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From the Desk of the Grand Knight



Chuck Lang, Grand Knight

I just returned from the Knights State Convention on Mackinac Island. It was very inspirational! The theme was, "Faith & Family First". Fr. Logan, our State Chaplain, delivered a message that resonated with me to the point that it doesn't go away. I felt moved to share it with you.

"The Knights of Columbus are unique and ever-present the history of the Catholic Church in the United States of America. Blessed Michael McGivney founded our fraternal order to strengthen and support Catholic men in their faith and their families in times of need. This came at a time when immigrant Catholics were struggling to find their place in a nation dominated by forces hostile to their faith. The rapid spread of the order in those early years proved it to be one of the major reasons the Church entered the twentieth century as a strong and confident contributor to our nation's civic and religious life.

Over a century later we find ourselves in a very different America. We are deeply divided over fundamental questions of human nature, marriage and family life. From being a uniquely religious people among the nations of the West we are trending more and more towards secularism and unbelief. And Catholics are not immune from this trend. With each generation the practice of the Faith declines and among those who self-identify as Catholics acceptance of the teachings of the Church is weaker and weaker. The hard truth is that we, as a group Catholics, are no different from their neighbors when it comes to moral issues: contraception, abortion, divorce and re-marriage, assisted suicide, same sex marriage and the transgender movement. The hallmark doctrinal beliefs and practices that define our Catholic Faith have all declined. Sunday Mass attendance is at a record low of 24%. Only 26% of U.S. Catholics under the age of 40 believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the most Holy Eucharist. Just 2% of Catholics go regularly to Confession. This harsh reality is a clarion call to action for all Knights. We have no choice! Every council must work to reverse this trend. The salvation of souls is at stake.

This is a monumental task. It involves no less that the re-evangelization of the majority of Catholic brothers and sisters. It will take more than a generation and we can expect the situation to get even worse before it gets better. But we must begin somewhere. In response to this, our Catholic Bishops in partnership with the Knights of Columbus have launched the national Eucharistic Revival. We must cultivate a culture in our parishes that treats Real Presence not only as an important Catholic doctrine but also as the most important part of parish identity. What have we done to promote reverence and silence in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament? Do we encourage regular confession of sins in the sacrament of Reconciliation that the Sacrament may be received worthily?

Do Knights take the lead in Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament? If the fullness of our Catholic Faith is to be passed on to the next generation then fathers and husbands must be themselves living embodiments of that faith. This is definitely something new in the lives of our

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General Membership Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm in Baldwin Hall. Officers meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm in Baldwin Hall and are open to all members.



*Knight for the Month of May
Keith Laurin*

Knight of the Month: Keith Laurin Church ministries served on: Usher, Lector, Church Choir (currently) and most recently SJN Finance Council. Knights initiatives: Free Throw Contest, Soccer Challenge, Right to Life Cross Setups, MI Drive, Halloween Dance, Adoration Greeting and is currently Second Year Trustee. He co-chaired the St. Patrick's Day Reverse Raffle the past two years and is a member of the Knights Fund Raising Committee. Congratulations Keith!



Special Recognition Certificate was awarded to Pam Sarlitto for her assistance during the State Raffle event prior to the May general meeting. Thank you Pam!



Current & Upcoming Events & Activities

- Saturday, June 3**
Hospitality Weekend
Officers Training
- Saturday June 3**
Living Rosary Lansing
- Sunday, June 4**
Pancake Hospitality Weekend and Farewell for Fr Paulo
- Sunday, June 11**
Corpus Christi Procession after 12:30 Mass
- Tuesday, June 13**
Knights Nosh! 6:30pm
General Meeting 7:00pm
- Saturday, June 24**
KofC Night at Comerica Park
- Monday, June 26**
SJN Golf Outing
- Tuesday July 11**
Holy Cross Services Golf Outing
- Sunday Sept. 17 th**
Parish Picnic
- Saturday Oct 7**
Fall fest – Chili Cookoff & 5k run/walk event
- Friday November 17**
Wine Tasting



A FAREWELL FOR FATHER PAULO DIAS

During Hospitality Weekend on Saturday & Sunday, June 3 & 4 we will wish our brother knight Fr. Paulo well before he moves on to his new assignment.

Thank you, Fr. Paulo for your love and service .

*Family for the Month of May
The Zahn Family*

Brian & Kelly Zahn have been married for 28 years, they have 3 children: Roger, Kathleen, and Carl.

Kelly is a co-leader for Neumann Needlers and is an OCIA sponsor. She has served as an Eucharistic Minister, Religious Ed Assistant, Vacation Bible School Leader, and as a member of the Parish Council. She also helped with the establishment of the SJN women organization.

