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From the Desk of the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

As we begin to enter the holiday seasons, I call upon each of you, including myself, to carve out some reflective and prayerful time to slow down and give thanks to our Lord for the many blessings he has showered over us.

We begin with Thanksgiving Day which usually brings with it an atmosphere of exuberance, sumptuous food and time with family and friends. But it can also be a time of quiet reflection, a time to celebrate by opening our eyes to the blessings we sometimes take for granted; our beautiful family, our wonderful friends, our health and the privilege to breathe fresh air and drink fresh water abundantly without having to exert much effort. How fortunate we are to be living in the United States of America! Let us be grateful that we still have our freedoms, especially to worship and pray as Catholics.

We have arrived at a period of time in our country experiencing chaos causing grief, anxiety and division among our citizens. The evil one is hard at work! That being said, I believe the good still outweighs the evil. It is important for us to continue focusing on the good and doing what we can to make a difference in our homes, parish and community. Love your neighbor as yourself. That's what Knights DO!

While taking time to reflect during the seasons, give thanks to our Lord for his many blessings and pray that the Holy Spirit will instill in our citizens a more respectful, moral and ethical understanding that will bring peace and tranquility to our shores. Also pray for those who have left Him that they might find Him again and rekindle their love for Him.

"My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love Thee! I ask forgiveness for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love Thee!

Wishing you a very Blessed Thanksgiving,

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.

Knight of the Month for October Larry O'Hara



Larry and his wife Allison have been married for 40 years. They have been members of SJN for 31 years. They have two daughters, Lauryn and Marissa. Larry has been a volunteer in the SJN Nursery, Leave No Knight Behind committee. He and Allison also Co-Chaired the Parish Picnic last month with Jeff Domsic and his wife, Sydney. As a Knight, Larry has been involved with the basketball Free Throw contest, Soccer Skills Challenge, Cans for Seminarians, MI Drive, Reverse Raffle Tickets Sales, Pancake Breakfasts and the 24 hour Adoration Watch team. Larry's service as a Knight has been exceptional!

Join us in recognizing Larry O'Hara as our Knight of the Month of October.

Family of the Month for October The Jim Pryce Family



Jim & Denise have been married 32 years, they have 2 children, Victor Craig who is a brother Knight & a daughter, Sarah. Jim & Denise were married at St. John the Baptist Parish in Ypsilanti where they met as members of the 9:00 am Folk Group/Choir Mass. Jim was Denise's RCIA Sponsor.

Jim is a Past GK at St. John the Baptist as well as being the Charter GK here at St. John Neumann. He is beginning his Acolyte year for the Permanent Diaconate and God willing will be ordained in 2025. He was a leader for Children's Liturgy of the Word, He is currently serving the Parish as a Lector and at the end of January 2024 after officially being installed as an Acolyte, will be serving at Mass assisting the Priests. Jim is a member of the Alhambra, a Hunter Education Instructor, a member of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs in which he is responsible for writing 2 resolutions signed into Law by Gov. Rick Snyder to punish poachers of breaking wildlife laws. He is also Past President of Tri-County Sportsmen's League in Saline & is a huge baseball fan who still has his baseball card collection.

Denise is a member of the St. John Neumann Choir, a Sacristan for Funerals, a Eucharistic Minister, was a leader in the Alpha program, makes phone calls for the American Red Cross blood drives, and is a member of the St. John Neumann Card Care Ministry making cards for those in nursing homes and parishioners that are 75 years of age or older. She also is a member of the Plymouth Oratorical Society.

Their son, Brother Knight V. Craig, has been a member of the Knights for 12+ years, having currently served as an Inside Guard. He is a bluegrass musician who plays banjo and guitar. He has played with famous musicians who have graced the stage at the Grand Ole Opry (Jim Mills, Carl Jackson, & ; Dana Cupp). He has also met Bluegrass stars Ralph Stanley, Rhonda Vincent, Ricky Skaggs and many more.

