



# NEUMANN KNIGHTS

**St John Neumann Knights of Columbus**

Council 16169  
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## *From the Desk of the Grand Knight*

Brother Knights,



Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent begins on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. I know Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, but I asked myself what am I doing to prepare for Lent? Maybe not as much as I should be, but there is still time. I thank God daily for all he has given me; my family, all my brother Knights, my health and the ability to do His work. I ask daily what is it He wants me to do. I ask Him to show me his plan for me so I may follow. To be open to what He is saying to me. Listening can be challenging. I am trying! What are you doing to prepare for Lent? There is still time.



This March, we will conduct our 5th annual St. Patrick's Day Reverse Raffle. The Raffle will be "**virtually**" conducted live on-line. It will be held at 7:00 pm on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Each ticket will be \$25. Our goal is to sell 650 tickets.

Tickets go on sale after all Masses starting on February 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> and every weekend after! Tickets may also be purchased on-line at the following link: [www.kofc16169.org](http://www.kofc16169.org) Tickets purchased on-line will be emailed to the purchaser prior to the event.

To be successful, we are asking for each Knight to do their very best in promoting the event to extended family members, friends, neighbors, business associates and social media contacts. If all Knights share the Reverse Raffle message with all their contacts, the tickets will sell! **We are not asking you to sell tickets, we are asking you to share the information and encourage those you know to consider purchasing tickets.** You received an email on January 21<sup>st</sup> with a flyer that provided all the details regarding the raffle. Please review it again. We are asking for each Council member to send the flyer and encourage folks to purchase **one or more tickets.** With every Council member sharing the raffle information, this raffle has all the possibilities of generating a record amount of funds to support our Council's charitable efforts. If you need the flyer resent, let me know.

Remember, there is a **SPECIAL BONUS** for all those selling 4 tickets and/or work in our church sales booth 4 times. You will be eligible for a special raffle worth \$100 on the day of the event. Since we have such an honorable group, eligibility will be recognized by simply emailing me the number of tickets you sold at: [keith.laurin@hotmail.com](mailto:keith.laurin@hotmail.com). For every 4 tickets you sell, your name will be entered into the drawing! (Example, if you sell 12 tickets, your name will be entered 3 times)

So, be sure to sign up to sell tickets during the weekend and to send out your emails. Sign up to sell here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DA5A62BA2FFC43-reverse>

May God Bless you for all you do to serve our Parish Family!

Chuck "CJ" Lang

Grand Knight

*Help our council grow !!*

Ask your sons, grandsons, neighbors and friends to join us.

FREE online membership has been extended...

see the article on page 4.

**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**

Vacant

**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**

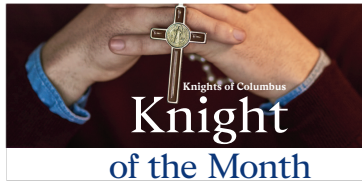
Marshall Grazioli

**Membership Director**

Larry Redman

**Newsletter Editor**

Ronald Rathbun



**Dennis Oszust**

Not only was Dennis Oszust the Knight of the Month for January, but the Dennis & Pat Oszust Family were the Family of the month for January. They have 3 children, 7 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Dennis is a 4<sup>th</sup> degree Knight: 1<sup>st</sup> Year Council Trustee, 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Sentinel, He is active in both the Council and Assembly.

Dennis' parish activities include President of Ushers Ministry, an Eucharist Minister, Jesse Tree Volunteer and SVDP member in charge of recruiting children to enroll at Camp Ozanam.

His wife, Pat is an Eucharist Minister, Volunteer for wrapping Service Men's Christmas Gifts, Jesse Tree committee volunteer, Member of SJN Woman's Organization and Lady Knight with the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree.

**Congratulations to Dennis and the Oszust Family!**



**Dennis & Pat Oszust Family**



*A special Certificate of Appreciation*

Just prior to the January meeting, our council presented Joyce Hansen, wife of Hans Hansen, with a certificate of Appreciation for all that she has done for our St. John Newman Family..

