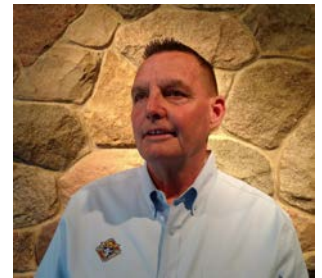




# NEUMANN KNIGHTS

St John Neumann Knights of Columbus  
 Council 16169  
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## *From the Desk of the Grand Knight*



Worthy Brother Knights,

The new Fraternal year begins as we launch our 8th year as a Council! It's hard to believe how our Council has flourished and grown, not only in membership but in service to our parish, our community, State and Nation in such a short period of time. I take great pride in being a Knight in the St. John Neumann Council and I hope you share that same pride for being such an active and impactful Council.

Our growth and many achievements have been due to the energetic and committed Council leadership that have guided us through the years. Most recently Worthy PGK, Ed Hurst, who served relentlessly for two years as Grand Knight, dedicated everyday to ensure that our mission was being fulfilled. We are all sincerely grateful for his leadership and outstanding service to our Council. Now, I proudly announce that he has agreed to serve as our Council's Program Chairman for the next fraternal year.

Brothers, I humbly accept the position of Grand Knight and ask for your prayers that the Holy Spirit may guide me in serving you as your leader. I look forward to working with, encouraging and involving all our brothers to be an active member of our council in a manner that makes them feel fulfilled and proud to be a Knight. I reflect upon the Exemplification Ceremony where we call upon our candidates to break one piece of fiber. The candidates simply break it. But then the cable is presented with many fibers which cannot be broken. I'm sure you all remember that simple but effective exercise. It very effectively demonstrates that when individual fibers (you) are bound together; they become a strong cable (us). As the fibers are to the cable, so are you to our Order. The strength of our Council is the combined effort of everyone. Thus, many hands make light work for all in cheerful service. I encourage you to reflect upon your strengths and how you may continue to serve the many needs of our Council. Father McGivney envisioned a fraternal brotherhood – Catholic men supporting each other and their families, united in Christ and building up His body. We continue that vision today, right here at St John Neumann working to strengthen our families and parish.

To launch the new fraternal year, we are combining the July 12th Council meeting with the Installation of Officers. It will be a special evening of fellowship and for all to hear the new opportunities that we will be engaging. The evening will start with a chicken dinner for all Knights at 5:30pm, followed by the Installation Ceremony and the Council Meeting. Dinner is FREE! But you must sign up in advance. Go to the Council website for details and sign up! I encourage everyone to attend.

Let's continue to go forth to serve and give thanks to our God, for his love endures forever!

VIVAT JESUS. "Jesus Lives"

Chuck "CJ" Lang



- Chaplain
- Rev. Paul Ballien
- District Deputy
- Brian Zahn,
- Grand Knight
- Chuck Lang
- Deputy Grand Knight
- Steve Sarlitto
- Chancellor
- Bill Springer
- Recording Secretary
- Ron Kretschmer
- Treasurer
- Jeff Matheny
- Advocate
- Jeff Battistella
- Warden
- Roger Bienat
- Inside Guard 1
- Michael Pilotto
- Inside Guard 2
- Bob LeBeau
- Outside Guard 1
- Paul Bak
- Outside Guard 2
- John Safran
- 1 Year Trustee
- Dennis Oszust
- 2 Year Trustee
- Keith Laurin
- 3 Year Trustee
- Dave Andreolli
- Financial Secretary
- John Lutz
- Lecturer
- Marshall Grazioli
- Membership Director
- Larry Redman
- Communications
- Chairman
- Ronald Rathbun

## *The June Families of the Month*

For the month of June we had two families of the Month. The Bodnar and the Adelman Families

Ron and Vanessa Adelman have been married since 12/18/2004 have 4 children, ages 3-13, They have been involved in numerous parish activities. Ron runs the alter server ministry and Vanessa is involved in family ministry, play and pray, sacristan and EMHC ministries.



Tim and Adrienne Bodnar have been married almost 48 years, they have 3 children and 7 grandchildren. They have been members of SJN Parish for 3 years. Tim is a Knight in the KofC. Both are active in Right to Life and volunteer at All Saints Catholic School.




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## *Knight of the Month for June Brother Steve Polidori*

Brother Steve's knights activities have included Pancake Breakfast Co-Chair, MI Drive, Free Throw Contest, and the Hospitality Weekend. Steve has been a great asset to our council and the parish.