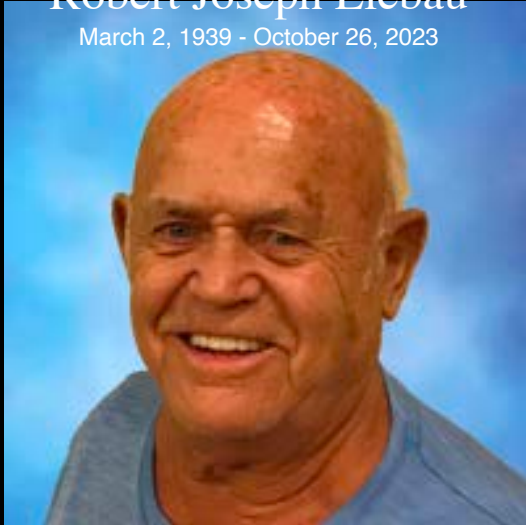
Sarah works part time in the St. John Neumann office under the tutelage of Pia Carli. She has been an assistant in the Childrens Liturgy of the Word and a Eucharistic Minister. Sarah is a huge fan of the Jonas Brothers. While on a family vacation in North Carolina the family stopped at a restaurant owned by Kevin Jonas Sr. (Nellies Southern Kitchen) named after their Grandmother. While there they met Kevin Jonas Sr., a documentary was being filmed that day and Sarah was interviewed for the documentary. You never know what Sarah's claim to fame will be!

Keeping the family all in line and orderly, is their family dog, a 2 year old Chocolate Lab whose name is Nellie. Of course Sarah named the Lab!

Please congratulate Jim, Denise, Craig and Sara Pryce

Robert Joseph Liebau

March 2, 1939 - October 26, 2023



Passing of Our Brother Sir Knight



With great sorrow we have to announce the passing of our brother Sir Knight Robert Joseph Liebau. Brother Bob is a member of our council and a 4th degree member of the Pope John XXIII Assembly. A visitation will be held on Friday, November 2, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Griffin Funeral Home, located at 42600 Ford Road (W. of Lilley) Canton, Michigan. The 4th Degree will stand guard throughout the visitation hours. At 7pm, the Knights will pray the Rosary followed by a special presentation by both the 4th Degree and our Council. On Friday, Nov. 3rd, Brother Bob will lay in state at 10:30 a.m. until the time of his mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, located at 44800 Warren Road (W. of Sheldon) Canton, Michigan. Following the Mass, a luncheon will be served in Baldwin Hall. His final resting place will be at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery, in Southfield Michigan.

Click on this link to read his obituary:

<https://www.griffinfuneralhome.com/obituary/robert-liebau>

Please continue to keep the Liebau family in your prayers during this time. I do hope you will be able to attend one of the services for Brother Bob.

Brother Knights . Friends and Family In Need of our Prayers

Kim & Ryan Brown, parents of Griffin Brown
 Diane Gavala, friend of Ron Kretschmer
 Brother Bob Liebau
 State Treasurer Charles E. McCuen, III
 Safe pregnancy of Tiffany and Paul Morgan, friends of Roz & Joe Bradley. Tiffany is pregnant with quadruple babies.
 Jackie Brannon, friend of brother Gary Sienkiewicz
 Ellen Nelson, friend of brother Bill Springer
 Tony Sereno, friend of brother George Peters
 Brother Jim Jermanus
 Repose of the soul of Patrick Shripka, friend of Joe Bradley

Brother Joe Bradley
 Marcia Safran, wife of brother John Safran
 Alan Nutten
 Sally Meibers, wife of brother Steve Meibers
 Brother Bill Dierker
 Mara Carravallah & 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
 Makenna Rugenski, daughter of brother Robert J Rugenski



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

November Birthdays



William J Kumm (11-01)
 Christopher J Kotcher (11-02)
 Greg Pietron (11-02)
 Daniel J Skotak (11-02)
 Earl R Hoffman (11-05)

Don P Schlagheck (11-05)
 Jeffrey Erdmann (11-08)
 Daniel J Pfeiffer (11-10)
 William E Springer (11-10)
 Matvey Polin (11-11)
 John R McGee (11-14)
 Eugene J Suchyta (11-14)

Tim Sopha (11-15)
 Dr Timothy J Bodnar (11-18)
 Ernest P Gubry (11-18)
 Joseph C Bradley (11-20)
 Micheal J Pilotto (11-24)
 Mark Richard Rausch (11-25)
 Andrew Q Shattuck (11-29)

