic Procession June 19th after the 12:30 mass. Please pray for the success of our Procession.

Finally, remember to mark your calendars for the "Blue Mass" May 17th at 11am.

Vivat Jesus !!!

Cans are Back



None of our seminarians should be forced to leave the seminary because they don't have enough money to complete their studies. Our council is asking the parishioners of St. John

Neumann to continue to donate cans and bottles to the Knights of Columbus, with the proceeds going to help seminarians of our Archdiocese.

For this to be successful, we need your help! Volunteers are needed to pick up cans and bottles from the church and return them to get the deposit back.

Brother Steve Otting is leading this effort. In January and February, volunteers are being asked to collect a few times on Monday through Thursday or they can volunteer to collect on Friday through Sunday.

Steve Otting can be contacted via email at dotting@comcast.net or called or texted at [734-788-0446](tel:734-788-0446).

Please [click here](#) to sign-

This Month's Featured CIS Booklet



102 – God

Atheists deny God's existence. Mystics experience God directly. Saints are called friends of God. But how much can we, finite human beings, really know about Him, the infinite, omnipotent God? Thanks to the Saint Gregory Society for providing music.

[Click here for this months audio version of Featured Booklet](#)

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

Or go to <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/cis/cis102.pdf>

May Calendar

- May 1 Membership Drive/Hospitality Weekend/On the Rise Bakery
- May 3 May Crowning
- May 7 First Communion
- May 7 First Saturday Mass
- May 7 Exemplification
- May 7/8 Baby Bottle Boomerang Collection
- May 13 Family Ministry Event
- May 14 Living Rosary Lansing
- May 17 Blue Mass
- May 21 Spring Cleanup
- May 21 Memorial Crosses Setup
- May 25/26/27 State Convention Mackinac Island
- May 29 Corporate Communion
- May 31 Confirmation Mass

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.

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!

Exemplification



Our council will be sponsoring an Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity after the 4:30pm Mass on Saturday, May 7, 2022. This would be a great time to have friends join the Knights of Columbus. Also, please come out and support those individuals that will be come brothers in our fraternity!

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



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

[May/June 2022: Cans for Seminarians Help](#)

[May 7/8: Baby Bottle Boomerang Bottle collection](#)

[May 21, 9:00am: Setup Right To Life Crosses](#)

[June 5, 9:00am: Remove Right To Life Crosses](#)

[June 5: Pancake Hospitality Sunday](#)

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



On Tuesday, May 17 at 11 am you can join a special liturgy dedicated to all men and women serving as first responders.

In the United States, the Blue Mass tradition began in September 1934, when Father Thomas Dade of the Archdiocese of Baltimore formed the Catholic Police and Fireman's Society. That year, the first Blue Mass was celebrated for police officers and firefighters. The name comes from the traditional uniform color associated with law enforcement.

Every moment of every day, a legion of dedicated men and women stand ready to come to our aid, even putting themselves in harm's way so we might live in freedom and security. How can we ever repay these people in uniform who give so much, standing vigil for us and responding whenever duty calls? How can we ever thank them enough?

Come Show your Support



The silver Rose



Veneration



Presentation by Pope John XXIII Assembly

Silver Rose Was at St John Neumann

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.

The silver Rose sponsored by our K. The prayer session began with the presentation by the Pope John XXIII Assembly followed by veneration, a skit, a video, the prayer session led by our State and council chaplain Fr Paul with readings by PGK Dan Timmerman and GK Ed Hurst Jr. nights of Columbus council was at St John Neumann on April 21, 2022.

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.



Readings by Brother Knights



Signature of Pope Francis



Inscription by Pope Francis



Fr Paul presents the gospel and homily

**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**

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

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

Baby Bottle Boomerang



Bottles were passed out after all Masses on the weekend of April 23/24 by the Knights of Columbus. Fill the bottles with change or a check and return to the church by Sunday, May 8. Information about Family Life Services from their website. Family Life Services is a pregnancy help center that has been active in Washtenaw County for over 35 years. Our mission is to help young women with unplanned pregnancies acquire accurate information about all their options and support them once those decisions are made.

Beneficiary: Family Life Services, 840 Maus Avenue, Ypsilanti MI 734-434-3088

Time is Running Out!



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.



Why should I become a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus? What's in it for me?

By Eugene Suchyta, Past Faithful Navigator
Pope John XXIII Assembly #1536

That's a couple of great questions! Perhaps at a Corporate Communion you've seen us wearing the berets and saluting with those swords... Perhaps you've seen us stand guard at the funeral for a fellow Sir Knight



Members of our Assembly at Wreaths Across America

of the Fourth Degree... Or perhaps you've seen us marching in a parade...

