



# NEUMANN KNIGHTS

**St John Neumann Knights of Columbus**

Council 16169  
44800 Warren Road  
Canton, Mi 48187

## *From the Desk of the Grand Knight*

Worthy Brother Knights,

We are in our 40 day Journey to Easter. Hopefully you have taken a bit of time to determine how you will change your life to move closer to our Lord. It isn't too late if you haven't! A perfect opportunity will be this coming Saturday morning, March 4th. Join Fr. Paul and your fellow Knights for a time of prayer, reflection and discussion ending with a luncheon at 12:15pm. Take this time to listen to our Lord and what he is saying to you.

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 17th, 2023. Each ticket will be \$25. Our goal is to sell 650 tickets. We have already sold 351. We have 300 more to go to make a complete success. I am counting on everyone to share the opportunity with your family, friends, associates and neighbors. 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 Keith Laurin, event chair, the number of tickets you sold at: 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) All proceeds will go to the purchase of new round tables in Baldwin Hall!

We are about 73% of those that have paid their 2023 dues. John Lutz, our Financial Secretary and I would appreciate your prompt payment if you have not yet paid your dues. If you have not received a dues bill, please let John or I know. Also let us know if you are experiencing some extenuating circumstances and need a little more time or difficulty in paying. We will work with you.

Hopefully you have received the Knights survey in the mail. We are having a great response. If you haven't returned your completed form in the return envelop enclosed in your mailing, please do so within the next few days. You can mail it; drop it off at the church office or at the Reverse Raffle ticket sales table after Mass. Your input is extremely important to us.

For Brother Knights interested in joining the 4th Degree, there will be an Exemplification held on Saturday, March 25th at SJN. If you are interested, please see our council 4th degree Sir Knights for a registration packet.

Regarding Nominations for Officers for the 2023 -2024 Fraternal Year, Notice is hereby given that our Worthy Financial Secretary John Lutz will be taking nominations for Council offices as well as running the Council election. Notice is also hereby given that we will be taking nominations at the following General Council meetings: Tuesday, March 14, 2023, 7:00pm; Tuesday, April 11, 2023, 7:00 pm; and Tuesday, May 9, 2023, 7:00 pm. The election will be held at the May 9, 2023, 7:00 pm General Council meeting after nominations are closed. Please consider running for one of the offices. We have a lot of new members, and it would be great to see some of you decide that leadership of our council is a worthy role in which to serve.

We are a very active Council and I extend my appreciation to all for your service to the Council and our Parish. I encourage you to visit our website often to stay informed.

May you hear the Lord during this Lenten season as we all prepare for the Easter Celebration!! Blessings,

Vivat Jesus!

Chuck "CJ" Lang Grand Knight



**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



**of the Month**



Eucharistic Minister, Media Minister Lead, and assisted with Confirmation Prep.

**Congratulations to Ed on this well-deserved award!**

*Pgk Ed Hurst Jr FN  
Knight of the month of  
February*

Ed is immediate Past Grand Knight, Program Director, and Faithful Navigator of Assembly 1536 Pope John XXIII. He has held Council positions of Recorder, Chancellor, and Deputy Grand Knight. He and his wife Mary Alice have been married for almost 28 years. They have two daughters: Noella and Jessica. Ed has been very active in the parish, supported the parish: Parish Council Member,



**of the Month**




*Family of the Month: Matheny Family:*

Lynne and Jeff moved to Canton in 1994 and have been Parishioners here at SJN since then. They have 3 daughters: Milyne, Sarah and Meghan. They have seven grandchildren, 4 boys and 3 girls. The Matheny Family has been very active at St. John Neumann over the almost thirty years they have been parishioners: Parish Council, Catechism Teachers, Mass Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers, assisted with Youth Group, Hospitality Weekends & the Parish Picnic.

All the girls participated in SJN Youth Group. Grandsons Charlie and Johnathan are Alter Servers. Milyne assists at All Saints Catholic School and recently helped plan the ASCS Catholic Schools Week dinner. Congratulations to Lynne and the entire Matheny Family for all they have done and continue to do at St. John Neumann and for this well-deserved award!

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.



**March 3<sup>rd</sup> Adoration** from 9am -7pm followed by **Stations of the Cross** at 7pm



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



Fr. Paulo's mother, Sebastiana Cardoso, passed away. This was an unexpected happening and caught Father by surprise. Please pray for the Repose of her Soul and keep Fr. Paulo in your prayers. Father left immediately for India to be with his family. Also pray for his safe travel.