Years of Service

1 to 4 YEARS OF SERVICE



David C Asika (1)
 Emmanuel C Asika (1)
 Steven Polidori (2)
 Darrin P Burek (2)
 Lawrence J O'Hara (2)
 Aashish Paul (2)

Kenneth A Plonka (2)
 Vincent O Anwunah (3)
 Paul E Bak (3)
 Roger A Biernat (3)
 Stephen J Meibers (3)

Clinton L Randall (3)
 Steven R Sarlitto (3)
 Don P Schlagheck (3)
 Dr Ehinor P Arhebamen (4)
 Anthony J Esser (4)

Brian S Paul (4)
 Leonard R Spas (4)
 Robert S Victor (4)
 Raymond Wojciechowski (4)
 David F Di Franco (4)
 Jeffrey A Niszczak (4)

5 to 9 YEARS OF SERVICE

Dr Mark D Richter (5)
 James F Kullman (5)
 John A Kullman (5)

Tom Borke (7)
 Thomas E Solak (7)
 Keith R Laurin (8)

Lawrence A Maccani (8)
 David R Blankenship (8)

Jeffrey T Wagoner (8)
 Camillius M Jankowiak (9)

10 to 19 YEARS OF SERVICE

Martin I Sviland (10)

Alan K Nutten (11)

Edmund J Chrostowski Jr (19)

20 YEARS AND MORE OF SERVICE

James F Pryce (39)

Jack S Massarello (42)

Wedding Anniversaries



Gerald T & Diane Heiss (11/8)

Robert S & Mary Victor (11/14)

"If your wedding anniversary is not listed, it is because we do not know the date of your anniversary. If this is the case, please send the date along with your wife's name in an email to our Financial Secretary (johnlutz@wowway.com) and he will enter it into the Knights of Columbus records."

November 2023

Current & Upcoming Events & Activities

Month of November

- Vocations Chalice

Thursday , November 2

- Visitation at L.J. Griffin
Funeral Home with Brother
Bob Liebau

Friday , November 3

- Brother Bob LieBau lies in
state and and Mass at St John
Neumann

Saturday , November 4

- Parish Grounds clean up

Sunday , November 5

- After 11:30 mass
Exemplification at Resurrection
Parish

Wednesday , November 8

- 11 am Michigan March for Life

Tuesday, November 14

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

Friday, November 17

-KofC SJN Wine Tasting

Tuesday, November 28

- 7:00pm Business Meeting

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

-Knights Holiday Gathering
with Spouses
-Membership Meeting

Tuesday, December 26, 2023

- 7:00pm Business Meeting

Volunteer Needs at Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament:

This event is an outreach on behalf of the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament to the neighboring community. The goal is to meet the need of the low-income residents in the area while providing a place for people to develop relationships. Volunteers would be primarily asked to provide and serve the meal. Most often we do hot dogs / hamburgers, but groups are welcome to put their own spin on it. Assistance with set up and tear-down would also be helpful.

Cathedral Community Grill: 9844
Woodward Avenue Detroit, MI 48202

7-15 volunteers on **January 21,**



A Message from Our District Deputy

You are asked to complete a "Survey of Fraternal Activity" every year. This survey tracks all volunteer hours you participated in for a calendar year. Why is this important? The Knights of Columbus is a tax-deferred organization, not a tax-exempt organization. Supreme pays taxes on any profits from the sale of its insurance products. Supreme is able to take a deduction, at minimum wage, for every hour you volunteer. Profits from these insurance products go to the K of C charities. It's essential for us to track all volunteer hours. Volunteer hours are not just for Knight activities. It can be for church activities, and any volunteering outside of church, i.e., scouting, and coaching. Volunteer hours also include any meetings and preparation hours for any activities or meetings. For instance, Ron Rathbun spends many hours preparing and gathering the information for our monthly newsletter. All those hours he spends on this qualify for volunteer hours. Program Director David Trost has produced a great checklist to help you track your volunteer hours. Please take the time to fill out the hours you volunteered and submit them. Thank you.