## *Farewell Message from our Past Grand Knight*

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

Blessed Summer to All!! This my last entry in our newsletter as your Grand Knight. Please give the new officers and directors all your help and support. Thank you for standing with me over the past two years and all we accomplished together. My appreciation to the Officers Retiring:

Ken Svoboda – Treasurer, Joe Bradley – Advocate, and Bob Rugenski – 1 st Year Trustee Thank

you to my Brother Knights of Columbus Council 16169. Please stay safe and have a Blessed Summer. Please keep all those on our prayer list in your prayers. Fraternally Yours, PGK Ed Hurst Jr.

### Membership Anniversaries for July

#### 1 Year of Service and above

- Nathaniel J Svoboda (3)
- Christopher J Kotcher (2)
- Alexander R Lams (1)
- Victor J Lams (1)

#### 5 Years of Service and above

- William L Etienne (7)

### Birthdays for July

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| Ronald E Sinco    | Joseph A Wedesky    |
| James J Jermanus  | Marshall J Grazioli |
| Roger A Biernat   | Steven M Otting     |
| Robert J Rugenski | Dean R Combs        |
| Edward A Hurst Jr | Gerardo De La Torre |
| John A Crabill    | Julius C Pablo      |
| Peter J Nestor    | Cyril Miranda       |
| George K. Peters  | Brian J Zahn        |
| Anthony J Esser   | Jonathan J Otten    |

## Brother Knights and Friends That Are In 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 Greg Pietron & wife Laura
- Karen Gedemer, cousin of bro Ron Kretschmer
- Rodrick Coons, friend of SK Steve Earles
- Mary Alice Hurst, wife of PGK Ed Hurst.
- Janice Schmidt, friend of bro Gene Suchyta
- Brothers John and Rick Galindo
- Brother George Peters and his wife Jan
- Brother Dave Blankenship and his wife Karen
- Brother Jeff Battistella
- Janet Schneider, friend of brother Ron Kretschmer
- Dave Bieniak, friend of brother Steve Earles
- Amy Hurst, relative of brother Edward A Hurst Jr.
- Jason Richardson, relative of PGK Edward A Hurst
- Susan Hurst, relative of PGK Edward A Hurst Jr.
- Shaunnah Stang, friend of PGK Edward A Hurst Jr.
- Brother Cyril Miranda, friend of Edward A Hurst Jr.

- Jeanine Krawczyk, mother-in-law of Bro Ron Sinco
- Mike McLean, uncle of brother Roger Biernat
- Andrea Wendt, sister-in-law of brother Dan Pfeiffer
- Cindy Dennis, sister of Steve Sarlitto
- Dave & Donna Kriofsky, friends of Ron Kretschmer
- Bo Marshall, friend of PGK Ed Hurst
- Al Hill, friend of PGK Ed Hurst Jr
- Mary Schmidt, friend of PGK Ed Hurst
- Sandra Nutten, wife of brother Alan Nutten
- Theresa Nutten daughter of Bro Alan Nutten
- Kate Plague, daughter of Bro Alan Nutten
- Linda Pfeiffer, wife of brother Dan Pfeiffer
- Brother Knight John Guth and wife Jamie
- Joyce Hansen, wife of brother and FDD Hans Hansen
- Makenna Rugenski, daughter of bro Robert J Rugenski

## Successful Pancake Breakfast

On June 5, 2022, the St John Neumann Knights of Columbus Council # 16169 held a pancake breakfast after all morning masses. Proceeds from the breakfast support the good works the Knights at the church. Thanks to all the brothers who assisted in this event.



## UKRAINE SOLIDARITY

**To date, our members and friends have donated \$18,015,598.**

As the situation in Ukraine continues to change, the need to support refugees continues to grow. The Knights of Columbus will be working with our councils in Poland as well as the Latin and Greek Catholic Churches in Ukraine to provide temporary shelter, food, medical supplies, clothing, and communications.

**100% of your donation goes directly to support humanitarian aid in Ukraine..**

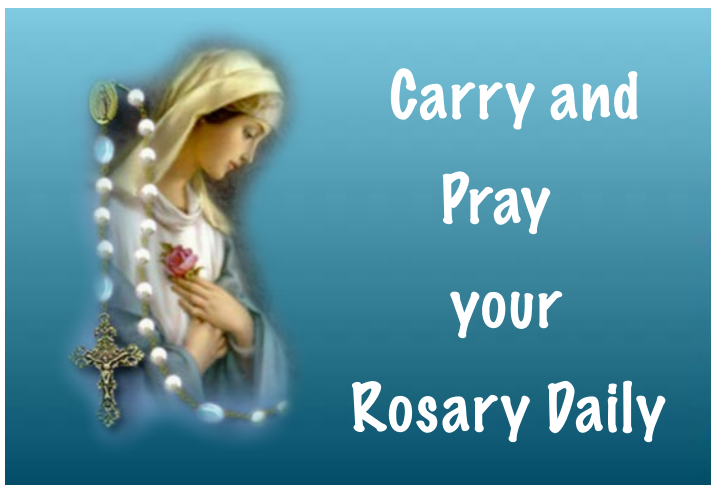
If you need to reach the Office of Charitable Giving regarding this fund or making a donation, you can do so Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00am to 4:30pm Eastern at 1-800-694-5713 or [info@kofccharities.org](mailto:info@kofccharities.org).