Brian has served SJN Knights as Deputy Grand Knight, Grand Knight, and Recorder. He currently serves as our District Deputy. Brian is a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, and serves as the head of the Parish Finance Council. He is President of the Board for Journey to Housing. He also serves as Treasurer for the Plymouth Community United Way and serves on the Asset Committee for the Archdiocese of Detroit. Roger is one of our newest Knights having just joined our council in March. He serves as an Usher & Eucharistic Minister. He is also involved as an adult leader with the high school and middle school youth groups.

Kathleen served as a Vacation Bible School Leader. She currently serves as a chaperone for multiple retreats each year.

Carl has been a Knight since 2017. He is an Usher and has supported the Knights at carwashes and pancake breakfasts.

Congratulations to Brian and Kelly Zahn Family!



Brother Knight Julius Pablo was presented with a certificate recognizing his 5 years of service with the Knights



Brother Knights and Friends That Are In Need our Prayers



Tim Andrzejewski, friend of brother George K. Peters
 Jan Peters, wife of brother George K. Peters
 Ann & Joann Konopinski, friends of bro Ron Kretschmer
 Phyllis and Bob Parisien, friends of brother Ron Kretschmer
 Marie Trost, mother of brother David Trost
 Joyce Hansen, wife of Hans Hansen, PGK
 Carrie Lardinais, sister of a friend of brother Joe Bradley
 Mark Ryan, son-in-law of brother George K. Peters
 Sara Curtiss, niece of PGK Ed Hurst, Jr.

Susan Thorn, wife of SDDR Paul Thorn
 Dennis Lichocki, father-in-law of brother Mike Tallman
 Christopher Whitney, brother of brother James Whitney
 Jack Kucharczyk, friend of brother Jim Pryce
 Richard Panko, friend of brother Ron Kretschmer
 Carl Zahn, father of brother Brian Zahn
 Bob Barrie, friend of brother Gene Suchyta, PFN
 Michael McCusker, friend of brother Larry P Redman
 Makenna Rugenski, daughter of brother Robert J Rugenski



June Birthdays

Edward F Curley (06-03)	Ronald G Letourneau (06-15)
Keith R Laurin (06-03)	Rev Ronald S Richards (06-15)
Nathaniel J Svoboda (06-04)	Charles E Kovalik (06-17)
Jason D Turner (06-05)	Leo H Petretta (06-20)
Paul E Bak (06-06)	Raymond Wojciechowski (06-20)
Randall E Martin (06-06)	Lawrence E Anderson (06-21)
James R Michalik (06-09)	Nicholas L Brown (06-24)
Brandon K Demiter (06-12)	Mr Peter Mulka (06-24)
Mr David Trescott (06-12)	

Years of Service as a Knight

1 to 4 Years of Service



Fr. Paulo Dias (1)	Michael S Cabaj (3)
Peter F Kowalski (1)	Daniel J Pfeiffer (3)
Christopher W Pence (1)	Gerardo De La Torre (4)
Mr Peter Mulka (1)	William J Kumm (4)
Pjeter Deda (2)	Andrew Q Shattuck(4)
Jim D Musgrave (2)	Jacob E Steward (4)
John P Stabnick (2)	

5 to 9 Years of Service

Micheal J Pilotto (6). Randall E Martin (7)

10 to 19 Years of Service

Victor Craig Pryce (13)

Wedding Anniversaries



Charles J & Nancy Lang (06-05),
 John W & Audrey Brennan (06-12),
 Larry P & Cathy Redman (06-12)

Edward A Jr & c Alice Hurst (06-17),
 Michael J & Noel Cartier (06-20) ,
 Charles E & Diane Kovalik (06-23)



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.

Grand Knight's Message

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councils. Many of us will have to make a real effort to participate in something that we consider too personal. We may even have to confront our own failure to form our consciences by the light of the Gospel and the teachings of the Church. In these highly polarized and politicized times we may have to confront one another on where we stand on hot button issues.

These times are a test for us as Knights. We are challenged to Spiritual Combat in the war that is raging against Christ and His Church. This war is not a persecution that robs us of our homes and lives. Such a persecution only makes the Church stronger. This is a contest for minds and hearts and the salvation of souls."

I hope Fr. Logan's message has resonated with you as it did me. As a husband, father and the leader of your family, I encourage you to continue strengthening the spiritual life of your family by attending our Corpus Christie Eucharistic Possession on June 11th after the 12:30 Mass. Remember Faith & Family come First. That's what Knights do..That's who we are!
God Bless
Grand Knight

Membership Update

Total membership is 188 (149 associate and 39 insurance).