God Bless

Dan Timmerman

Proposed ByLaws Amendment Passes First vote

The Supreme council has decided to increase the per capita amount that is levied against each council. Also our council officers have proposed to subsidize the cost of name badges for all members. To off set these two increase in expenses , the following amendment to our bylaws is proposed. This prosaic will allow for an increase in the dues for regular members of our councils. The increase will be only a \$5 increase per year. approved by vote of the membership. The proposal was voted on at the last general membership meeting. Passage of the amendment requires another vote at the next meeting. To vote or to express your concern please attend the next meeting. The proposed amendment reads as follows:

"Article 1, Section 3. Each member shall pay annual dues. The annual dues of members shall be \$45.00, except honorary members who shall pay the sum of State and Supreme Council per capita changes and levies, and honorary life members who shall pay nothing. A reduced rate of dues for insured members under 26 years of age may be established, but it shall not be less than \$3.00 per year. Except as stated above, the dues of associate and insurance member shall be the same."

Sign up opportunities

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

[November 5: State Council Hosted ECUF and Lunch](#)

[November 11: Coats for Kids, St Andre Bessette, Ecorse](#)

[January 21: Cathedral Community Grill](#)

For activates being coordinated by our Knights of Columbus council, contact [Gene Suchyta](#) if you need to make a change or need to cancel an activity for which you have signed-up.

Resurrection Parish - Parish of the Week on Ave Maria Radio

By DGK **Steve Sarlitto**

I was listening to Ave Maria Radio on Oct 4th and the Epiphany show hosted by Vanessa Denha Garmo from 12:00pm to 1:00pm. I tuned in a little late but I thought I recognized the voice of the priest that she was interviewing. As it turns out it was our own Fr, Jim Houbeck. Vanessa was kicking off a new segment on her show called "Parish of the Week". As it turns out, Resurrection Parish was the first parish selected for this new segment. Fr. Jim gave a great interview and referenced a lot of the faith life activities at both Resurrection and St. John Neumann. I have attached the link to the interview below. The segment with Fr. Jim starts at about the 28:44 mark in the audio recording. Take a listen. I hope you enjoy it. Click on the following link to listen

[Epiphany - October 4, 2023 - Ave Maria Radio](#)

Welcome Our Newest Brother



Please welcome Brother Knight Lucas Montgomery. Lucas participated in the Exemplification on October 25th, hosted by Renaud council (picture attached). Lucas is a SJN parishioner and a family man. His wife and kids also attended the ceremony.

Service Request form Resurrection Parish

A job well done

Our council was asked provide a special service project at



Resurrection Parish on Oct 28.. We removed some grounded up tree stumps, (all chips and dirt) with shovels and rakes bagging the stuff. We also be trimmed the trees on the grounds, about 6ft. up, so when they are cutting the



lawn the limbs will not be in their way.

Approximately 20 knights showed up to accomplish this request. Thanks Brothers for your Support.

Special Election to be Held

A special election will be held in our council. Due to the passing of our Brother Knight Robert LeBaeu. The position of inside guard is now vacant and nominations will be taken at the next two business meetings followed by an election.

Please consider volunteering to fill this position.

The responsibilities of the inside guard is to carry out tasks given to him by the grand knight and follow the warden's orders. He is responsible for checking membership cards and allowing entrance to meetings.



Check was presented to the PC Allstars from the MI Drive

Seventh Annual Halloween Dance For Young Adults with Special Needs

By John Crabill

The St. John Neumann Knights sponsored the 7th Halloween Dance on Friday, October 27, 2023. The dance was well attended with 155 young adults and chaperones. The attendees were from the St. John Neumann Parish, PC Stars Special Olympic Team, and the Community Opportunity Center (COC). The attendees appeared to have a great time, extending many positive comments. The chaperones were very appreciative of the activities for the young adults.