Joyce has just retired from her position as Director of Evangelization here at SJN. She has worked tirelessly for 3 1/2 years expanding and enhancing the Faith Formation programs here at the Parish. She has also been very active behind the scenes serving our Council and preparing meals for various Knights events. Joyce has worked over 25 years in Youth Ministry and Faith Formation positions in the Diocese and for the Passionists Holy Cross Province. She is Certified in Youth Ministry, RCIA, and Director of Religious Education. Because of outstanding efforts throughout the years, she has been nominated for "Lady of the Year". We pray that you are selected! We wish you all the success for a wonderful retirement with Hans and thank you for your service to the Knights and the Parish.

**Congratulations Joyce!**



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.



*Brother Knights and Friends That Are In  
Need our Prayers*



Included in our prayer list this month, Brother knight Jim Pryce. Jim was admitted too the hospital with a blood clot that has traveled to his lungs. Please pray for his recovery.

Wife & children of Durai Duraiswamy, friends of Ron Kretschmer  
PGK Jim Pryce  
Audrey Etienne, grandparent of brother William L Etienne  
Sara Curtiss, niece of PGK Ed Hurst, Jr.  
Robert W. Fox, PSD  
Michael Bodzianowski, relative of PGk Edward A Hurst Jr.  
Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI  
Matt Utter, Son of SK Larry Utter  
Kristin Stroening, niece of brother Ron Kretschmer  
Brother Don and his wife Rita Schlagheck  
Paul Redman, brother of Larry Redman 12/13/2022  
Suzanne Brunson, wife of State Faith Director Greg Brunson  
Linda Pfeiffer, wife of brother Dan Pfeiffer

Steven Pink, nephew of brother Ron Kretschmer  
Barbara Miller, cousin of brother Jerry Heiss  
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.  
Gerard Jankowiak, brother of brother Cam Jankowiak  
Bob Caravallah, brother of brother Len Caravallah  
Wojas Family, friends of GK Chuck Lang  
Steve and Pam Sarlitto  
Janet Schneider, friend of brother Ron Kretschmer  
Brother Daniel T Timmerman  
Susan Hurst, relative of Pkg Edward A Hurst Jr.  
Chris Kroll, friend of Dave Andreolli  
Jason Richardson, relative of Pkg Edward A Hurst Jr.  
Richard Baehre, friend of brother Gene Suchyta  
Makenna Rugenski, daughter of bro Robert J Rugenski

*February Birthdays*

James F Pryce  
Joseph C Carnes  
Lawrence A Maccani  
Dr Matt P Steffes  
Darrin P Burek  
Jim G Vella  
John A Safran  
Steven R Sarlitto  
Paul J Schwartz  
Larry P Redman  
Timothy A Gondek

*Years of Service as a Knight*

**1 to 4 Years of Service**

Leonard J Carravallah (4) Joseph M Henn (4) Robert A Johnson (4)

**5 to 9 Years of Service**

Julius C Pablo (5) Charles J Lang (6) John P Angell (7)  
Edward D Millenbach (5) Andrew J Miller (6) Joseph P Camill (7)  
Leo H Petretta (5) Marcel I Loosbrock (7) Stephen C Moraca (7)

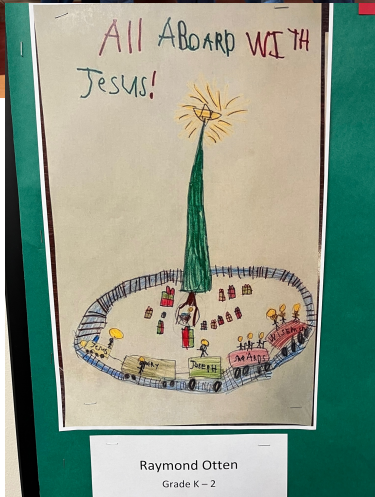
**10 to 19 Years of Service**

Paul J Schwartz (11) Jose N Villarreal (14)

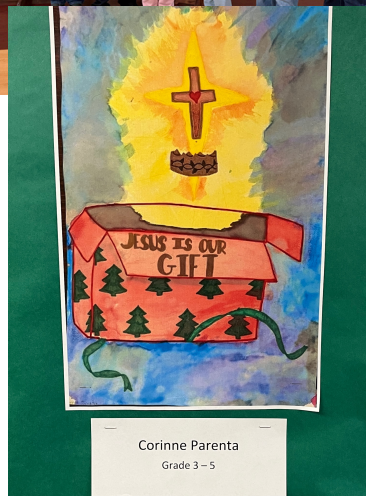
**20 Years of Service and above**

Larry P Redman (21) Timothy F Lauster (45)  
John A Lutz (35) James J Jermanus (51)

