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From the Desk of the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

During our June Membership meeting, I briefly mentioned that the Knights of Columbus had established a catch phrase to help us focus on our purpose and mission. That phrase is "Faith & Family". As a Knight, we strive to strengthen our faith and in so doing, it helps us to lead, guide and provide as a husband to our wife and as a father to our children.

ARE YOU BUILDING YOUR FAMILY ON SOLID GROUND?

It's a question every Knight needs to ask – and answer. God calls us to love our wife, raise our children and provide for our family in good times and bad. To lead with faith in all you do.

The Knights have developed several resources to help us grow in our Catholic Faith and to support our needs in becoming a better husband, Father and leader of men. These resources will help you can become the man you want to be – and your family needs!

Lead with Faith, Guard your Family, Defend your Values, St Joseph and Fatherhood, Knightcast and Archbishop Lori's monthly challenge are just a few of the many resources available on the Knights Website to help each of us grow in our Faith and to become the man your family needs.

I encourage you to go the Knights website at the link below to seek out the resources that would broaden your knowledge and understanding. In today's reading from the first Book of Kings, 3:5, 7-12, Solomon asked for an understanding heart which the Lord granted. The wisdom to know what is right is important for us to seek. Click now to continue your journey in strengthening your Faith & Family.

https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/lead-with-faith/index.html?utm_source=Webpage&utm_medium=Button&utm_campaign=Home%20YF%20Campaign

Vivat Jesus,
Grand Knight



Chuck Lang, Grand Knight



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.

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.

Family of the Month: The Aashish Paul Family



Aashish Paul, wife Sajini, daughter Anna and son Aaron. Aashish ushers at the 6:00 PM Mass, and volunteers at Operation Good Cheer and yard maintenance activities. His Knights of Columbus events include: the Mental Impairment drives, the Membership drives and pancake breakfasts.

Sajini was very involved with volunteer activities at St. Mary's. Anna helps at church as an usher for the 6:00 pm Mass. She participated in the Children's Christmas Choir, also participated in the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest and won first place in her age group. She is also volunteering at VBS this year.

Congratulations to Ashish and Family!

Special Recognition for Bryson Harper as International Knights of Columbus Free Throw Champion was made by SD John Hundiak!



Brian Zahn was presented with a plaque as special Recognition as District Deputy of

District 114 for the past 4 years and the great direction and support he has provided this council.



New Brother Knights

By Larry Redman
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Our recruiting quota from Supreme is twelve new members. Three new members joined our council on July 20th at an Exemplification ceremony. Please welcome 16169's newest members! Grant Lynn, George McPartlin and Mark Oleszkowisz (picture attached).

- Grant Lynn is the grandson of Brother Knight Leo Tykoski. Grant's older brother Austin joined our council a few years ago. Recruited by Leo Tykoski.
- George McPartlin is a friend of Brother Knight Leo Tykoski. George is a retiree from Ford Motor Company. Recruited by Leo Tykoski.
- Mark Oleszkowicz is a long time parishioner of SJN. Quite often, you will see Mark and his wife Cindy tending to our SJN gardens. Mark was recruited by Ron Kretschmer. Mark and Ron are on the SJN beautification committee.

We have an Exemplification planned for August 10 at SJN in the small chapel. Ceremony starts at 7:00 and is 30 minutes in duration. All members are invited to join and welcome our new members. A fall Membership Drive is being planned for both SJN and Resurrection parish. Details will be shared when dates are firmed up.



Brother Knights and Friends That Are In Need our Prayers



Rest of the soul of Simon Mirkes, acquaintance of brother Clint Randall

Julia Tallman, youngest daughter of bro Michael & Sarah Tallman

Ed Hurst, Jr., FN, PGK

Donna Kriofsky, friend of bro Ron Kretschmer

Rick and Edith, friends of Dan Pfeiffer

Larry Budzisz, brother of bro Ron Budzisz

Christopher Michael, neighbor of bro Bob Rugenski

Bryan Helm, nephew of DGK Steve Sarlitto

George McPartlin, friend of bro Leo Tykoski

Peter Mulka, friend of bro Larry P Redman

Michael Barker, acquaintance of bro George Peters

Tim Andrzejewski, friend of bro George K. Peters

Jan Peters, wife of bro George K. Peters

Ann & mother Joann Konopinski, friends of bro Ron Kretschmer

Phyllis & Bob Parisien, friends of bro Ron Kretschmer

Marie Trost, mother of bro David Trost

Makenna Rugenski, daughter of bro Robert J Rugenski



August

Joseph G Nagi 08-03
Robert D. Yancey 08-03
John P Angell 08-04
Michael J Robinson 08-04
Brian Betz 08-06
John A Russell 08-10
Mr Ernest B Bucks III 08-11
Raymond A Trupiano 08-15