This year we had several old and new companies which supported us in making the dance a success. Please support them whenever possible. The companies participating were:

- **SAMS Club** in Canton
- **McDonalds** on Ford Road/Canton Center
- **Home Depot**, Plymouth Twp. on 5 Mile
- **Spirit of Halloween** on Ford Road

Several organizations also participated with us to make the dance a success. They were:

- **Civitans** ran their popular picture taking station. They also made a cash donation to support our dance.
- **Kathy Turnquest** also provided the ice cream treats.
- **Alhambra Manresa 217** provided additional manpower support
 - **Middle School Youth Group** provided support during the food serving areas and clean-up.
 - **St. John Neumann Women's Organization** provided support during the decorating, registration and running the "Punch Out Game"
 - **Diana Korte** was the DJ for the event and again did a great job this year
 - **Cindy Fox from the PC Stars** for co-coordinating the registration of the PC Stars athletes
- The **Planning team of Cindy Fox, Kathy Turnquest, Roxanne Crabill and Ron Budzisz** were instrumental in making the dance a success



A special thank you to all the brothers from the Knights of Columbus Council 16169 who participated in the Tootsie Roll drive which funded our donation to the PC Stars and the members at the dance which made the dance such a success.



Programs for 2023-2024

Dave Trost (Program Director):

Faith in Action:

Goal to share faith, celebrate fraternity and stand shoulder to shoulder in service to our community and in defense of life.

Faith Programs:

RSVP, Into the Breach, Spiritual Reflection, Holy Hour, Pilgrim Icon Program, Building the Domestic Church Kiosk, Rosary Program

Family Programs:

Food for Families, Family of the Month/Year, Family Prayer Night, Keep Christ in Christmas, Consecration of the Holy Family

Life Programs:

March for Life, Special Olympics, Pregnancy Center Support/ASAP, Novena for Life

Community Programs:

Coats for Kids, Free Throw Championship, Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest, Soccer Challenge

Pancake Hospitality Weekend

By David Blankenship



It was a great turn-out for our fall KofC pancake breakfast, fueled by well-wishers for newly ordained Deacon Cesar Cruz, following the 10:30 mass. The tables were decorated in fall colors and the hot breakfast was very welcome.

As always the breakfast was staffed by worthy Knights who always give of their talents and time to make the Saturday evening and Sunday morning program a success. Thanks to the following Knights who volunteered to set-up, cook, serve and clean-up: (I sure hope I did not miss anyone!)



Steve Polidori
Mike Polovich
Steve Sarlitto
Leo Petretta
Larry Redman
Dennis Oszust
Jeff Battistella
Larry O'Hara

Ron Kretschmer
Marcel Loosbrock
Len Carravallah
Chuck Lang
Tom Solak
Dan Timmerman
Dave Andreolli
Steve Moraca
Don Pratt



We served more than 226 parishioners and collected donations of \$682.24, which will assist in funding our Right to Life charities.

I cannot thank the Knights enough for their support of this very visible event where we provide fellowship for our parishioners following each mass.

This Month's Featured CIS Booklet

118 – Prayer

What do you understand about the role of prayer in the Christian life? Pope Benedict XVI writes, "The Christian who prays seeks an encounter with the Father of Jesus Christ, asking God to be present with the consolation of the Spirit to him and his work." This booklet discusses the meaning, purpose and importance of prayer.

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

[Click on the link below to open the audio version https://www.kofc.org/en/av/cis/cis_hart_18_en.mp3](#)

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





Returnable Cans Program

You are encouraged to continue to deposit your returnable cans and bottles. However, please note that the collection for the months of November and December is controlled by the SJN Ladies Organization, The funds generated during these months will not be earmarked for seminarians.

Council Corporate Communion



On October 29 our council held its third corporate communion mass of the 2023 year.

A Corporate Communion Mass is a special Mass for the Knights of Columbus Council members to gather

together as one with their families and friends and share the Eucharist together in both fraternity and unity. Council members serve in all the various liturgical roles during the Mass.

Our council holds a corporate communion on every month that there is a 5th Sunday. As many members of our council will attend as possible and all the roles of the mass are covered by knights. The members are asked to wear their council shirts to show the unity of the knights.

Thanks to all the members who attended and to those knights that served as either an usher, lecturer, Eucharistic minister, media or sacristan. Also a thanks to the color Corp from the Pope John XXIII assembly.

If you were not able to attend this past communion, try to attend the next.

Our theme
for this coming year is
“Faith and Family”.

AAA Pregnancy Resource Center's Fall Banquet Fundraiser

By Marshall Grazipli



On October 12, 2023, Brother Knights Jeff Battistella, Roger Biernat, Clint Randall (with his Mom Penny Randall), Joe Camill (with His wife Stephanie), and Marshall Grazioli (with his wife Colleen) together with Marshall's friends Jodi Ring and Mary Beth Hausman attended the annual AAA Pregnancy Resource Center's Fall Banquet Fundraiser at the Burton Manor in Livonia.