So, yes, we are the visible face of the Knights of Columbus. As "defenders of the faith," we wear and use ceremonial swords at a variety of events at

church and at other public functions. Two of the best events for which we wear our uniform are the two Living Rosaries that occur state wide for the Knights of Columbus - the one in Lansing in May or June and the one at the Knights of Columbus Michigan State Convention. We are committed to the preservation of our Church, our Order and to the many nations where Knights serve. We serve as examples of Christ's presence in the world.

But there is more to the Fourth Degree than just swords and such. When you became a Knight of Columbus, you were introduced to the values of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. The value for the Fourth Degree is "Patriotism." As such, Fourth Degree members support first responders, active military and veterans. Most of the charities we support are directly related to these. It's also one of the reasons we march in parades, especially those on Memorial Day and Independence Day.

We have the honor of participating in Wreaths Across America ceremonies, where we honor those that served in our armed forces and are now passed away. We also have the honor



Delivering snack and drinks to the John D. Dingell VA Medical Center in Detroit

of retiring flags, including those of the United States, the State of Michigan and others as needed.

We also honor other Knights of Columbus members, especially other Sir Knights (as Fourth Degree members are called) that have passed away at both the funeral home as well as at the Funeral Mass. Further, all Fourth Degree assemblies are charged with providing some kind of religious memorial to the church or a priest in honor of a fallen Sir Knight. Our particular assembly will engrave the fallen Sir Knight's name on a chalice that will then be given to a needy priest or seminarian, be it locally or in some far off country.

Yes, most of these activities are done by the Color Corps (those of us with uniforms), but not all. In fact, usually only about 20% of Sir Knights join the Color Corps. That said, we've a number of events where members of assembly without a uniform have joined us. That includes local parades, helping serve steak lunches to veterans, collecting gently used or new coats for veterans as well as collecting comfort items, snack and drinks for the John D. Dingell VA Medical Center in Detroit.

That's the highlights of what we do. Our council has over 20 Fourth Degree Sir Knights, including Fr. Paul, Fr. Jeff, Deacon Pat, our Grand Knight and all of our Past Grand Knights. Most are members of Pope John XXIII assembly 1536 in Plymouth. If you want more information or are interested in joining, feel free to contact Gene Suchyta, Past Faithful Navigator of the assembly and also our webmaster, Grand Knight Ed Hurst or any of the other Fourth Degree members in the assembly.



Fr. McGivney Mass at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral



Serving steak lunches to veterans at the Plymouth-Ann Arbor Elks

Our Council Hosted the State Raffle

On Thursday, April 21, 2022, Our council was the host for the annual State Raffle for charity. The Raffle drawing was held in Baldwin Hall at St. John Neumann. A Big Thank You to the many volunteers and their families who were such gracious hosts and made everyone feel welcome. The food and beverages were great and topped off with an over-the-top selection of homemade desserts.



The event was attended by our State Deputy Walter Winkle and his lovely wife Karen and also by State Treasurer Barry Borsenik and State Advocate Charlie McCuen and his lovely wife Pam.

The state raffle raised over \$303,000 in raffle ticket sales for our charities with over \$60,000.00 going

directly to Local Councils.

The St John Neumann Council provided tailgate type snacks of hot dogs and Pizza and followed by homemade coolies.

Fr. Paul and State deputy Walter Winkle pulled the first and second winning tickets. The remaining 38 tickets were pulled by volunteers.

Please monitor the State Website www.mikof.org for the official results and confirmed list of winners to be published shortly after all the winners are notified.



Elizabeth Foundation announces new program

The Elizabeth Foundation is a non Profit (501c3) organization that was founded and is run by a brother knight from our council. The mission of the foundation is to assist the poor in any manner possible.

Our council and other Knights of Columbus councils from the southeast Michigan have supported this charity since its inception thru the program known as “Christmas in the Philippines”.