George T McPartlin 08-18
Jeff McGovern 08-21
Victor J Lams 08-23
Marcel I Loosbrock 08-23
David J Andreolli 08-30
Leonard J Carravallah 08-30
James F Kullman 08-30
John A Kullman 08-30
Gabriel R Wykle 08-31



Years of Service as a Knight

1 to 4 Years of Service

Joe Ahme (1) Brandon K Demiter (3)

5 to 9 Years Service

Leonardo T Johnson (6) Dennis Oszust (7)

Jeffrey J Battistella (7) John R McGee (8)

10 or More Years Service

Richard J. Williams (13)

Wedding Anniversaries



Paul & Evelyn Bak (08-03)

Dennis & Patricia Oszust (08-1)

Lawrence J & Allison O'Hara (08-06)

Dr Timothy J & Adrienne Bodnar (08-17)

John A & Michelle Lutz (08-10)

Ernest P & Sally Gubry (08-25)

Our theme for this coming year is "Faith and Family".



Current & Upcoming Events & Activities

Aug 8 - General Membership meeting

Aug 11 - 13 (Fri, Sat, Sun) - State Camporee

Aug 12 - Special Officer's Planning Meeting

Sept. 17 - Parish Picnic – need Knights to volunteer

Oct. 7 - Fall Fest 5k run/walk & Chili Cook Off fundraiser

Oct. 7-8 9 - K of C MI Drive

Oct. 14 - Rosary Procession at Noon

Oct. 27 - Knights Halloween Dance

November 8, (Wednesday)

Michigan's FIRST - March for LIFE! 11 am to 1 PM at the Lansing State Capital.

Nov. 17 - Wine Tasting Event –

December 12 -Membership Meeting we will have our Holiday Gathering, including our spouses and significant others.



Recognizing The Kitchen Team

By Dave Blankenship, Kitchen Chairman



It doesn't happen very often but the general membership meeting on July 11 was preceded by a dinner provided by the Knights of Council 16169, where brothers and wives were invited to break bread, socialize, and then witness the installation of our officers for the 23/24 fraternal year. Our guests for dinner were also invited to stay for the general membership meeting. While you will likely see other items in this newsletter for the Officer's Installation held on July 11, it is important to recognize the talents, cooking skills and volunteerism of our fellow Knights who helped set up for the installation, prepare and serve the meal, provide desserts and clean up.



Heartfelt gratitude is expressed for the following knights who showed up early to prepare, serve and clean up:

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| Steve Polidori | Tom Solak | David Trescott | Larry Redman |
| Cam Jankowiak | Marcel Loosbrock | Leo Tykoski | Jeff Battistella |

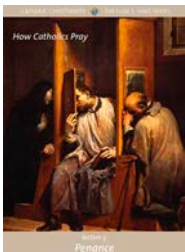
Steve Polidori handled the food preparation with the help of his fellow Knights listed above and we received many "compliments to the chef(s)". It seems everyone enjoyed the pasta, sauce, meatballs, green salad, tortellini salad and rolls. A big thank you to Michael Pilotto for making the tortellini salad.



Of course, the big finish was our well-stocked dessert table which also received many compliments. Thanks are also "deserved" for the following knights who brought enough desserts for the whole group:

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| Dave Blankenship | Larry Redman | Dave Andreolli | Dan Timmerman |
| Keith Laurin | John Lutz | Steve Sarlitto | Leo Petretta |
| and Aashish Paul | | | |

We are of course happy to serve our brothers at these events and by my count we served dinner for about 75 guests. I hope I included everyone that volunteered or brought a dessert. With all of the help, it makes it easy for these events to be successful.



This Month's Featured CIS Booklet

115 – Penance

Christ invites us to respond to evil, first of all, with a serious examination of conscience and the commitment to purify our lives. In effect, people and societies that live without ever questioning themselves have ruin as their only final destination. Conversion, on the other hand, while not preserving one from problems, allows one to face them in a different way.

[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>

Protecting God's Children

The Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus are committed to protecting children and adults from harm. Protecting God's Children is a three hour workshop that helps individuals understand the commitment and actions needed to ensure a safe environment. Participating in the workshop is required for anyone that will be working with children and young adults.