The AAAPRC was incorporated in 1973 as Birthright of Western Wayne County, changed to AAAPRC in 1982. 2023 represents the 50th year of operation for the center. Peggy Roberts, the current Director, gave the opening remarks in which she shared how at least 2700 babies have been saved from abortion over the life of the center and how her self described "Pro Neutral" mentality was changed to Pro Life at some point and how she then became the Director. In 2012 the State Council of the Knights of Columbus provided the center with an ultrasound machine, no doubt responsible for at least some of these "saves".

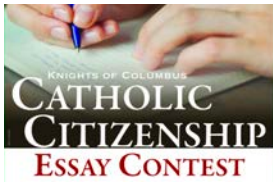
Dr. Ben Carson was the main speaker which attracted a record 1700 attendees to the banquet. He shared his story about growing up without a father, about how life has to be protected from womb to tomb and how when he was named the 17th Secretary of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development he was advised to "drop the God stuff" advice of which, of course, he did not heed.



Our Council sponsored the table for a \$300 donation and \$180 in cash donations were collected at the October General Meeting. These combined with the additional donation from the table guests will allow for the K of C Supreme council to be able to forward an additional \$400 to AAA through the ASAP program (\$100 for every \$500 donated, up to \$2000 donated). Our total table donations

actually came to \$5,880! Great work by Council 16169!

Essay Winner announced



Our council is proud to announce the winner of this year's Catholic Citizenship essay contest. The

Winning entry was submitted by Marianna Vespa. She will be awarded a winner's certificate at the family night and council meeting on Dec 12. Marianna's essay has been submitted to District Deputy Dan Timmerman for the district level of the competition to be held in November.

The Judges were Deputy Grand Knight Steve Sarlitto ,Nancy McGee and Tom Salapatek.

Need a Badge or T-Shirt?

Brother Joe Bradley, is the contact person for name badges at csmjib@protonmail.com (734-673-0004)

The cost of a badge is now only \$7, the council is covering half the cost.

Brother Mike Cartier is the contact for shirts, jackets, hats, etc. Contact Mike at mikeandnoel81@comcast.net (734-459-5635)

Fall Parish Cleanup Help Needed



On Saturday morning, November 4, at 9:00am, the Knights of Columbus will be helping with the Fall Cleanup of the Parish grounds. Please bring rakes, clippers, wheelbarrows, shovels, and any cleanup tools you think we may need. Please [click here](#) to sign-up.

Christmas in the Philippines

By Ronald Rathbun



It was 1994 and a few knights were socializing after a general membership meeting. I having just returned from a trip to the Philippines. I was describing the poverty that I had seen there. I saw people living in cardboard boxes, looking for the next meal and people turned away from the hospitals because they could not pay for the needed services.

These knights knew that they could not solve this problem but these five knights each decided to donate \$25 each so that when we returned to the Philippines the next year we would purchase food for some of these needy people. That was the beginning.

Soon other councils heard about this project that these knights started and wanted to join in. Every year since many different councils in the southeast Michigan area have donate and sent funds to continue the program that has become known as " Christmas in the Philippines". Last year, four councils (St John Neumann, Msgr Kerns council , St.. Edith Council and the Duns Scotus council) along with donations form the Bishop Gallagher fourth degree assembly, The St John Neumann Mens Prayer Breakfast group and several individuals were able to provide food packets to over 2,000 needy families in the Bacolod Philippines area.

Each food pack that contained rice, noodles and canned fish cost about \$2.20. All labor to package and distribute the food gifts was completed with volunteer help. Every penny that was donated went 100% to the hands of those needy people.

To conduct this program we have established a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. This organization , Elizabeth Foundation, allows all donations to qualify for a tax deductible status.



Over the years, these donations has allowed the Foundation to not only give these food packs during Christmas time but these donations have provided hot meals year weekly, paid medical bills, provide educational needs, supply water to communities, housing and many other needs for these poor in the Philippines. Again this year we are looking forward for the support of these councils, organizations and individuals for the funds needed to run these programs. To find our more about the works of the Elizabeth Foundation, contact Brother Ron Rathbun at RonaldRathbun@gmail.com.