Total Regular Membership is 175,
Honorary Membership 3 and
Honorary Life Membership 10.

Bob Yancy was welcomed as a transfer to our council from Msgr, Kern council

Welcome Bob

Welcome to our new Brother Knights



St. John Neumann #16169 exemplified seven new members on Wednesday, May 10th @ SJN. Welcome to our new brother Knights.

Daniel Sullivan:

Dan is recently retired, parishioner of SJN for many years, recruited by Dan Timmerman

Conley Poole:

Conley (Vance) is a married family man with two young kids, parishioner of SJN. His kids attend vacation bible school. Vance listened to Father Paul's remark that we all need to do at least one charity function a year. Recruited by Ron Rathbun

Vincent Kotcher:

Vince is the father of Brother Knight Christopher Kotcher. Vince and his wife Johnna have been parishioners of SJN for many years. Recruited by Christopher Kotcher

Matvey Polin:

Matvey is anNew parishioner of SJN. Matvey (Matt) recently completed RCIA class this Spring with Jay Dark as his sponsor. Recruited by Chuck Lang

Bill Dierker:

Bill is a family man, parishioner of SJN for four years, previously parishioner at Resurrection, recent retiree (friend of Daniel Sullivan above). Joined on-line as a result of our Membership Drive weekend. Recruited by Chuck Lang

Jeff McGovern:

Jeff has been a parishioner of SJN for many decades. Member of Mens Prayer breakfast.Jeff's brother, Kevin, is Membership Director of the Renaud council. Recruited by Larry Redman

Brian Betz:

Brian is the nephew of Brother Knight Jeff Batistella. Brian lives in Monroe but is excited to be part of the Knights. Recruited by Jeff Battistella



Free E-Membership

The online or e-membership code to honor Fr. Michael J. McGivney has been extended again!

The free online membership code is BLESSEDMCGIVNEY

- Direct prospects to kofc.org/joinus
- Enter promo code **BLESSEDMCGIVNEY**
- Enter your membership number for sponsor credit,

From Your Life Director:

By Marshall Grazioli



On Saturday morning, May 13th we set up the Memorial Crosses to remember those lives lost through abortion and to pray for those affected by it. Takedown is on Saturday May 27th. Please take a moment as you gaze out at



the crosses and thank God for Life and pray for an end to abortion

On the same weekend, we collected over \$1000 in donations for RTL-Lifespan from the Mother's Day Carnations after the weekend's Masses. They were very appreciative of the funds and will use them to help their ongoing battle to change hearts and minds about abortion



On June 10th Tim Wood and I will be participating in the annual Flapjack Run along Hines Drive starting at Nankin Mills to raise funds for the AAA Pregnancy Center in Livonia. The event consists of a 5K walk/run and a 10K run (we will be doing the 10K). The link to my fundraising page:

<https://secure.fundeministrysync/event/website/?m=6207428>

We would like to see some others come out and join us, at least signing up to walk the event (only costs \$20 to walk). If you would like to sign up the link is:

<https://friendsofaapr.com/events/2023-flapjack-run/>



Be sure to join team St. John Neumann when you sign up. There is a pancake and sausage breakfast that is included with your registration fee or you can just come out and purchase the breakfast.

Lastly, we are still accepting cash donations to support the ultrasound purchase initiative by the combined Knights of Columbus Councils from St. Mary Church in Williamston, St. Martha Church in Okemos and St. Thomas Aquinas Church in East Lansing. Their goal is to raise \$20,000 for this initiative.

Walk with Jesus Hats

By Dan Pfeiffer



To help fund the Corpus Christi Celebration the Knights and the Women's Organization are distributing Walk with Jesus hats in Baldwin Hall during the Hospitality Weekend June 3rd and 4th. Freewill offerings are welcome.

Join us on June 11th for the Celebration beginning with the 12:30 Mass, followed by a Eucharistic Procession, Rosary and Fellowship. There will be ice cream, cookies and beverages in the Gathering Space. Bring the whole family to Worship the True Presence in the Eucharist and honor Mary with the Rosary.

WALK WITH JESUS!!! CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY

Jesus walked hundreds of miles with His disciples. They probably camped out most nights. That's a lot of time to talk about the Kingdom of God. Yet after more than a thousand days and nights, not to mention all the miracles, His disciples didn't quite understand the parts about eating His Flesh and drinking His Blood, or the parts about His Crucifixion and His resurrection on the third day. He spent 40 more days with them from the Resurrection until He Ascended to His Throne at the Right Hand of the Father. Before He Ascended He promised to be with us until the end of time. In the Eucharist He IS with us.