Repose of the soul of Sebastiana Cardoso, mother of Fr. Paulo Dias, SAC  
 Joel Yelland, co-worker of brother Ron Kretschmer  
 Brother Chuck Singleton  
 Brother Jim Stager  
 Al Hill, friend of PGK Ed Hurst Jr  
 Nancy Doll, co-worker of brother Clinton L Randall  
 Kim Pincheck, co-worker of brother Clinton L Randall  
 Wife & children of Durai Duraiswamy, friends of Ron Kretschmer  
 PGK Jim Pryce  
 Audrey Etienne, grandparent of bro William L Etienne  
 Sara Curtiss, niece of PGK Ed Hurst, Jr.  
 Robert W. Fox, PSD

Mike Bodzianowski, relative of Pkg Edward Hurst Jr.  
 Matt Utter, Son of SK Larry Utter, friend of Edward Hurst Jr.  
 Kristin Stroening, niece of brother Ron Kretschmer  
 Brother Don and his wife Rita Schlagheck  
 Paul Redman, brother of Larry Redman  
 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 brother Edward A Hurst Jr.  
 Chris Scanlan, friend of brother Edward A Hurst Jr.  
 David Grant, friend of brother Edward A Hurst Jr.  
 Janet Schneider, friend of brother Ron Kretschmer  
 Makenna Rugenski, daughter of bro Robert J Rugens

*March Birthdays*

Gregory M Decker (3/01)  
 Ronald E Kretschmer (3/01)  
 James R Korona (3/02)  
 Robert J Liebau (3/02)  
 Charles J Lang (3/03)  
 Ronald J Rathbun (3/03)  
 Robert E Basanese (3/05)  
 Richard J Florence (3/05)  
 Clifton Dake (3/10)  
 Gregory J Link (3/10)  
 Dennis Keshishian (3/13)  
 Dennis Oszust (3/19)  
 Jim D Musgrave (3/20)  
 Russell R Seely (3/21)  
 Raymond L Coppiellie (3/24)  
 Jeffrey M Domsic (3/29)  
 Joe Ahme (3/31)

*Years of Service as a Knight*

**1 to 4 Years of Service**

Philip M Mckay (3)                      Russell R Seely (3)  
 Frederick J Morath (3)                Gabriel R Wykle (3)

**5 to 9 Years of Service**

Cyril Miranda (6)                        Michael M Myers (8)  
 Lawrence E Anderson (8)              Nicholas D Timmerman (8)  
 John A Crabill (8)                        Daniel T Timmerman, PGK (8)  
 Ernest P Gubry (8)

**10 to 19 Years of Service**

Nathaniel J Gasiorowski (13)        Raymond A Trupiano (19)

**20 Years of Service and above**

Dr Matt P Steffes (34)



## Current & Upcoming Events and Activities

### Feb 10 to March 12

- Raffle ticket sales after Saturday evening & Sunday masses

### Saturday, March 4

- Pancake Hospitality Weekend
- Council Morning of Reflection
- KofC Regional Free Throw

### Sunday, March 5

- Pancake Hospitality Weekend

### Tuesday, March 7

- Business Meeting 7Pm

### Tuesday, March 14

- Knights Nosh! 6:30 pm
- General Meeting 7 :00 pm

### Friday, March 17

- Third annual St. Patrick's Reverse Raffle 7Pm

### Friday, March 24

- MI Drive (Tootsie Roll Donation Collection) - Kroger

### Saturday, March 25

- Feast of the Annunciation
- MI Drive (Tootsie Roll Donation Collection) - Kroger

### Tuesday, March 28

- Business Meeting 7:00 pm

### Friday, March 31 - Saturday April 1

- Eucharistic Adoration

### Saturday, April 1

- MI Drive (Tootsie Roll Donation Collection) - SJN

### Sunday, April 2

- MI Drive (Tootsie Roll Donation Collection) - SJN

### Tuesday, April 11

- Knights Nosh 6:30pm
- General Meeting 7:00 Pm

### Thursday, April 13

- State Raffle 5PM

### Wednesday, April 19

- KofC Respect Life Annual Benefit Dinner 6:00 PM

### Tuesday, April 25

- Business Meeting 7PM

### Sunday, June 11, 2023

- Corpus Christi Procession after 12:30 Mass

### Saturday, June 24, 2023

- KofC Night at Comerica Park

### Monday, June 26, 2023

- SJN Golf Outing



Lenten Retreat

## Men's Retreat with Fr. Paul

On March 4th, all men of the parish are invited to participate in a special Men's retreat. Gathering in church will be at 8:45. The mass will begin at

9am. Following the mass there will be a Prayer-Discussion – reflection closing with a luncheon at 12:15pm. No cost, Please sign up so we know the number attending and can prepare a proper luncheon. Sign up on the by following this link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DA5A62BA2FFC43-march9>



## Regional Free Throw contest

The **Regional Free Throw contest** will be held on March 4 at the St John Neumann Gym at 12:30 to 4:30pm. If you can assist, please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DA5A62BA2FFC43-march4>



## Your Cans Can Help

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. During the months of March, April, July August, November and December, the cans are being collected by the Women's organization for the food pantry.