## Our Newest Brother Knights

This month we held two Exemplifications of Charity, Unity and Fraternity . On June 2, we welcomed Joseph Smyth as a new third degree Knight into our council.



At 5 o'clock prior to our June general membership meeting we held another Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. During this ceremony our council welcomed three new brother knight. Chris Pence, Fr. Paulo Diaz and Peter Kowalski

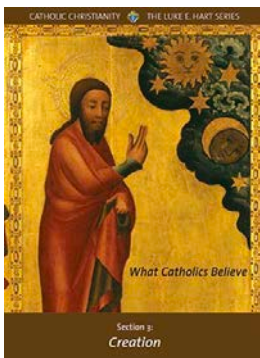




## Corpus Christi Celebration

By Dan Pfeiffer

On June 19th Saint John Neumann Parish praised Jesus and honored Mary with a Eucharistic Procession and Rosary for Corpus Christi Sunday. Council 16169 sponsored the event which included a Crucifix carrier, candle bearers, first communicants throwing rose petals, incense bearers, the color guard, our two priests, our deacon and of course Our Lord Jesus in a magnificent Monstrance followed by members of our congregation reciting the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. We concluded with Hymns, Prayers, and Adoration. We thank all who joined us for this Holy Celebration especially those who worked hard to put this event together



## This Month's Featured CIS Booklet

103 – Creation

God is the Creator, therefore God must be infinite in power, wisdom, love, and beauty. What difference does knowing this truth about God make for our daily lives in this world? The difference is total. It is that all the power, wisdom, goodness, and beauty we ever see or desire or admire or love must come from this one God, for he has no rival.

[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/who-we-are/our-faith/booklets.html>

## Free Dinner & Officer Instalation

By GK Chuck "CJ" Lang



Up-coming this July 12<sup>th</sup> we will conduct the Officer Installation and Council Meeting. All member Knights are invited to join us for this special evening in Baldwin Hall to witness the installation of our new officers for the 2022-23 Fraternal Year. The evening

will start with a chicken dinner for all Knights at 5:30pm, followed by the Installation Ceremony and the Council Meeting. **Dinner is FREE! But you must sign up in advance. The link is below to sign up.** I encourage everyone to attend. This is a great opportunity to fellowship with the Officers and your fellow brother knights.

Also, Brother, Ernie Bucks, is asking for knights to assist him in the kitchen on July 12<sup>th</sup>. See the sign up link below to help Ernie! If you can, please sign up.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on July 12<sup>th</sup>!! Click on the link now to sign up.

Sign up link for the Installation Dinner:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4da5a62ba2ffc43-july>

Signup to help Ernie in the Kitchen:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4da5a62ba2ffc43-july1>



This is the first year that the Archdiocese of Detroit did not ordain a new priest. Yet, some of our priest have retired and some have died. The shortage of priest is real. Today you see parishes closing and some parishes combining services. You and your family have a chance to help.

Brother knight Joe Camill has organized a prayer for vocations program. You can now sign up to bring home a blessed chalice. You will keep the chalice for a one week period and to use it as a focal point daily for your prayer for vocations. After that week the chalice will be passed on to another family.

For more information contact the parish office or Joe Camill at (734)717 5129 .

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### 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](mailto:ronaldrathbun@gmail.com) or [newsletter16169@gmail.com](mailto:newsletter16169@gmail.com) .

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.



## Protecting God's Children

Reminder to new Knights:

### Protecting God's Children:

All Knights who plan to volunteer in the parish will need to complete a New Michigan Background Check with a copy of driver's license and volunteer code of conduct (this is a new form required from the AOD), forms available at <https://sjncanton.org/christian-service> and ensure Protecting God's Children class is completed. The Protecting God's Children is available online [https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/protecting\\_children.cfm](https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/protecting_children.cfm).