To make a tax deductible donation of any amount, please contact the Elizabeth Foundation at 12149 Laginess, LaSalle, Mi 48145,

Thank You and God Bless

Membership Update

Our quota is 12 new members. We've exemplified 7 new members, or 58%. Need 5 more members to achieve Star Council by June 30th.

Our newest member to join us is Lucas Montgomery (on page 6). Lucas completed the Exemplification hosted by Renaud council on October 25th.

A Membership Drive was recently completed at Resurrection parish the weekend of October 28/29th. Several men were interested in joining. As of October 30th, three men from Resurrection have joined as e-members and are awaiting Exemplification to transfer their membership into our council.

Next Exemplification is this Sunday, November 5th at Resurrection parish, immediately following the 11:00 AM mass. This Exemplification is being hosted by the state with lunch after the ceremony. Sign-up sheet for lunch is on-line.

RSVP Program

The 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. Our council has supported three seminarians thru their training till their ordination.

With the recent ordination of two of these seminarians, our four council is looking for replacements to sponsor. If you are aware of any seminarian in the United States that could use our support and prayers, please let us know.

Third Annual Rosary Rally

By Dan Pfeifer



On Saturday, October 14th, members of our Saint John Neumann family came together to commemorate the "Miracle of the Sun" that occurred in Fatima in 1917. We sang hymns, prayed the Rosary and were led in the Litany of the Blessed Virgin by Father Paul. Rain prevented us from meeting outside but those who braved the cool rainy weather gathered in the church to honor Mary and praise Jesus.

This has been a wonderful yearly event for quite some time. We are looking for someone to be the rally "captain" to organize things for next year. There are many eager volunteers to help with this project. We just need someone to pull all the pieces together. I will be glad to help whoever steps up with all the info and details as to how we have done things for the last 3 years. So please ask the Holy Spirit if this is something you should get involved in. Please contact Dan Pfeiffer at

734-892-3894 for information if You are willing to honor Mary in next year's Rosary Rally !!!

VIVAT JESUS !!!

Mental Impairment Drive

By Larry Redman



Our Fall Mental Impairment Drive was held October 6, 7 and 8th. Donations were accepted at Busch's Market (Canton) and after all masses at both SJN and Resurrection

parish. Over \$2,600 was raised. Thank you Busch's, Canton neighbors, SJN parishioners, Resurrection parishioners and Brother Knights for their donations/support in this worthy cause! The money raised will go to our local mentally impaired friends/neighbors!

Wine Tasting. - Our newest Fundraiser

The SJN Knights of Columbus will be hosting a wine tasting event on Friday, November 17, 2023, at St. John Neumann on Warren Rd. Doors will open at 6:30pm and the event will start 7:00pm.

The night includes tasting of 5 wines, light hors d'oeuvres and live entertainment featuring a musical performance of award-winning songs from Detroit Strong Music. Tickets are \$40.00 per person. All proceeds benefit Knights of Columbus SJN Council 16169 charities. The event is being sponsored by Super Fine Wine & Liquor on Haggerty Rd. [Click here](#) for tickets, or scan the QR code.



Wine Tasting EVENT

- Let's Raise a Glass or Two -

Featuring a Musical Performance
of Award-Winning Songs from:



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St. John Neumann

44800 Warren Rd.

Canton, MI 48187



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16169 Charities

www.kofc16169.org

Or use this QR code
to buy tickets



Sponsored by:
Super Fine Wine & Liquor



For the Wine Tasting event on Nov. 17th we have arranged to sell tickets after the Masses for the next two weekends. If you are available for a short time after the Mass you attend, please sign up to help with the sale of tickets. It only takes about 15 minutes after a Mass.