## *"Keep Christ in Christmas " Poster Winners Recognized*



Raymond Otten  
Grade K-2



Corinne Parenta  
Grade 3-5



Anna Paul  
Grade 6-8

Prior to the January 28 General Council meeting, The winners of our annual "Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest were recognized and awards certificates. All three of these winners moved on to the regional judging and two of them continued on to the state judging. When the winners are announced we will publish it in our newsletter and on our website.

### *New Committee Formed*

With the growing need for communication, A marketing/ PR committee is being formed. The new committee will be headed by Brother Knight Chris

### *Free E-Membership Extended! Help our council grow*

The online or e-membership code to honor Fr. Michael J. McGivney has been extended again! The free online membership code is BLESSEDMCGIVNEY Here's how it works:

- Direct prospects to [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus)
- Enter promo code **BLESSEDMCGIVNEY**
- Enter your membership number for sponsor credit
- Invite e-members to your Council's next Charity/Unity/Fraternity Exemplification
- Or use the On Demand Exemplification through officers online at [kofc.org](http://kofc.org)

### *Upcoming Events and Activities*

- Feb. 4 th -5 th Start selling Reverse Raffle Tickets
- Feb. 8 th Divine Mercy –Catherine Lanni
- Feb 14th General Membership meeting 6:30 pm
- Feb. 18 th Parish International Dinner – Knights Handling Beverages.
- Feb 25 th State Chaplin's Banquet
- Feb 26 District Freethrow contest
- Mar. 4 th Knights Morning of Reflection 9-12:3
- Mar. 4 th Regional Free Throw Contest SJN
- Mar. 17 Reverse Raffle Drawing

### *Our Newest Brother Knight*

Chuck Singleton was exemplified into our council on Tuesday, January 24th. The Exemplification was hosted by the Renaud council in Plymouth. Brother Bill Springer extended an invitation to Chuck to join our council and he accepted. Chuck is retired and lives in Plymouth. Chuck normally attends the 10:30 AM mass on Sunday. Picture of Chuck will be forthcoming in a future issue of the newsletter.

## Your Chance to Win!

Reprint from our council Website

It's almost springtime, and that means it is time once again for the St. John Neumann Knights of Columbus third annual St. Patrick's Reverse Raffle!

This year the raffle will be held on March 17, 2023, at 7:00pm. (Details for how to join the online event will be emailed to ticket holders the day of the raffle.)

**What it is:** It is a Reverse Raffle, which is exactly as it sounds! The last number called wins the Grand Prize, not the first. Like the Bible says, "The First shall be last and the last shall be First!" Only 650 tickets will be sold, so get yours ASAP. Ticket sales to begin after Masses the second weekend in February. Cash or check accepted, and we will be using Square for charge card sales.

•Prizes: \$1,500 1st; \$500 2nd; \$300 3rd; \$200 4th; \$100 5th.

•Additional prizes: \$100 prize for 1st ticket drawn; \$25 prizes



awarded for every 25th ticket drawn.

- Livestream will start at 7:00pm (details for how to join will be emailed to ticket holders the day of the raffle).
- Ticket are \$25.00 per person.
- Proceeds will be utilized for SJN Knights of Columbus causes. ([Click here](#) to see a list programs supported by the SJN Knights of Columbus.)
- Winners will be contacted after the drawing (no need to watch the livestream to win).

Tickets can be purchased at St. John Neumann after all Saturday evening and Sunday masses starting February 10 through March 12 (the weekend before St. Patrick's Day) ,go to our website or [click here](#) to purchase tickets online!

## Time to Grill - Hospitality Sunday

On Sunday, March 5, 2023, at the Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am and 12:30pm masses our council will be grilling and serving pancakes for the congregation .

We will also be serving cookies and coffee after Saturday 4:30pm. For these "pancake" masses, we need 8 to 10 people and for the cookies and coffee mass we need 2 people .

This includes one brother to man our KofC information table.

