



# NEUMANN KNIGHTS

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

Brother Knights,

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6.



My Brothers, as a Council this year, we have experienced a wonderful opportunity of service to our parish and our communities for which we should be grateful. We and our families have also been blessed in many ways. Advent is the time to reflect on those many blessings and then prepare for the coming of our Lord and Savior. Archbishop Vigneron has invited all the faithful to join him in the first two weeks of Advent, from November 27 to December 9, in doing penance, giving alms, praying, and fasting. “We must use these spiritual practices to make reparations for the great sin of abortion in our midst.” We must also pray to strengthen our resolve to stand tall in our faith and pray for our citizens. I ask you to join me in this prayer of hope.

“Lord, grant our citizens of this great nation the wisdom and understanding to proclaim that God’s law is the foundation on which this nation was founded, and that He alone is the True Source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. You are our Lord and King.”

I wish you and your families a blessed and peaceful Christmas Season.

Chuck “CJ” Lang  
Grand Knight



**Announcement:** I am pleased to announce that our December 13th Membership Meeting will be a bit different in format. We will begin at 6:45pm with a very short meeting followed by a Holiday Reception of good food and fellowship ending when the last one goes home. (No later than 9:45pm) The Officers and Directors are preparing this special evening for YOU. Please come and join us for this evening of brotherly love and fellowship!

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*Knight And Family of the Month:  
Len and the Carravallah Family*



Again forth month of November the Knight of the month and the Family of month are from the same family. The Carravallahs have been married for 35 years and are blessed with four adults sons. Len's activities have included the pancake breakfast, Tootsie Roll Drive, 24-hr Adoration and Right to Life. Laura's activities have included the SJN Grounds Beautification, SJNWO, Right to Life and taught Religious Ed. They are a perfect example of a model Catholic knight family.

*Congratulations Len and Laura!*

**YEARS OF SERVICE**

**1 to 4 Years of Service**

Jonathan J Otten (3), Austin R Lynn (3),  
Leo A Tykoski III (3), Greg Pietron (3) ,  
James C Demmer (3)  
Justin R Schaefer (4), Nicholas L Brown (4)

**5 to 9 Years of Service**

Edward F Curley (6),  
Kenneth J Svoboda (7) ,Martin J Mc Clellan (7),  
Raymond L Coppiellie (9)

**10 to 19 Years of Service**

Ronald E Kretschmer (16)

**20 Years of Service and above**

Hans K. Hansen, PGK (24), John W Brennan (32)

*December Birthdays*

Philip M Mckay  
James L Whitney  
Daniel J Moote  
David P. Trost  
Gary R Sienkiewicz  
Andrew J Miller  
Patrick W Mulcahy  
Emmanuel C Asika  
Ronald A Budzisz  
Dan Schneider  
Tom Borke  
Walter T Stang  
James C Demmer  
Lawrence J O'Hara  
Camillius M Jankowiak  
Gerald T Heiss  
Michael M Myers  
Steven Polidori

## 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

Ashlie Eslick, cousin of Pkg Edward A Hurst Jr.  
 Chris Scanlan, friend of Pkg Edward A Hurst Jr.  
 David Grant, friend of Pkg Edward A Hurst Jr.  
 Brother Jeff Matheny  
 Gerard Jankowiak, brother of Bro Cam Jankowiak  
 Bob Caravallah, brother of Bro Len Caravallah  
 Wojas Family, friends of GK Chuck Lang  
 Steve and Pam Sarlitto  
 Janet Schneider, friend of Bro Ron Kretschmer  
 Brother Paul Bak  
 Pkg Daniel T Timmerman  
 Susan Hurst, relative of Pkg Edward A Hurst Jr.  
 Brother Don and his wife Rita Schlagheck  
 Chris Kroll, friend of Dave Andreolli  
 Fr. Paul Ballien  
 Jason Richardson, relative of Pkg Edward A Hurst Jr.  
 Richard Baehre, friend of Bro Gene Suchyta

Peter Mulka, friend of Bro Larry P Redman  
 SK Hans Hansen  
 Lady Laura Scanlan  
 George Hurley, friend of Bro Joe Bradley & Gene Suchyta  
 Lauryn Moomaw, daughter of Bro Larry O'Hara  
 Dave Grant, uncle of Pkg Edward A Hurst Jr.  
 Jim Perrault, uncle of Pkg Edward A Hurst Jr.  
 Thomas Drennan, friend of Pkg Edward A Hurst Jr.  
 Brother Robert Dempsey  
 Alan Thompson, friend of Bro Ron Kretschmer  
 Harry Sullims friend of Pkg Edward A Hurst Jr.  
 Jeanne Michelini, friend of Pkg Edward A Hurst Jr.  
 David Bradley, Bro of SK Joe Bradley  
 Brother Greg Pietron and wife Laura  
 Mary Alice Hurst, wife of PGK Ed Hurst, Jr.  
 Rodrick Coons, friend of SK Steve Earles



### Meet Our Newest Members

By Larry Redman  
 Membership Director

**Congratulations** to 16169's newest members, Emmanuel Asika and David Asika. Both completed the Exemplification at St. John Neumann on November 13th..