I don't claim to understand all about all of these things, but I do believe it all, and I know you do too. Let us come together to proclaim our faith on Corpus Christi Sunday June 11th beginning with the 12:30 Mass and then worship Jesus in a Eucharistic Procession as we pray the Rosary to honor Mary and ask for her intercession in bringing about the end to abortion and for the success of the Eucharistic Revival. Vivat Jesus! Dan Pfeiffer



Cans to Support Seminarians

For the months of May and June, our council has the responsibility of refunding the returnable bottles and cans that are deposited at the side entrance to the church. The proceeds will be earmarked totally for the seminarians.

You can help in two ways.

1. Deposit all your clean returnable bottles and cans to the church bins
2. Volunteer to return the returnables to the stores to collect the deposits. There are two shifts each week. Either sign up for Monday thru Thursday or Friday thru Sunday. This can be done on your own schedule. Click below to volunteer

[June 2023: Cans for Seminarians](#)

Fast Start Workshop

On Saturday, June 3, 2023, from 9:30am to 12:00pm, St. John Neumann will be hosting the one of the 2023 Detroit Diocese Council Officer Fast Start Workshops. The purpose of these Workshop is to provide training, instruction and information to aid Council Officers and Directors to be effective and successful in their roles. This training is intended for all council officers and directors (both new and experienced), though it is open to everyone including Assembly officers (not just Council officers).

Since St. John Neumann is the host location, we need help with logistics for the meeting, including check-in, kitchen, guides and cleanup. If you plan to attend the workshop, please consider signing up to help. You will still be able to attend the workshop..

Pancake Breakfast

Our next scheduled Hospitality Pancake breakfast will be on June 4 after all Sunday masses. Your help is needed. Click on the link to volunteer.



[June 3/4: Pancake Hospitality Week-end](#)

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

Current Sign up Opportunities

To volunteer click on the link below or go to our website

- [June, July, August: Vocations Chalice](#)
- [June 2023: Cans for Seminarians Help](#)
- [June 3/4: Pancake Hospitality Week-end Farewell to Fr Paulo](#)
- [June 3 Diocese Council Officer Fast Start Workshop](#)
- [June 11: Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession Help](#)

New Officers for the fraternal year 2023 -2024



- ★ Grand Knight
 - Chuck "CJ" Lang
- ★ Deputy Grand Knight
 - Steve Sarlitto
- ★ Chancellor
 - Bill Springer
- ★ Treasurer
 - Joe Bradley
- ★ Recorder
 - Ron Kretschmer
- ★ Advocate
 - Jeff Battistella
- ★ Warden
 - Roger Biernat
- ★ Trustee (one position)
 - Clint Randall
- ★ Inside Guards (two positions)
 - Mike Pilotto
 - Bob Liebau
- ★ Outside Guard (two positions)
 - John Safran
 - Paul Bak



Russia's invasion of Ukraine on February 24th, 2022, was a shock to the world. Through this war we are witnessing the reality of evil. But we're also seeing something else. As tanks tore through Ukraine to kill, concerned citizens and Brother Knights arrived with relief supplies to sustain life. As refugees fled, volunteers stood at the border to provide critical care and housing. As bombs dropped from the sky, people of faith sent their prayers to the heavens. In *Solidarity with Ukraine*, an inspiring new film from the Knights of Columbus, see a vivid example of what it means to be a Christian disciple in the midst of war, and how the light of the Gospel continues to shine in the darkness.

123rd Annual Michigan Knights opening session began on Wednesday May 24.

From Michigan KofC Website



State a Chris Kolomjec presented his State of the Stateaddress at the opening session of the 123rd Michigan Knights Stat Convention.

The State deputy had the pleasure of presenting two checks from the Sacred Heart Seminary Endowment Fund to the Sacred Heart Major Seminary and to the Archbishop. Of over \$100,000 each. Also presented to Grand Rapids Bishop David Walkowiak was a check of \$14,000.00 to help support seminarians not attending the Sacred Heart in Detroit.

SD Chris congratulated the members and councils for making these donations possible.



One of the highlights of the meeting was the State Raffle report by Kevin Rowley and Mike Haggerty. They were joined by the former State Chaplain and current Archdiocesan Chaplain our own chaplain Fr Paul Ballien for an Irish jig to celebrate the terrific results of the raffle.

Retention Committee Report

Retention committee has 6 persons who they have not been able to reach: If you know them please reach out to them. We would like to know their intensions.