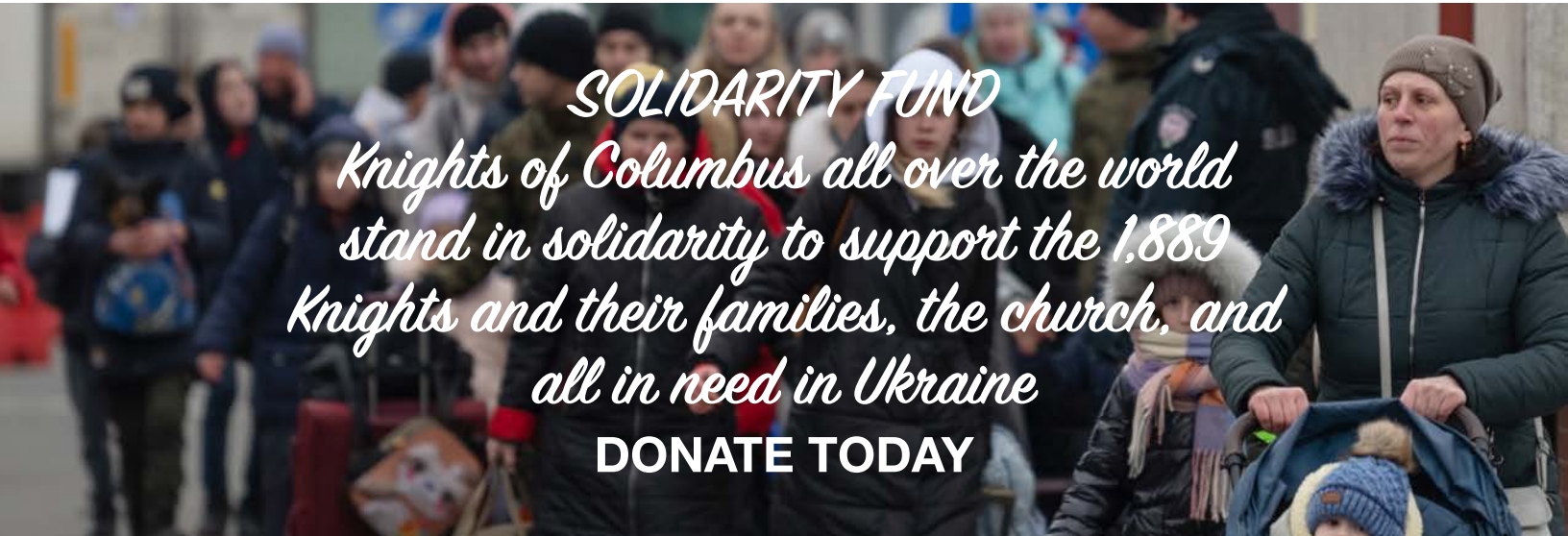
The foundation is proud to announce an new program known as “Feed my People”. This program is similar to as soup kitchen on wheels.

Evert Sunday since March 6, 2022 under the guidance of Fr. Julius Martin, a Redemptorist Priest and the foundations Philippine director , has prepared a chicken rice soup and via truck has brought this soup to a needy community for free distribution.

This program can not continue without your support. Please visit the web site at web site at www.elizabethfoundation.net . Please consider donating any amount for this cause and sharing the site with your friends and family.

Thank You and God Bless





SOLIDARITY FUND
Knights of Columbus all over the world stand in solidarity to support the 1,889 Knights and their families, the church, and all in need in Ukraine
DONATE TODAY

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!

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.

To make your donation by credit card, please complete the secure form below. If you wish to make a payment by check, please make your check out to "Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc." and write "Ukraine Solidarity Fund" in the memo line. Then, please mail your check to: Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc., P.O. Box 1966, New Haven, CT, 06510-1966.



Reverse Raffle update

The 2022 Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Day Reverse Raffle was held on March 19 and can certainly be regarded as quite a success! Its live broadcast occurred via a zoom meeting with many Knight and family members present for the fun. In all, the event raised a net profit of **\$12,281.**

Let's be "Friends!"

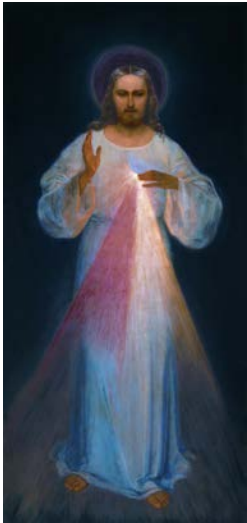
Follow Michigan Knights of Columbus on Facebook (www.facebook.com/MichiganKofC) for up-to-date news on statewide Faith in Action events and activities. "Like" and "Share" with your friends, family, and prospective members today!

Men's Prayer Breakfast Men of St. John Neumann

All men of the parish are invited to come join us for faith, food and fellowship!
 Our Men's Prayer Breakfast meets every Thursday at 6:00am in Baldwin Hall!

Contact: Ron Kretschmer 734-756-4425
 ronkretschmer@gmail.com

Knights participate in Divine Mercy Sunday



Every Sunday you will see many knights participating in the Mass as Eucharistic ministers, Ushers and readers. Divine Mercy Sunday was no exception! We would like to present a few of the pictures of some of our knights that were there. Our apologies to those knights that served at all the masses and are not featured here.



International Dinner with a twist!

On Saturday, June 11, starting at 5:30 pm. After the 4:30 mass, will have the international dinner again this year. However, this year there is a twist to the traditional dinner.

The Dinner will run till 7:00 pm. Then it is time to twist or what ever dance you like. There will be a DJ, music, and dancing from 7:00 till 9:00 pm.

Around 7:30 pm there will be some recognition given to Father Paul. We wanted to thank Father Paul for being so supportive of us as Council and State Chaplain. Please plan to attend to help show Father Paul our appreciation.

Michigan State Council Knights of Columbus

2022

Living Rosary

Faith In Action



**SATURDAY
MAY 14, 2022
11:00 am**

**State Capitol
Lansing, Michigan**



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