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From the Desk of the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

The new Fraternal year started on July 1st as we launch our 9 th year as a Council! It's hard to believe how our Council has flourished and grown, not only in membership but in service to our parish, our community, State and Nation in such a short period of time. I take great pride in being a Knight in the St. John Neumann Council and I hope you share that same pride for being such an active and impactful Council.

Brothers, I humbly ask for your prayers that the Holy Spirit may continue to guide

me in serving you as your Grand Knight. We just completed the first Officer's annual planning session which has set the direction and focus of the things we would like to accomplish this year. A report will be presented at the September Membership meeting. I am excited and looking forward to working with, encouraging and involving all our brothers to serve our council in a manner that makes them feel fulfilled and proud to be a Knight.

I reflect upon the Exemplification Ceremony where we call upon our candidates to break one piece of fiber. The candidates simply break it. But then the cable is presented with many fibers which cannot be broken. I'm sure you all remember that simple but effective exercise. It effectively demonstrates that when individual fibers (you) are bound together; they become a strong cable (us). As the fibers are to the cable, so are you to our Order. The strength of our Council is the combined effort of everyone. Thus, many hands make light work for all in cheerful service. As we enter into the Fall season, I encourage you to reflect upon your strengths and how you may continue to serve the many needs of our Council. Father McGivney envisioned a fraternal brotherhood – Catholic men supporting each other and their families, united in Christ and building up His body. We continue that vision today, right here at St John Neumann working to strengthen our families and parish.

Let's continue to go forth to serve and give thanks to our God, for his love endures forever!

VIVAT JESUS

“Jesus Lives “

Grand Knight



Chuck Lang, Grand Knight

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.



Knights of the Month George Peters and David Trost

For the month of August
Our council has two Knights
of the month



George joined the KofC in 2009 at Kern Council (St. Thomas a' Becket Parish) and served in numerous positions there (Recording Secretary, Trustee, Pancake Breakfast Chairman, Culture of Life Director and Golf League Co-Chairman). At SJN he has served as parish picnic volunteer and sponsor for OCIA Formation program and Co-Chairman of our recent SJN Golf Outing.

You will frequently find David around the parish. Besides seeing at daily mass you will also find him at the Mens Prayer Breakfast. David volunteers for the Parish Picnic, Cans for Seminarians, Adoration, Vacation Bible School, abortion cross set up/take down, Christmas decoration, MI Drive, Co-Chaired of the SJN Golf Outing and numerous other activities! David has just taken the role as our council's Program Director. This is a very important and necessary role.



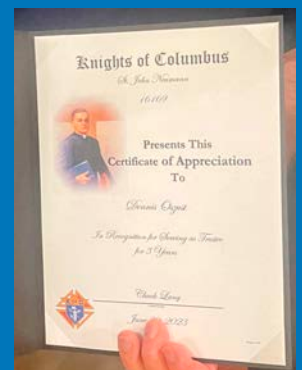
Grand Knight Recognized

During the district Deputy's report ,District Deputy Dan Timmerman and past District Deputy Brian Zahn presented Worthy Grand Knight Chuck Lang with a shirt for his service as grand Knight during the past fraternal year.



Certificate Presented

During the karst general membership meeting , GK Chuck Lang presented a certificate of appreciation to Dennis Oszust. for serving the past three years as a trustee.



Brother Knights , Friends and Family In Need of our Prayers


Marcia Safran, wife of brother John Safran
 Alan Nutten
 Sally Meibers, wife of brother Steve Meibers
 Brother Bill Dierker
 Mara Carravallah and Graham Leonard Carravallah,
 daughter-in-law & grandson of brother Len Carravallah
 Kathie Myers, spouse of brother Mike Myers
 Lee Ann Farrell, friend of brother Dan Pfeiffer
 Brother Robert Victor
 Repose of the soul of Simon Mirkes, acquaintance of
 brother Clint Randall
 Ed Hurst, Jr., FN, PGK