**Please [click here](#) to sign-up.**



## FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP



On January 28, our council sponsored a free throw contest. This year ten (10) boys participated. No girls this year. We had a winner in each age group. The next round of competition is the district event on February 26th at St. Thomas a'Becket, This is for all winners of KofC District 114 Free Throw contests, which include St. John Neumann, St. Thomas a'Becket and parishes represented by Fr. Victor J. Renaud in Plymouth - Our Lady of Good Council, Resurrection and St. Kenneth. We still need volunteers to assist in this event. All volunteers must have a Protecting God's Children certification.

**Please [click here](#) to sign-up.**

The winners of the district event will compete in the Regional event is March 4th at SJN.

**Thanks to the Knights who supported our council event.They were Marshall Grazioli, Chuck Lang, Ed Hurst, Steve Polidori, Steve Otting, Lee**



## Cans for Seminarians

During the months of January, February, May, June , September and October Our councils collect and redeem returnable beverage bottles. The proceeds from these collections are used to support seminarians.

The collection box is located at the North entrance of the church. You can drop off your returnable cans 24/7.

## Baptism Team

We are in the process of forming a Baptism team. Members of this team would be present at a baptism and represent the Knights. He would then present the parents with Casey the bear. If you are interested please notify an officer.



## *Nominations are being accepted*

We are looking for nominations for our Council Treasurer position after the untimely passing of our brother knight Jeff Matheney.

Nominations to fill will be opened at February general meeting. All third degree members qualify for the

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## *2023 State Raffle*



Michigan Knights of Columbus

2022- 2023 State Raffle

Feeling Lucky



Make a Wish!

**Tickets  
ONLY  
\$5.00**

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 the councils. Check 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)



## *Do Not Be Left Behind Sign up today*

Sign up today to do yours part as a Knight. If you are interested in assisting your council in the upcoming activities, just double click on the following links or visit our webpage.

- [Reverse Raffle Ticket Sales: February 11 through March 12](#)
- [March 4/5: Pancake Hospitality Week-end](#)
- [March 4: Regional Free Throw Contest](#)
- [March 25: 2023 Spring 4th Degree Exemplification Help](#)

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## *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](mailto:newsletter16169@gmail.com)

## Make it a Double



Pictured are Grand Knight Chuck Lang, membership director Larry Redman, Fr. Paul Ballien, Past Grand Knight Ed Hurst Jr., Archdiocesan Program Director Hans Hansen and District Deputy



For the 2021-2022 Fraternal Year, St. John Neumann Council 16169 was presented the Double Star Council Award. This impressive feat was made possible with the help of many people recruiting members to join the council.

## Noella Hurst Recognized

Prior to our January membership meeting, Noella Hurst was presented with a certificate for her winning essay in our councils's first ever Catholic Citizenship essay contest. Her winning essay represented our council on January 7, 2023 at the state level.



*Congratulations Noella !*

**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  
 734-756-4425 ronkretschmer@gmail.com

## Right to Life Benefit Dinner

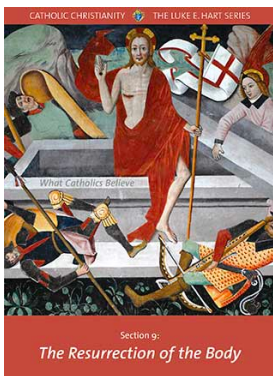
The Knights of Columbus and the Right to Life of Michigan Educational Fund will be presenting a benefit dinner for Right to Life Michigan at the San Marino Club, 1685 E Big Beaver Rd, Troy, MI 48083 ([click here](#) for map) on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Hear special guest speaker Joelle Maryn, award-winning actress, speaker, and TV host give her powerful prolific testimony.

The SJN Knights of Columbus has purchased a table of 10 for this event. If you wish to attend, please [click here](#). For more information the event, please call Brad at [248.765.8717](tel:248.765.8717) or e-mail [respectlife@rtl.org](mailto:respectlife@rtl.org).

## This Month's Featured CIS Booklet

### 109 – The Resurrection of the Body

Developing a Christian understanding of death is more and more important today as we can rely on our culture less and less to transmit such an understanding to us. But we know that death is not the end. So let's start with some basics: Why do we die? What happens at death? Is resurrection more than immortality? Why is resurrection part of God's plan? And what does resurrection tell us about our bodies?



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