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| Joseph Carnes, | Victor Lams, | Jacob Steward |
| Alexander Lams, | Andrew Shattuck, | Richard Williams. |

International Champion



BRYSON HARPER, the winner in our council's free-throw contest has successfully advanced thru the district, regional. And state completion free-throw contests. His perfect score was submitted by the state council for international competition The supreme council has named Bryson the **international champion** in the age 11 category.



This Month's Featured CIS Booklet

113 – Baptism and Confirmation

Baptism and Confirmation were sacraments we received as children. What did they do for us? Do you know how important they are? Sometimes Catholics are criticized for baptizing infants – find out why the Church encourages this practice.

[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>



All Families are invited to participate in the St. John Neumann
Corpus Christi Sunday Eucharistic Procession:

June 11, 2023

Immediately following 12:30 PM Mass (approx. 1:30 – 3:30 PM)

Join in pray as a parish family for the special feast of our Lord.
SJN is hosting a procession of the Blessed Sacrament!

First Communion and Confirmation Children are encouraged to Wear
their special outfits. Flowers will be available for the children to carry
for the procession.



GOLF REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN
For more info and to register, go to <https://sjncanton.org/kofc>

The weather is warming. If you haven't cleaned up the clubs, now is the time. We are looking forward to a fun day and can use your help to make it better. Golfers & Non-Golfers are welcome to support the event through several opportunities:

*Players of all skill levels welcome
Golf Games and Prizes
Hole-in-one Opportunities*

- ✓ **Spread** the word to your family and friends
- ✓ **Register** your team before *June 1st*
- ✓ **Volunteer** for the day of the event (Sign-up Genius available after Easter)
- ✓ **Contribute** a Gift Basket for the Auction Raffle (see below)
- ✓ **Donate** 1 Game of your Season Ticket Package (2, 4 seat, or even more)

- **When:** June 26, 2023
- **Where:** Fox Hills Classic Golf Course
- Check-In: 7:45am, Shotgun event: 8:45am
- Four-person scramble (best ball)
- Lunch and Dinner
- Chance Auction/Basket Raffle
- \$125 per player, or \$30 for Dinner only

- Donations accepted in the form of:**
- Gift cards (Restaurants, store, home services, Salon & Spa, Auto services, etc.)
 - Golf Course admission
 - Alcohol, Craft Beer, Wine
 - Sporting event tickets/Sport memorabilia
 - Concert event tickets, etc.

Contact David Trost (dtrostmichigan@gmail.com) 734-274-0435 Or George Peters (gkp350tpi@outlook.com) 734-516-4065

2023 St. John Neumann Parish Golf Outing
(Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 16169)
Proceeds will support K of C charitable efforts and the needs of the Parish

Mon. June 26, 2023

Registration is now OPEN

- Check-In at 7:45am
- Shotgun event start at 8:45am
- Four-person scramble (best ball)
- Lunch and Dinner
- Chance Auction/Basket Raffle
- Register on-line (link below) or checks payable to K of C #16169 (Memo Line: GOLF EVENT)
- \$125 per player, or \$30 Dinner Only

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Donations accepted in the form of:

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- Golf Course admission
- Alcohol, Craft Beer, Wine
- Sporting event tickets/Sport memorabilia
- Concert event tickets, etc.

Registration and Sponsorship / Donation Opportunities are Open until June 1
<https://www.eventregisterpro.com/event/stjohnneumannparishouting>
or contact David Trost (dtrostmichigan@gmail.com) or George Peters (gkp350tpi@outlook.com)



Registration Form

St. John Neumann Parish Golf Outing
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June 26, 2023 – Fox Hills Classic Golf Course

Proceeds will support K of C charitable efforts and the needs of the Parish.

You do not need a foursome to participate. We gladly welcome single players, twosomes, and threesomes. (If you are registering as a single we will pair you.) If registering and paying for yourself but you are part of a group please list here the name(s) of your other player(s)

1. Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

3. Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

2. Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

4. Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

_____ Number of Golf & Dinner Reservations @ \$125.00 per person,
\$500.00 per foursome. Includes Golf, cart, light lunch, and Dinner &
prizes after golf.

_____ Number of Dinner Only Reservations @ \$30.00 per person

\$ _____ Total Amount Due

\$ _____ Amount Enclosed

Please make checks payable to:

K of C Council 16169

In Memo Line of check, write: Golf Outing

Mail Check prior to June 1, 2023 to the following address:

K of C 16169 - Golf Event

44800 Warren Rd

Canton, MI 48187

More information: www.eventregisterpro.com/event/stjohnneumannparishouting