Donna Kriofsky, friend of brother Ron Kretschmer
 Rick and Edith, friends of Dan Pfeiffer
 Larry Budzisz, brother of brother Ron Budzisz
 Christopher Michael, neighbor of brother Bob Rugenski
 Bryan Helm, nephew of DGK Steve Sarlitto
 George McPartlin, friend of brother Leo Tykoski
 Peter Mulka, friend of brother Larry P Redman
 Michael Barker, acquaintance of brother George Peters
 Jan Peters, wife of brother George K. Peters
 Makenna Rugenski, daughter of brother Robert J
 Rugenski



September Birthdays

David J Kubinski (09-02)	Grant R Lynn (09-16)
Jeffrey T Wagoner (09-02)	Timothy M Wood (09-18)
James M Tallman (09-03)	Kenneth J Svoboda (09-19)
Rev Paul K Ballien (09-05)	Donald J Pratt (09-20)
Frederick J Morath (09-06)	Roger Zahn (09-21)
Ehinor P Arhebamen (09-07)	David F Di Franco (09-23)
Franklin E Njubigbo (09-09)	Stephen C Moraca (09-27)
Austin R Lynn (09-10)	Kevin Burke (09-29)
John C Kim (09-12)	Timothy F Lauster (09-29)
James M Ostermeyer (09-12)	Edmund J Chrostowski Jr (09-30)
Leonard R Spas (09-15)	Jose N Villarreal (09-30)
David R Blankenship (09-16)	



Years of Service

1 to 9 YEARS OF SERVICE

Earl R Hoffman (2) Andrew A Anyanwu (6)

10 TO 20 YEARS OF SERVICE

David P. Trost (10) Clifton Dake (13)
 John R Becker (17)


21 YEARS AND MORE OF SERVICE

Rev Paul K Ballien (23)



Wedding Anniversaries

Daniel M & Connie Vella (09-02)	Jonathan J & Sarah Otten (09-17)
Hans K. & Joyce Hansen, PGK (09-17)	Julius C & Helen (Beth) Raney Pablo (09-28)



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.

*Current & Upcoming Events
& Activities*

September & October

Cans for Seminarians

Tuesday, September 12

6:30pm Knights Nosh!

7:00pm General Meeting

September 16 & 17

Fall Membership Drive

Sunday, September 17

Parish Picnic

September 23

Special Olympics Soccer Fall Games

September 23 & 24

Fall Membership Drive

Tuesday, September 26

7:00pm Business Meeting

October 6 & 7

MI Drive (Tootsie Roll Donation Collection) - Busch Market

Saturday, October 7

MI Drive (Tootsie Roll Donation Collection) - SJN & Resurrection
SJN Fall Festival

Sunday, October 8

MI Drive (Tootsie Roll Donation Collection) - SJN & Resurrection

Tuesday, October 10

6:30pm Knights Nosh!

7:00pm General Meeting

Saturday, October 14

12:00pm Rosary Procession

Tuesday, October 24

7:00pm Business Meeting

Friday, October 27

6:00pm Special Olympics Halloween Dance

Sunday, October 29

10:30am Corporate Communion



*Welcome
New Brothers*

By Larry Redman, Membership Director
St. John Neumann hosted an Exemplification on August 10, where three new members joined the Knights of Columbus. All three admitted into St. John Neumann #16169. Please welcome Tim Sopha, Daniel Hankins and Mitchell Dimoff.

- Tim Sopha is married and has a family. He's been a parishioner at SJN seven years. Many of Tim's friends are Knights, including a field agent. Tim has been thinking of joining the Knights for some time, as he was tapped at our Spring Membership Drive.
- Dan Hankins is recently married. He and his wife are expecting their first child. Dan is a SJN staff member and is eager to get involved in the Knights.
- Mitchell Dimoff is a SJN parishioner, from Canton. He is retired and eager to get involved in the Knights, as well as contribute to SJN and our community.



FATIMA ROSARY RALLY

By Dan Pfeiffer

On Saturday October 14th at 12 noon, the Knights of Columbus will sponsor an AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA ROSARY RALLY on the front lawn of the church close to Warren Ave. Our intentions this Year will be to ask Our Blessed Mother to protect the Unborn and to intercede with the Holy Spirit to renew and deepen the Faith of all Catholics in the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist!!!