Emmanuel and David are both sons of Brother Knight Andrew Anyanwu. David attends Michigan State University and Emmanuel works/lives here in Canton.



### Pictures & Photographers Needed

Did you take any pictures at any of our events? If you did please share them with us.

WE are in need of someone to volunteer to take pictures at our events. These pictures will be saved

to record our events used in our newsletter and on our web site. and in reports. You do not have to be a professional. All we want is snapshots.

Please attach the pictures to an email and send them to newsletter16169@gmail.com

### 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! The breakfast last exactly one hour. Stop on your way to work. Just show up no reservations needed.

For more info Contact: Ron Kretschmer

# Halloween Dance For Young Adults with Special Needs

By John Crabill

The St. John Neumann Knights sponsored the 6th Halloween Dance on Friday, October 28, 2022. The dance was well attended with over 70 young adults and approximately 50 chaperones. The attendees were from the St. John Neumann Parish, PC Stars Special Olympic Team, and the Community Opportunity Center (COC). The attendees appeared to have a great time, extending many positive comments. The chaperones were very appreciative of the activities for the young adults. This year we had several old and new companies which supported us in making the dance a success.

Please support them whenever possible. The companies participating were:

- - Meijers on Ford Road/Canton Center



- - McDonalds on Ford Road/Canton Center
- - Home Depot, Plymouth Twp. on 5 Mile
- - Catholic Vantage Credit Union, Plymouth Twp.

Several organizations also participated with us to make the dance a success. They were:

- - Civitans ran their popular picture taking station (Kathy Turnquest was a big help during the dance planning activities)
- - Alhambra Manresa 217 provided additional manpower support
- - Middle School Youth Group provided support during the decorating and food serving areas
- St. John Neumann Women's Organization provided support during the decorating, registration and running the Game
- Roxanne Crabill as also a big help in the planning activities
- Anne-Marie Banko from the PC Stars for co-ordinating the registration of the PC Stars athletes

A special thank you to all the brothers from the Knights of Columbus Council 16169 who participated in the Tootsie Roll drive which funded our donation to the PC Stars and the members at the dance which made the dance such a success.

## "Tootsie Roll" Drive Funds allocated



This year the collection from the fall MI drive has been allocated and distributed to three different organizations that have missions to assist individuals with Intellectual Disabilities.

At this year's Halloween party for special needs, a check for \$1,000 was presented to the Plymouth Canton All Stars.

The Plymouth Canton Stars are one of 17 local groups that make up Area 23 of the Special Olympics of Michigan. They are a group of about 160 athletes that participate in 12 different sports throughout the year. Another donation from the collections is for \$940. This was allocated to St Francis Camp on the lake.

St. Francis Camp on the Lake is a 501-(c)3, non-profit organization committed to providing the ultimate camp experience to children and adults with developmental disabilities. St. Francis Camp on the Lake is the premier camping facility for those with special needs. Our 36-acre site includes 195 feet of waterfront located on the shores of Goose Lake, sandy beach, rustic woods, developed nature trails, sports area, adventure course and two beautiful cedar lodges where campers and counselors are housed.

The third allocation is for the same amount \$940 to the St Luke Center.

The St. Louis Center which is a "caring residential community for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities" located in Chelsea, MI. The St. Louis Center website is: <https://stlouiscenter.org/>.



Thank You to all the brother knights that assisted or donated in this fall's drive.

## December 16: Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Judging

Six judges are needed. There are three age groups (5-7, 8-10 and 11-14). Posters are awarded points in three categories: slogan, artistic merit and overall impact. Winning entries advance through district/regional and state competitions to the international level.

**Date:** 12/16/2022 (Fri.)

**Time:** 6:30pm - 9:00pm EST

To volunteer please go to the following link.

### [December 16: Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Judging](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DA5A62BA2FFC43-)

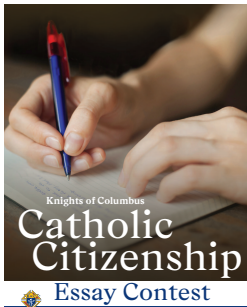
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DA5A62BA2FFC43->

## 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).



## Our First Essay Contest

We hosted our first essay contest and the winner at our council will move on to compete at the State level. For an update on her essay please check the January 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.