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



## Grilling Time

The knights will be grilling and serving up pancakes on Sunday, March 5, 2023, at the Sunday

8:30am, 10:30am and 12:30pm masses. For these "pancake" masses, we need 8 to 10 people.

We will also be serving cookies and coffee after Saturday 4:30pm. We need 2 people for this.

This includes one brother to man our KofC information table.

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



Carry and Pray your Rosary every day





Beginning after the 9 am mass on March 31 and continuing until the morning of April 1st . St. John Neumann will offer 24 hour adoration of the Holy Eucharist. Come spend some time with our Lord.

Our council has been asked to be present overnight so that nobody will be alone in the Church. Please sign up at the following link: [Click here for 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration and Security](#)

# Eucharistic Adoration

March 31/April 1:

## Baptism Team



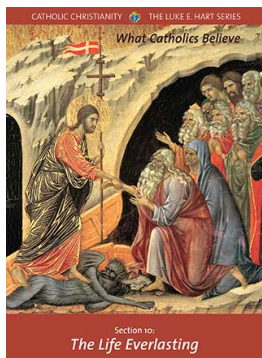
We are in the process of forming a Baptism team. Members of this team would be present at a baptism and represent the Knights. He would then present the parents with Casey the bear. If you are interested please notify an officer.

## 4th Degree Exemplification

The 2023 Spring 4th Degree Exemplification will be here at St. John Neumann on Saturday, March 25, 2023.

For this to be a success, people are needed to help with breakfast serving and cleanup and dinner serving and cleanup. Breakfast usually consists of cookies, coffee, etc., while dinner is usually catered. We also serve soft drinks, beer, wine and mixed drinks. The District provides all the items that are not catered.

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



## This Month's Featured CIS Booklet 110 - The Life Everlasting

What does the Church tell us about life after death? Her teaching is summarized in the "Four Last Things:" death, judgment, Heaven, and Hell. Learn more about the "Four Last Things" in this booklet.

[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>

## 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 fifth 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 the purchase of new round tables in Baldwin Hall.
- 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!

### 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

## Special Election for Treasurer



Due to the death of our treasurer Jeff Matheney, our council has a vacancy for the position. Nominations were opened during the last general membership meeting. Joe Bradley was nominated by Jeff Battistella, seconded by Ed Hurst. Joe accepted the nomination. No other nominations were received.

Nominations will be open again at the net business meeting, After the

closing of these nominations , an election by the general membership will follow.

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By GK Chuck Lang

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## Free E-Membership Extended!

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)
- Or schedule in to District Exemplification or recorded virtual Exemplification schedule by our State



# All New 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. Sell more tickets as a council and earn more money for your local charitable needs in your community.

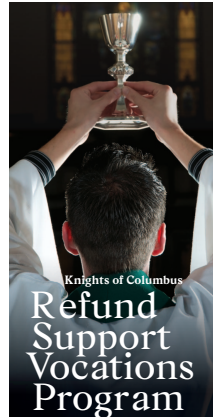
This year we introduce our EARLY BIRD incentive, giving the chance to directly reward those who sell and/or purchase their book(s) of raffle tickets. Our Early Bird Drawings will take place several times throughout the sales time of the drawing. Each book of tickets will have an EARLY BIRD cover ticket 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! 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)

	<p><b>1st PRIZE "CHARITY"</b>  <b>GRAND HOTEL</b>          MACKINAC ISLAND          4 Guests / 2 Nights / 2 Rooms          * Includes Breakfast and Dinner          ** Excludes Holiday Weekends  <b>PLUS \$12,000.00 Cash</b></p>
<p><b>2nd PRIZE "UNITY"</b>  <b>GRAND TRAVERSE RESORT</b>          TRAVERSE CITY, MI          HAYVIEW ROOM          4 Guests / 2 Nights / 2 Rooms  <b>PLUS \$3,000.00 Cash</b></p>	
<p><b>4th PRIZE "PATRIOTISM"</b>  <b>GRAND MARAIS AND BEAUTIFUL PICTURED ROCKS</b>          GRAND MARAIS, MI          4 Guests / 2 Nights / 2 Rooms          Includes Pictured Rocks Tour  <b>PLUS \$1,000.00 Cash</b></p>	<p><b>3rd PRIZE "FRATERNITY"</b>  <b>HOME SAUGATUCK, BED AND BREAKFAST</b>          SAUGATUCK, MI          4 Guests / 2 Nights / 2 Rooms  <b>PLUS \$2,000.00 Cash</b></p>
<p><b>5th - 10th Prizes = \$100.00</b>  <b>11th - 20th Prizes = \$200.00</b></p>	
<p><b>21st - 30th Prizes = \$150.00</b>  <b>31st - 40th Prizes = \$100.00</b></p>	