It was in the womb of Mary that Jesus was formed. She is the Ark of the New Covenant. The first Tabernacle of the Body of Christ. We will ask Our Mother to intercede for us with the Holy Trinity to inspire us to share our love of the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist with others.

We will sing hymns, pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary and recite the Litany of the Blessed Virgin.

We will have seating available for those who need it and volunteers to assist Parishioners at the Rally. Please join us and see the Sign ups if you are able to help with set up at 11AM.

Sign up opportunities

The following activities are available for online signup Just click on the event below to volunteer:

[September 16/17 and 23/24: Fall Membership Drive](#)

[September/October 2023: Cans for Seminarians Help](#)

[September 17: Parish Picnic](#)

[September 23: Special Olympics Soccer Fall Games](#)

[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 Participant](#)

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

[October 14: America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally Help](#)

[October 29: 10:30am Mass Corporate Communion](#)

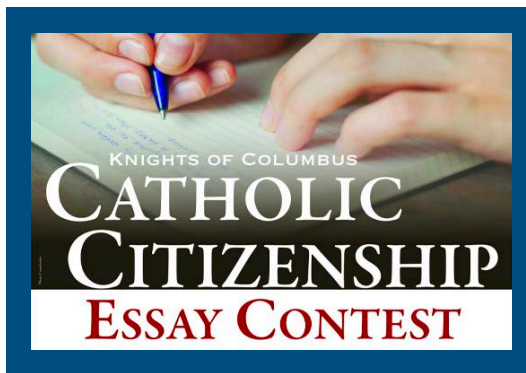
Membership Update

Council membership information is as follows:

Our quota from Supreme for the 2023-2024 Father McGivney Award (one of the three components required to attain Star Council status) is 12 so we are at 50% of our quota with 10 months remaining in the fraternal year.

Total membership is 201 (160 associate and 41 insurance).

Total Regular Membership is 187, Honorary Membership 3 and Honorary Life Membership 11



The goal of the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest is to give students an opportunity to define the role of a Catholic citizen in many different scenarios, and to strengthen the bond between the Knights of Columbus and local schools.

The Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest is open to all Catholic students –in public, private or parochial schools in grades 8,9,10,11and 12 during the current school year.

The theme of the Catholic CitizenshipEssay Contest will be “How can the Church evangelize in the digital age?”

Upon completion, the first place entry for each grade level (5 total) will be forwarded to the district level of competition. The winners of the district level will then compete in the state level and then on to the international level. The winning essays from state level competitions will be judged by a panel appointed by the Supreme Knight. There will be a 1st place and 2 runner up winners for each grade level

Essays must reflect the assigned theme and be the student’s original work. Essays must be typed and be between 500 and 750 words in length. The student’s name should appear only on the official Catholic CitizenshipEssay Contest entry form, which must be stapled to the essay. All entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus and will not be returned.

Representatives from our council will speak to the middle schools and high schools and youth groups of the area. If you are interested in helping in speaking, judging or participating in the contest please contact the Essay chairman, Christopher Kotcher (CJKOTCHER@GMAIL.COM) or Program director David Trost,

A Message from the Faith Director Personal Eucharistic Revival

By Dan Pfeiffer

You have heard about this being the year of Eucharistic Revival for Parishes, but I invite you to join me in a Personal Year of Revival. The True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist is the Great Gift He gave us on the night before He suffered. His Eucharistic Presence in all the Tabernacles of the world fulfills His Promise at His Ascension when He told His disciples He would be with us until the end of the ages.

Many of us have "Walked with Jesus" in our Corpus Christi Celebration. Please consider taking some time each week to "Sit with Jesus" in front of the Tabernacle. Talk with Him. Listen to Him. Praise Him. Thank Him for the Faith He has given you and ask Him to increase your Faith. If you Seek Him you will Find Him! God Bless!
Yours in Service of the Lamb,



Mary Statues

For any Knight interested Clint Randall can have 3D printed a replica of the statue of Our Lady that sits outside of the church, they come in 2 colors, white and gray.