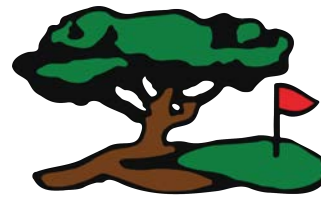


### *Fr. Paul Roasted & Well Done*

On Thursday, June 22, 2022, the Polish Day Parade Committee held a charity fundraising roast of our very own Fr. Paul. The committee "roasts" the parade marshal (this year, Fr. Paul) as a fundraiser for the parade. Roasters include Fred Morath and Fr. Jeff Day. Over 20 parishioners were on hand for



*Sign up today !*



*Salem Hills*  
GOLF CLUB

This year we have upgraded our golf outing. On September 24, 2022 at Salem Hills Golf Club at 9am Shotgun start. Registration and sign in starts at 8 am.

*Hot Dogs and Chips are provided at the turn.*

The \$100 fee includes 18 holes of Golf, Cart and the hotdog snack at the turn cost. You can form your own foursome or come as an individual. And we will assign you to a foursome.

Sign up online or contact Randy Martin at [rem7662@aol.com](mailto:rem7662@aol.com).

If you are not a golfer but would like to help, please ask your employer or a business that you frequent to support our golf outing. A **hole sponsor** will cost \$150 and they will have a sign on the tee area of the sponsored hole. Also a businesses can donate prizes or gift cards to be used at the event.

# Father Paul Recognized at International Dinner



Because of the covid during the past two years, we have not been able to hold our international dinner.

On June 11 after the 4:30 Mass, this year we were able to again resume the international dinner.

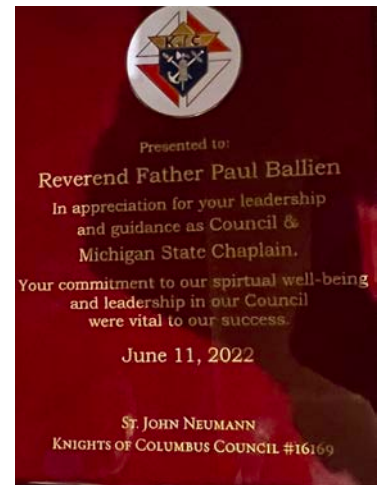
The evening was filled with delicious dishes from the various nations that make up our church. The countries represented were USA, Canada, Italy, Poland, Philippines, Uganda, India and Mexico..

After all of us were able to sample these international dishes, Our council added a twist to the dinner.



The council presented Fr, Paul with a plaque and a certificate of appreciation for serving not only as our council chaplain but also serving as the state chaplain.

After the presentation ceremony a lively DJ supplied the music so the crowd could dance the evening away. Thanks to all those who worked so hard to make this a great success.



## Special thanks from the Chairman of the Recognition

By Dan Timmerman

I want to thank the International Dinner/Father Paul Recognition Committee for such a successful event. Special thanks to Mike and Liz Polovich, the parish Hospitality Committee leads, Jeff Matheny for organizing the beer and wine, Chuck Lang for securing a great DJ, and Bethann Pilotto, SJNWO President for all their efforts. I would also like to thank all the brother Knights who helped out that night and all who turned out to thank Father Paul. We had two Knights from the state leadership team in attendance. Father Paul received two plaques from us. One plaque congratulated Father for his priestly dedication as the Michigan State Chaplain from 2020 through 2022. The second plaque was from the council for Father's leadership, support, and spiritual guidance. The parishioners enjoyed music and dancing, especially the kids. It was great to see.





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our website  
<https://kofc16169.org>

*Need a Badge or a New Shirt?*



Contact Brother Joe Bradley, for name badges at [csmbj@protonmail.com](mailto:csmbj@protonmail.com) (734-673-0004)

And Brother Mike Cartier for shirts, jackets, hats, etc.

[mikeandnoel81@comcast.net](mailto:mikeandnoel81@comcast.net) (734-459-5635)

**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](mailto:ronkretschmer@gmail.com)



The collection of cans for the Seminarians is suspended for the next two months. We would like to thank all those knights that either donated cans or theorize who made the sacrifice

to collect the cans and return them to the stores. Cans for the seminarians will return in September .

Our council shares the collection with the St John Neumann women group.will collect the cans for the next two months.



*New Officers for the Assembly*

We would like to congratulate the new officers for the assembly.