## Where do our Dues Go ?

By John Lutz  
Financial Secretary

Our dues are \$40 for regular members, \$19.50 for Honorary members, \$20 for members who are 26 years old or younger and free for Honorary Life members. We also suggest optional donations of \$6 towards the Endowed Scholarship Fund for Sacred Heart Major Seminary and \$10 for the "Take 10 for Charity" fund administered by the Michigan State K of C.

## Devotion to St. Joseph

By Daniel Pfeiffer



On November 9th K of C Council 16169 and the Saint John Neumann Women's Organization hosted the Saint Joseph Pilgrim Icon. The prayer service included Scriptures readings, the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary, hymns led by Kurt Kulikowski, and a homily from Father Paul who also led us in a litany. The prayer service was

followed by delicious treats and fellowship in the gathering space.

Archbishop Vigneron has asked the Archdiocese of Detroit to join together in giving alms, prayer and fasting for 2 weeks beginning November 27th in preparation for the suffering and deaths that will result from the passage of proposal 3. We, as Knights, can stand together to beg mercy from Our Father.

Saint Joseph was warned in a dream to take Jesus and Mary and flee to Egypt to save Jesus from the slaughter of the Holy Innocents in Bethlehem. Let us ask St. Joseph to intercede for the babies who are in danger of death by abortion. Vivat Jesus!!!

## A Scholarship for Your Son or Daughter

Starting in January Knights of Columbus Scholarships will be available. Details of these scholarships will be available in our January Newsletter.

## *Christmas in the Philippines*

Again this year our council has donated \$500 to sponsor the "Elizabeth Foundation" . This donation and the donations from three other southeast Michigan council and one Assembly will be used to purchase and distribute food gifts to the needy of the Bacolod region of the Philippines. This project was started by the Fr Victor Renaud council of Plymouth in 1997. The news of this program quickly spread to other southeast Michigan councils and for the past 26 years food packages have been freely given to the poor of the Philippines as a Christmas gift from these four councils. This year the SJN Mens breakfast club also made a generous donation.

Each Christmas gift package which is estimated to cost about \$2,50 will contain Rice , fish and noodles. Te distribution of these gifts is schedule during the week before Christmas at six different Catholic Churches, retreat centers and on the campus of the Missionaries of Charity which is the order of sisters that was founded in 1950 by St. Theresa of Calcutta.

Because off the growth of the program. The project had to form a 501(c)3 organization now known as the ELIZABETH FOUNDATION . With the donations from not only the Knights but by donations from individuals from six different Staes and Canada , the foundation is able to assist the poor in the Philippines with a weekly mobile soup kitchen and to assist the needy with medical, housing and educational needs.

If you are interested in learning more about the foundation please contact brother Ron Rathbun or visit the website at [elizabethfoundation.net](http://elizabethfoundation.net) or send your inquiries or donation to

ELIZABETH FOUNDATION,  
12149 Laginess Rd.,  
LaSalle, Mi 48145.  
Thank you & God Bless.



### *Prayer for Priestly Vocations*

Heavenly Father, Lord of the Harvest, call forth vocations to the priesthood from our archdiocese and families.

Jesus, Eternal High Priest,  
give us men willing to sacrifice and serve. Make their hearts after your own Sacred Heart.

Holy Spirit, Everlasting Love between Father and Son,  
strengthen, inspire, and set men on fire with divine charity.  
Grant them the courage to say yes to their vocation.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, Mother of priests,  
comfort and protect your sons as they discern their call.  
With Saint Joseph, may they know your love and  
companionship as they deepen their relationship with Jesus.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us. St. Anne, pray for us.  
St. John Vianney, patron saint of priests, pray for us.

## *2023 Stae Raffle*

With summer winding down and the beginning of football season it's time to plan for the 2023 State Raffle. Once again we've lined up a Great List of CASH Prizes and Vacations to Awesome Michigan Destinations to go with the Top Four Prizes. This joint charity fundraiser of Local Knights of Columbus Councils and the Michigan State Council, returns monies raised directly to Local Councils and Communities. Twenty percent of all GROSS SALES is sent directly to participating local councils. What was the size of your council's raffle check this year? Can you do better this year? We're asking each council to take a look at the check you earned, directly from the participation of your members and challenge yourselves to do better this year. Sell more tickets as a council and earn more money for your local charitable needs in your community. This year we introduce our EARLY BIRD incentive, giving the chance to directly reward those who sell and/or purchase their book(s) of raffle tickets. Our Early Bird Drawings will take place several times throughout the sales time of the drawing. Each book of tickets will have an EARLY BIRD cover ticket to be filled out and turned in with your complete Sold book of tickets. Each sold book of tickets affords you one chance at every \$250.00 Early Bird Drawing. The more books you sell the more chances you have to win. We still have our traditional seller incentives, 1st – 4th Individual Top Sellers, Council Sellers, etc... There are Forty chances to win. With a little luck of the Irish, one winner just might be you. However, you've gotta buy a ticket to win! Look for details with your raffle tickets mailed to you in mid November. Kevin Rowley Mike Haughey (586) 596-8649 (586) 873-9234 [k.rowley@mikofc.org](mailto:k.rowley@mikofc.org) [m.haughey@mikofc.org](mailto:m.haughey@mikofc.org)