Sessions can be found at www.virtusonline.org

To attend a workshop:

1. Go to www.virtusonline.org.
2. Click on First Time Registrant.
3. Register for the course ASAP.

Photos Needed

We are in need of photos to document our activities. If you attend any event where the Knights are participating, please snap a picture and forward them to us. You do not have to be an expert photographer, they are needed for the web site, the newsletter and various reports.



put a sign-up sheet on-line.

Mental Impairment Drive (aka MI Drive/Tootsie Roll Drive)

By We host two Mental Impairment Drives a year to collect donations for our local mental impairment friends/neighbors. Spring drive is during Palm Sunday weekend, Fall drive is Columbus Day weekend. Our fall drive is planned for October 6,7 and 8. We plan on collecting donations at Busch's Canton and after all masses at SJN. Sign up sheets are on-line at our council website. We plan on collection donations after all masses at Resurrection also. Once the Resurrection details are firmed up, we will

WHAT IS THE MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST? (MPB)

By James Kullman

Essentially, the Men's Prayer Breakfast is an opportunity for the men of the parish to work together to grow in their understanding of our Catholic faith. There are few opportunities for us as men to talk together about issues of faith, morals, or religion and of the impact it has on our lives, not just at Church, but in this harshly secular world. The mission of this ministry is to create a source of growth in Christian and Catholic values and principles through discussion (usually a spin off from the video/theme of the day), prayer and friendly interaction. It is a calm, peaceful, non-threatening environment for all participants. Many friendships are forged here.

Is prayer involved in these meetings?

Absolutely! Hence, the term Men's PRAYER Breakfast. We pray for the sick of this community and for the relatives and friends of the participants. We also pray praise for the many successes that we observe through our prayerful journeys. It is quite a rewarding experience to participate in prayer with a group of unrelated, faith-filled, active, and prayerful Catholic men.

Is there really a breakfast?

You bet! Hence the term Men's Prayer BREAKFAST. There are hot items with a side of bacon along with Danish, donuts, and various sweets to appeal to most palates and lots and lots of coffee--an absolute must for a 6:00 a.m. get-together. The breakfast alone is probably worth the drive!

COME JOIN US!

Be a routine participant or an occasional drop-in.

As the familiar hymn goes:

ALL ARE WELCOME! ALL ARE WELCOME! ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE!!!

JOIN US FOR THE MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST!

WHO: All men of the Parish

WHEN: Every Thursday morning 6:00 a.m-7:00 a.m

WHERE: Baldwin Hall

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



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

The July Dinner, Meeting & Officer's Installation



The July 11th meeting was quite a different format. Before the meeting began at 5:15pm a free dinner was served for about 80 members and their spouses or significant other. Special thanks to Dave Blankenship, Steve Polidori and their team who prepared the delicious spaghetti dinner we just enjoyed. Immediately following the buffet dinner, the newly elected officers of our council were installed. Each officer took the oath of his office and then each was installed to his elected office. Each newly installed officer was then presented with the medal of his office. The Aashish Paul family was named the family of the month of the month. Aashish and his family were presented with a certificate. Brother George Peters was announced as the July Knight of the month but was not present due to an illness in his family. George will be presented with his certificate at the next meeting. The meeting was called to order and the required approval of past minutes were approved. State Director for Community Programs John Hundiak delivered Special Recognition for Bryson Harper as International Knights of Columbus Free Throw Champion. Recognition for Brian Zahn as District Deputy of District 114 for the past 4 years and the great direction and support he has provided this council. Abasket was circulated to collect donations to help Ed Hurst Jr FGN with expenses from his recent open heart surgery. Ed is now out of the hospital and recovering well. A message that was presented at the state convention by Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly was played,

He focused on that we must increase our devotion to Mary, We must focus on 5 key priorities:

1. Strengthen our Men in the Faith and the Trinity
2. Strengthen our Catholic Families, Spiritually & Financially
3. Establish KofC as the Strong Right Arm of the Church
4. Expand our Witness to Charity
5. Strengthen the Whole Word by Enrolling New Men to our Ranks

A message was delivered by from John Hundiak, State Director for Community Programs, thanking our council for all of the activities. He also thanked the wives for all their support. He announced a new program: Cross-Catholic Outreach, charged with packing food throughout the diocese and world, October 14 at Holy Family Parish. Following the good of the order, our Grand Knight announced that the December meeting will again invite the wives and and another dinner served. The meeting was the adjourned.