**Faithful Navigator**

SK Ed Hurst, Jr., St. John Neumann Council 16169

**Faithful Captain**

Richard Fullmerhouser, St Edith Council 13645

**Faithful Pilot**

John Michniak, St Edith Council 13645

**Faithful Comptroller**

SK Greg Rapelje, Fr. Daniel A. Lord, Council 3959

**Faithful Scribe**

SK Eric Pohl, Notre Dame Council 3021

**Faithful Purser**

SK Lou Brotncher, Fr. Victor J. Renaud Council 3292

**Faithful Inner Sentinel**

Dave Andreolli , St. John Neumann Council 16169

**Faithful Outer Sentinel**

Dennis Oszust, St. John Neumann Council 16169

**Faithful Admiral**

SK Christopher Scanlan, George Monaghan Council 2690

**One-Year Trustee**

SK Edmund Shaheen, Dr. Thomas A. Dooley Council 5492

**Two-Year Trustee**

SK Michael Doyle, St. Edith Council 13645

**Three-Year Trustee**

Joe Bradley, St. John Neumann Council 16169



**Knights of Columbus**  
Pope John XXIII Assembly #1536



# *Patriotic Golf Outing* <sup>2nd Annual</sup>

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT VETERANS AND LOCAL FIRST RESPONDERS  
(SEE REVERSE FOR LIST OF 2021 RECIPIENTS)

When: Thursday, July 21, 2022

Golf: Fox Creek G.C., 36000 7 Mile Rd., Livonia, MI 48152 (248)471-3400

Dinner: Monaghan K of C (19801 Farmington Rd. Livonia, MI 48152) (248) 476-8383

Registration: 7:00 AM      Shotgun Start: 8:00 AM

Dinner: Approximately 2:30 PM

Make Check Payable To: Pope John XXIII Assembly

Mail Checks and completed flyer to: Joe Bradley 7930 Charrington Dr., Canton, MI 48187

OR CONTACT: JOE BRADLEY AT: 734-673-0004 [jbradleyhome@comcast.net](mailto:jbradleyhome@comcast.net) or  
BILL DOLUNT AT: 734-891-7325 [WILLIAMDOLUNT@yahoo.com](mailto:WILLIAMDOLUNT@yahoo.com)

*This Year: Gourmet Steak Dinner, Awards for Longest Putt, Closest to the Pin, 4 - Hole in one opportunities, Double your Money Par 3, Chipping Contest, 50/50, Mulligans, "give me" sticks and other games.*

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR **SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Online Signup and Sponsorships Available at [kofc1536assembly.org](http://kofc1536assembly.org)

Registration and Payment Due by **July 6**

Golfer #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner & Golf \$100  Dinner Only \$25

Golfer #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner & Golf \$100  Dinner Only \$25

Golfer #3: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner & Golf \$100  Dinner Only \$25

Golfer #4: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner & Golf \$100  Dinner Only \$25

## *A Message from our Insurance Agent*



I recently read an article in Good Housekeeping magazine about home security and smart technology helping to keep our homes secure. It talked about devices that can monitor our homes. There are doorbells that see, security cameras that can be set up inside and out, smart speakers like Alexa and Google Assistant that can control lots of home features. Thermostats or room air conditioners can be set to automatically adjust to changing temperatures. Garage doors can be opened when packages are delivered to an empty home to protect products from porch bandits. Lawns can be watered at optimal times and even the grass can be cut robotically. Doors can be locked remotely and lights in various rooms can be turned on and off by voice or by preset timers. These devices can do the thinking for you. Your home can be on “autopilot.” You can set them and forget them.

Yes, there are many advantages to automatic programming of these devices. We can see who's at our door by watching on our phones, we can open and close the garage door for package delivery, we can be energy efficient by setting the thermostat for heat and air conditioning for optimal times and temperatures. But there is a big cautionary tale that some devices if not properly monitored, can cause havoc. These devices can be hacked and expose the homeowner to security breaches, even taking over cameras and watching inside the home unbeknownst to the homeowner.

As I read through the article I was struck by the parallels with the new and evolving automated devices that our homes use and a family's insurance protection. A family can take a look at where they stand using our financial needs analysis program and put products in place to address the unknowns. Taking action to address shortfalls brings a family a certain sense of comfort and well-being that should the unexpected happen, the family is protected.

This is a great start because looking at your family's needs and taking steps to ensure that those needs are addressed is a prudent and wise thing to do. However while home security systems create a certain comfort level and it's dangerous to become complacent, so too when it comes to your family's future financial security. Just as one must be vigilant and make sure these smart systems protect the family and are kept safe from hackers, it's important to be vigilant with a family's insurance protection. It can't be addressed once and assume that it's always going to be OK. It's dangerous to just “set it and forget it.” Situations change; life can be one surprise after another. If you've completed a family financial needs analysis and taken steps to protect your family, congratulations!

When it comes to protecting your family, don't let the “hackers” of complacency, indifference, or laxness wreak havoc on your life!

Let's get together and make sure your family doesn't have any “security breaches!”

Vivat Jesus!