Drawing Thursday, April 13, 2023 Doors Open @ 5:00 pm Drawing @ 8:00 pm  
 St. John Neumann Parish, 44800 Warsaw Rd., Canton, MI 48107 (586) 434-0121

# What is the RSVP Program



As the strong right arm of the church, Knights of Columbus are committed to providing moral, financial and spiritual support to our future priests and religious at all stages of their formation. Through this program, council and parish families will raise funds to support seminarians in their area. For every \$500 given to an individual, the Supreme Council will refund the council or assembly \$100. The maximum refund a council or assembly can receive is \$400 per individual supported. Councils are also called to provide their "adopted" seminarian or religious aspirant with moral support and prayers for their success.

# Spring Intellectual Disabilities Tootsie Roll Drive



This year the our spring drive for people with intellectual disabilities will be on March 24/25, 2023 and two



neighborhood Kroger stores on Canton Center Rd (both Ford Rd and Michigan Ave). All Kroger shifts will be two hours long; the first shift will start at 9:00am and the last shift will end at 5:00pm. This is a great way to get family involved, including spouses and older children!

Tootsie Roll donations at St. John Neumann will be taken after all week-end masses on April 1 & 2. There is also a strong probability that we will also be collecting donations at Tim Hortons drive thru. As soon as this site is confirmed, you will receive a notice and an opportunity to volunteer in your email.

If you would like more information on this, you can contact co-chairs Joe Pryce at [joseph\\_pryce@yahoo.com](mailto:joseph_pryce@yahoo.com) or Larry Redman at [casaredman@yahoo.com](mailto:casaredman@yahoo.com).

## Use the following links to volunteer

[March 24/25: MI Drive \(Donations for Tootsie Rolls\), Kroger at Canton Center and Ford Rd](#)

[March 24/25: MI Drive \(Donations for Tootsie Rolls\), Kroger at Canton Center and Michigan Ave](#)

[April 1/2: MI Drive/Tootsie Roll Donations - SJN](#)





A Golf outing where Golfers and non Golfers can participate

Non Golfers are needed to assist in the days activities and to help solicit sponsors and players. If you would like to help please contact David Trost at [dtrostmichigan@gmail.com](mailto:dtrostmichigan@gmail.com)

The excitement is already growing! This year we have expanded our annual golf outing. The committee has been formed and under the direction of brother knights David Trost and George Peters, the committee has meet several times and is in the process of working through the final details.

Fox Hills ( Classic) has already been secured for Monday, June 26. The inside log cabin has also been reserved for all the activities.

Although plans are still being finalized, the event will include prizes, golf games, raffle gift baskets and potential sponsors. This years plan are to serve a Lunch of Hot Dog, Chips, & Soda (included in package and served in the clubhouse). Then after, a dinner of a garden salad and angel hair gazpacho salad, vegetable lasagna, herb roasted chicken and a dessert of cookies & brownies is also included. A beverage cart will have water, pop and Gatorade available ( included) as well as alcoholic beverages ( not included).

The proposed entrance fee for this exciting event is \$125. A non-golfer dinner can also be purchased at a reduced price ( to be confirmed )

Mark the date on your calendars and start getting your foursomes ready as you spread the word to our parishioners. Ticket sales will start soon.

If you are interested in helping (either now or on the day of the event) please contact David ( [dtrostmichigan@gmail.com](mailto:dtrostmichigan@gmail.com)) or George ([gkp350tpi@outlook.com](mailto:gkp350tpi@outlook.com))

## UKRAINE SOLIDARITY FUND

Knights of Columbus all over the world stand in solidarity, ready to support the 2,000 Knights and their families, the Church, and all in need in Ukraine.

**DONATE NOW** [Click here](#)

To date, our members and friends have donated  
\$20,027,693.



As the situation in Ukraine continues to change, the need to support refugees continues to grow. The Knights of Columbus continue to work with our councils in Poland and Ukraine, the Latin and Greek Catholic Churches, and partner NGOs to provide temporary shelter, food, medical supplies, clothing, religious supplies, and other humanitarian needs as identified as the situation continues to change. 100% of your donation goes directly to support those affected by the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine.



“Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt.”

# HELP US HELP THEM



## 49<sup>th</sup> Annual M.I. Drive

### To Assist Michigan Citizens with Intellectual / Developmental Disabilities



### March 31, April 1, & 2, 2023 Palm Sunday Weekend



Enjoying a hot summer day at camp!



Developing Skills in the Community



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MICHIGAN STATE COUNCIL