4th Degree Presents Chalice



When a fourth degree Sir Knight pass from this earth, the assembly will engrave his name on a chalice and present the chalice to a priest and request that that knight be remembered in every mass that the chalice is being used. Last month Fr. Jim joined here at the St John Family of parishes, The Pope John XXIII Assembly heard that he did not have his own chalice,. On July 23 , just prior to the corporate communion mass for our council, the Pope John XXIII Assembly presented Fr Jim with a chalice. Fr Jim then used that chalice in the mass to hold the precious Blood.



Parish Picnic

The Knights of Columbus are hosting the 2023 annual SJN Parish Picnic which will begin after the 12:30 pm Mass on Sunday, September 17th and end at 4:30 pm. In addition to food and beverage, several activities will be available, including pony rides, petting zoo, and a soccer challenge. Be sure to take a break from the activities to fill up on hotdogs, watermelon, potato chips, and ice cream.

Please join us for an afternoon of fun, food, and fellowship. It is a great opportunity to spend time with your SJN friends and family. All are welcome.

Volunteer sign-up sheets will be available after weekend Masses in the gathering area beginning August 19th and also available online at our website. We need volunteers to assist with Set-up, Grilling, Beverage Station, Kitchen Help, Clean-Up, Watermelon Cutting, Dessert Donations, and Raffle Ticket Sales.

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



Special Olympics

Our Knights of Columbus Council is once again taking on the Special Olympics Halloween Dance in October. We've done this for the last 6 years (excluding 2020 because of COVID), and it has been great fun! Watch here for more details!

REFUND SUPPORT VOCATIONS PROGRAM (RSVP)

Knights of Columbus stand in solidarity with our priests and religious. 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. Though financial support is vitally important, it is not the only aspect of the RSVP. Councils are also called to provide their "adopted" seminarian or religious aspirant with moral support and prayers for their success.

Sign up opportunities

The following activities are available for online signup Just click to volunteer:

[August: Vocations Chalice](#)

[September 17: Parish Picnic](#)

[October 6/7: MI Drive/Tootsie Roll](#)

[Donations - Busch's at Canton Center and Cherry Hill](#)

[October 7/8: MI Drive/Tootsie Roll](#)

[Donations - SJN](#)

[October 7: Chili Cook-off](#)

Membership Update

Council membership information is as follows:

- gain quota from Supreme for the 2022-2023 Father McGivney
- Award was 11. For 2023-2024 it will now increase to 12.
- Total net actual fraternal year membership gain is 17 (155% of quota).
- Total membership is 193 (152 associate and 41 insurance).
- Total Regular Membership is 180, Honorary Membership 3 and Honorary Life Membership 10.

St John Neumann's Fall Festival

The St. John Neumann Fall Festival will be Saturday, October 7, 2023. Events scheduled so far are:

- a 5K costume run/walk
- a chili cook-off
- a corn hole tournament

The committee is looking for:

- 5K participants
- chili cook-off cooks
- cornhole competitors

Other details of note:

- there will be a fee to enter the 5K (right now \$30), and that fee will include the 5K entry, and a t-shirt
- there will be a fee to enter the chili cookoff (\$10), and the other requirements of the entrants are on the flyer ([click here](#) to see flyer)
- those who want to eat/judge the chili will be charged \$5 per portion (also listed on the flyer)
- there will be cash prizes given to the chili cookoff competitor who receives the most "votes"
- the cornhole tournament fee has not been determined

We are also in need of sponsors who want to

- be on the 5K t-shirt; and/or,
- sponsor the chili cook-off; and/or,
- sponsor the corn hole tournament.

For more information, contact Bill Springer at springerbill@yahoo.com.



Did you know that the words "under God" were added to the Pledge of Allegiance thanks to the Knights of Columbus?

St. John Neumann Fall Festival
Saturday October 7, 2023

WANTED BEST CHILI COOKS IN THE PARISH



Where: St. John Neumann Baldwin Hall
When: 11 am - 2 pm — — after the 5K Walk/Run
Entrance Fee: \$10 per chili entered
Rules: Each contestant cooks 6 quarts of chili supplied in their crockpot with any necessary condiments. KofC supplies the tables, power, cups, spoons, napkins. Voters/tasters purchase tickets to drop off into the bucket of the best chili. Most votes shares 50% of the collected donations - multiple votes allowed so invite family and friends to sample the chili.

WANTED BEST CHILI COOKS IN THE PARISH

Contact Joe at jsmyth392@comcast.net