*A message from the State  
Charity is a duty*



Charity is a duty. Charity is voluntary. Charity to organizations that uphold the teaching of the Catholic Church is our call as brother knights.

Our council Financial Secretaries will soon be sending out the annual council dues notices along with the charities requested along with their council dues. Financial Secretaries have been noted to include the Ten for Charity (\$10.00) request for State Council charities.

The Sacred Heart Major Seminary Endowed Scholarship Fund is a commitment the state board has with the Sacred Heart Major Seminary for one million dollars. Each member is asked to charity of \$6.00 each year for the Sacred Heart Major Seminary Endowed Scholarship Fund.

We have heard of the shortness of priest for our parishes. We as knights have a duty to support our seminarians and seminaries, which includes the SHMS. A letter from the rector of SHMS in 2018 wrote: 'Also, in accord with the teaching of the Church, Sacred Heart Major Seminary does not admit to the seminary or to holy orders those who practice homosexuality, present deep-seated homosexual tendencies, or support the so-called gay culture.'

Our councils and state council are accountable to contribute to organizations that in accord with the teaching of the Catholic Church. There is a saying of Love the Sinner, Hate the Sin. We are not expected to provide charity to the sin or the organization that supports the sin. In our society today there are many good organizations that have taken to support abortion, drug abuse, homosexuality (which includes same-sex adoption). Please do due diligence when your councils donate.

The Sacred Heart Major Seminary Endowed Scholarship Fund contributions are accepted by individuals or companies. Please donate to the Michigan Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. and in the memo line: SHMS Endowed Scholarship Fund. The Michigan Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. is a tax deductible 501(c)(3).

Charity is a duty. Prayer and good works are charity. We are expected to uphold the teaching of the Catholic Church. May God bless you in your charity.

Kenneth Unterbrink,  
PSD & SHMS Director

## *This Month's Featured CIS Booklet*

# 107 – The Holy Catholic Church

G. K. Chesterton once wrote, "It is impossible to be just to the Catholic Church. The moment men cease to pull against it they feel a tug towards it. The moment they cease to shout it down they begin to listen to it with pleasure. The moment they try to be fair to it they begin to be fond of it. But when that affection has passed a certain point it begins to take on the tragic and menacing grandeur of a great love affair." This booklet focuses specifically on the Catholic Church, where it came from, what it is, and what is so unique about her. Learn about the infallibility of the Church, praying to saints, and why the Church is necessary for salvation.



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

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Or go to <https://www.kofc.org/en/who-we-are/our-faith/booklets.html>

## A Message From Your Knights of Columbus Field Agent



Merry Christmas! To all my brothers and their families, I extend my very best wishes for a merry and a blessed Christmas. As we are celebrating the Christmas season, we give thanks that God sent his Only Begotten Son to live among us and save us! That gift from the Father sets the stage for our giving gifts at Christmas.

It seems we say it every year: "It's Christmas; where did the year go?" Seems like a good time to look back on the year and note all the gifts given by you and our members worldwide. As Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly mentioned in his annual report this year in Nashville, Tennessee, we have much to be thankful for and much more work ahead of us.

Consider these gifts that SK Kelly mentioned. The Order gave more that \$154 million and more than 48 million hours of volunteer service. But those are the big totals. Look at these specifics: we gave the gift of warmth to more than 150,000 children through the Coats for Kids campaign. We gave 8,891 physically challenged individuals the gift of mobility this year through our wheelchair program. We raised more than \$19 million for Ukraine support and gave those families the gift of respite at Mercy Centers and Easter packages. RSVP gave the gift of financial support to nearly 5,900 seminarians or postulants. And we had more than 450,000 members give the gift of life through donating blood. These are gifts that change lives. Real people, real individuals benefited from these gifts.

As I consider Christmas I think of the gift of support and encouragement that you have given me. I appreciate the opportunity to work with you and your families this past year and I look forward to a new year and renewing connections with you.

Again, a very Merry and Blessed Christmas!

Vivat Jesus

T.J. McCully

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Assistant General Agent

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