If a Knight is interested or have questions email me at clint_randall@yahoo.com with the quantity and color they would like. Each statue is \$5 with \$1 of the proceeds coming back to the council directly. Each statue is 4 inches tall. If a Knight orders one Clint will be disbursing them at the next council meeting and expect payment at that time.

Capture the Event

Your help is needed to take pictures at any of our events. We are not asking you to commit to record all events, but if you are attending any of the activities, we ask you to snap a picture with your cell phone and send it to Ron Rathbun at newsletter16169@gmail.com. Your picture will help us record our activity and to be used in recruiting, the newsletter and the web site.

This is an excellent opportunity to help our council and not have to commit to a lot of time. Thank You.

Our Fall Mentally Impaired Drive

In 1970, three knights from a Tinley Park, IL council of the Knights of Columbus wanted to raise money for the mentally impaired. The daughter of one of the knights was mentally impaired.

The three knights decided to stand in public places with a canister and solid funds. To show their appreciation they would give a token product. After considering products like seeds, they decided on Tootsie rolls. They picked this candy from the Chicago based company because it was highly recognized and had a good shelf life.

These knights picked a week end and got the men from their council to stand on the streets and solicit.

The event was a great success. Over the two days they had collected over \$30,000. The state council of Illinois quickly adopted this program and the word spread to councils around the country. This fund raiser for the mentally Impaired soon was adopted by most Staes.

Today, our council conducts this drive twice every year. The spring drive is held on the palm Sunday weekend and the Autumn drive is on the week end before Columbus Day.

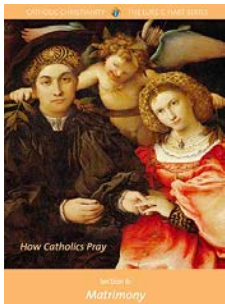


Our fall drive will be held this year on October 6, 7, and 8. The collection sites will include Busch's Market and both St, John Neumann and Resurrection Church after all the masses.



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! Please volunteer either by clicking on the link under the Sign up Opportunities article or on the link on our website.

This Month's Featured CIS Booklet



116 – Matrimony

The vocation to Matrimony is given by God the Father which “unites man and woman in an unbreakable bond of love and peace.” The Church also teaches that marriage is an “outpouring of love in the new covenant of grace is symbolized in the marriage covenant that seals the love of husband and wife....” Professor Peter Kreeft explores the Catholic Church’s theology of marriage, the state of marriage today and the virtues of the married state.

[You Can download this booklet to read during your leisure. Click here to Download pdf version .](#)

[Click here for the Audio version .](#)



*Urgent Message for All Knights
Protecting God's Children
Deadline extended to Sept 5*

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ArchDiocese is requiring all adults that volunteer at church or any other Diocesan event, to take the "Protecting God's Children" training conducted by Virtus and to have a background check completed. That being said, all Brother Knights should take this training so there is no question when attending a parish activity, event, Mass etc... This is to be completed by September 5, 2023.

Here are the steps for you to take to be officially certified:

Step 1: Attached to this email is the background check form. Print it out, fill it out and turn it into the Church

office. Yvette Corey is certified to conduct the background check with the State Police. This will remain confidential! Also know that you do not have to provide your Social Security number. Several people have been concerned about that. Your privacy will be maintained. This is required if you are going to be involved with the church. If you cannot print out the form, stop by the church office during office hours. They have forms there for you to fill out and turn in.


Step 2: If you have taken this training in 2021 or 2022 follow these steps:

Go to your Virtus Account at www.virtus.org. Sign in and print out your training certificate. You will not have to take the training. Turn in a copy of that certificate to Yvette Cory at the church office. If you are having difficulty in printing out the certificate, call Virtus at 888-847-8870. They will help you.

Step 3: If you have not taken the training or took it in 2020 or before, you need to sign up for the training and take the course. To sign up, you need to call Virtus at 888-847-8870. They will sign you up and send the training link to you. Take the training.

Step 4: Upon completing the training, you will see a small icon to click and print out your certificate. Please print out the certificate, a copy for you and one to turn in to Yvette Cory at the parish office. Upon turning in your certificate to Yvette, you are officially certified!

This concludes the process for being officially certified in "Protecting God's Children".

		Volunteer and Church Personnel Criminal Background Check Authorization Form	
Archdiocese of Detroit			
Hiring Entity: _____ <small>(Address) (City) (State) (Zip)</small>			
As a church we value the safety of children in our care, our employees and volunteers and the people whom we serve. We want to take prudent measures to protect our human and material resources. Therefore, the Archdiocese mandates that criminal history background checks be conducted for all employees and volunteers who may have unsupervised contact with a child, the elderly or persons with disabilities. Please complete this form of basic information about you, which assures the best possible program and safety for all. Please complete your responses to the following questions and return this form to the designated Administrator for Criminal Background Checks at your Parish or School.			
Name: _____		*Date of Birth: _____	
Address: _____	City: _____	State: _____	Zip: _____
Known by any other name(s): _____			
Place of Employment: _____		Work Phone: _____	Home Phone: _____
Number of years in Michigan: _____	If less than 7 years, previous residence(s) outside of Michigan:		
a. _____	Street	City	State Zip County
b. _____	Street	City	State Zip County
Position(s) you are seeking, if volunteering: _____			
Driver's license #: _____	State: _____	*Race: _____	*Sex: Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Authorization: I understand that investigative inquiries on my background are to be made on me, to assess whether any reason exists that would suggest that I not be accepted for the position. These inquiries will be made according to policies of the hiring entity and will consist of a criminal history background check and/or driving record check using the services of the Archdiocese of Detroit / Department of Human Resources or a designated outside firm. The information received will be kept confidential and will be used only to determine my suitability to volunteer for the above noted position. I authorize without reservation, any party contacted to furnish any or all of the above-mentioned information. Further, I will allow a photocopy of this authorization to be as valid as the original for purposes conducting the necessary investigation. In addition, I agree to abide by the policies, procedures and code of conduct that currently exist or may be amended in the future.			
_____ (Signature of Volunteer / Church Personnel)		_____ (Date)	
<small>*NOTE: Date of birth, sex, and race are being requested only for purposes of identification in obtaining accurate retrieval of records.</small>			

You CAN make a Difference



Cans for seminarians has returned. During September and October, our council is collecting returnable cans and bottles. The

proceeds from these returnables are used to support our sponsored seminarians.

You can help by either , dropped off all your returnable to the collection point outside the north entrance to the church or you can volunteer to help collect and return the deposits. To sign up either click on the link in the Sign Up Opportunities on page 5 of this newsletter or on the link found in our website.

Leave No Knight Behind Update

By Ron LeTourneau

"A process update meeting of the committee Leave No Knight Behind was held on August 9th. The purpose of the meeting was to review the progress on Knight calls and share experiences among committee members. Another meeting is in the process of being scheduled."



A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Father, we're your people, the work of your hands.
So precious are we in your sight that you sent your Son, Jesus,
Jesus calls us to heal the broken-hearted,
to dry the tears of those who mourn, to give hope
to those who despair,
and to rejoice in your steadfast love.
We, the baptized, realize our call to serve.
Help us to know how. Call forth from among us priests,
sisters, brothers and lay ministers.
With our hearts you continue to love your people.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever. Amen.



The Vocations Chalice

(reprint form www.usccb.org)

The purpose of the Chalice Program is to encourage families to pray and promote vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. The consecrated Chalice is a tangible reminder of this special intention for the Church. The Second Vatican Council highlights the responsibility of the laity to pray for and support vocations. This urgent call has been strongly affirmed in the writings and addresses of both Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI.

Praying for vocations is the most powerful way to support vocations. A vocation is a call from the Holy Spirit, a gift from God that is nurtured in prayer. When we pray for vocations, we lift up to our Father those men and women whom He is calling to follow Him in a very special way. We hope that those who bring the cup home will continue to pray daily for vocations.

Knights of Columbus 16169 Fall Festival Chili Cook-Off 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 own crockpot with any necessary condiments. KofC supplies the tables, power, cups, spoons, napkins. Voters/tasters purchase tickets to obtain chili from contestants. All contestants will share 50/50 of proceeds (tickets) collected for their chili. Most tickets collected will win the contest and awarded a medal.
Sign-up: KofC Council 16169 Sign-up Genius or contact Joe Smyth @ jsmyth392@comcast.net

SIGN-UP NOW AND INVITE FAMILY/FRIENDS

Contact Joe at jsmyth392@comcast.net

Special Olympics Fall Soccer

By DD Dan Timmerman



Special Olympics

The Special Olympics State Fall Soccer Games will be returning to Independence Park at 1898 Denton Rd, Canton, MI 48188 on Saturday, September 23rd.

The Knights will be preparing and serving lunch. Lunch would be served from 11:00 a.m. to

1:00 p.m.

We would need to bring two large grills, pop-up canopy(s), utensils, etc. Pre-cooked chicken breast for sandwiches, veggie burgers, or some cold cuts as an alternative will be provided. Volunteers will wrap sandwiches. Applesauce or fruit cups, cheese sticks, and granola bars will also be provided. Help is needed with set up, preparation, distribution, and clean-up.

Please sign up to help at the link below. Thank you.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DA5A62BA2FFC43-september5>

MPB---MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

By Jim Kullman

Many people want to know what do we do every Thursday at the Men's Prayer Breakfast.

Here is a simple breakdown of the MPB routine every Thursday:

5:40-6:00 Breakfast and fellowship (coffee and breakfast continue throughout the hour)

6:00-6:15 Opening Prayer

Individual Offering of Prayer/Praise for family and friends

Group Prayer for sick members of the parish and community

Group Recitation of a decade of the Rosary

6:15-6:43 Currently using videos appropriate for the church season/feasts/doctrine/tradition

6:43-6:59 Discussion about video of the day

6:59-7:00 Closing Prayer

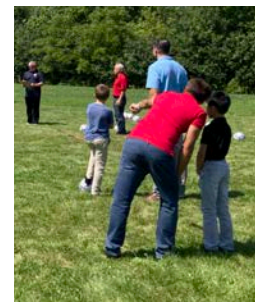
Thursday mornings present an awesome opportunity to meet with men of the parish who share the same faith and to discuss with faithful men that same faith in a peaceful and delightful manner. Some men participate in the discussion while others listen intently and profit by the words spoken. On several mornings Fr. Paul O, provides us with his insights as well.

THURSDAYS 6:00-7:00 COME JOIN US!!!

Our Soccer Penalty Kick Challenge

By Marshall Grazioli

Our annual K of C Youth Soccer Penalty Kick Challenge was held on Sunday August 27 on the grounds behind the Church. After setting up the net, Dave Trost jumped on the parish riding mower and cut us out a nice area for the competition. We had a near record 11 youth (5 girls and 6 boys) take the challenge this year with winners declared in 7 age/gender categories. Additional thanks to Steve Sarlitto, Dan Pfeiffer, Larry O'Hara and Keith Laurin for their help in running the contest. The winners will move on to the Archdiocese competition on September 16 at Our Lady of the Lakes in Waterford. Good luck to them!





Michigan State Council- Knights of Columbus

Fraternal Day at 



vs



Sunday, September 24th. 1PM Kickoff

With that being said, we have organized a Knights of Columbus Fraternal Day at Ford Field. It will be the game on September 24, 2023, Detroit Lions versus Atlanta Falcons.

Tickets are \$100.00 each, click [HERE](#) for the order form.

Checks made out to Michigan State Council. Order form and checks come to me directly. *Please do not send to the state office.* Any questions please contact me.

[GO LIONS #ONEPRIDE](#)

[Michael Kozakiewicz Chief of Fraternal Activities](#)