Vocations Chalice

Archbishop Vigneron announced that the Archdiocese of Detroit will engage in a Year of Prayer for Priestly Vocations beginning on June 4, 2022 (the Vigil of Pentecost) and concluding on May 28, 2023 (the Solemnity of Pentecost). This Year of Prayer will be a time for everyone in the Archdiocese—priests, deacons, religious, and laity—to come to understand and embrace our need to be united in prayer, working toward a culture that fosters and celebrates vocations to the priesthood. The Archbishop has also asked that at every Sunday Mass the Prayer for Priestly Vocations be prayed ([click here](#))

Additionally, St. John Neumann has a long tradition of asking parish families to take home our Vocations Chalice for one week to pray for priestly vocations. Joe Camill, our Vocations Chairman, is asking brother knights, and their families, to step up to this very worthy activity and sign up to take the Vocations Chalice for a week. With almost 200 knights in our council, we have enough knights for almost 2 years of families praying for vocations!

To sign up, please [click here](#) ,
For more information on this program, please contact Joe Camill at jcamill@wowway.com.

Now There are Two

The Men's Prayer Breakfast is every Thursday at 6am in Baldwin Hall. All men of the parish are invited to join. No reservation require.

The morning will begin with a short opening prayer followed by a mention of all the intentions and thanksgivings. We will all recite one decade of the rosary. A short video will be shown followed by an open discussion. Some members participate in the discussion and others will just listen. Everyone will take something away from the video and the discussion. Breakfast items are available on a table that can be taken at any time during the hour. The meeting will end at 7am sharp allowing anyone that has to get to work to leave. We are sure that if you attend one of these meetings you will be hooked .

A second Mens prayer breakfast has now begun. It meets every 4th Saturday of the month at 8:30am in Baldwin Hall (Except Nov & Dec. it will be on the 3 rd Saturday for these two months), The 1st Men's Prayer Breakfast Saturday Edition went very well with 15 participants. We are sure that you will enjoy the experience. Please join us.

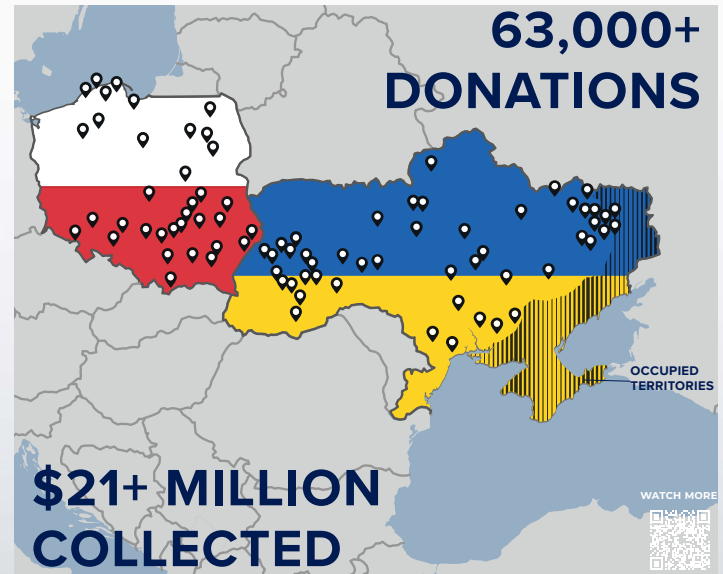
KOF C RESPONSE TO THE WAR IN UKRAINE

“The biggest gift of God to Ukraine today is the brotherhood of Knights of Columbus.”

Major Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk

“We are very grateful to the Knights in Poland and in the U.S. for the tremendous help which flows in a wide stream.”

Archbishop Mieczyslaw Mokrzycki



More than 9,000 Knights in Poland and Ukraine are active in providing help to victims of the war. The pins on the map above indicate cities that have received support and/or resources from the Knights of Columbus.

The Russian invasion of Ukraine spurred one of the largest relief efforts in Knights of Columbus history. Since February 2022, Knights around the world have prayed for peace, collected more than \$21 million for the Order's Ukraine Solidarity Fund, and worked tirelessly to bring help to the victims of war — particularly refugees, children, orphans, widows, people with disabilities and the elderly. The Knights of Columbus is constantly giving support and hope to those in need.



OVER 7.2 MILLION POUNDS OF SUPPLIES AND GOODS SENT



MORE THAN 225,000 CARE PACKAGES DELIVERED



MORE THAN 300,000 REFUGEES WELCOMED AT MERCY CENTERS



60,000 ROSARIES DISTRIBUTED

A mother crosses the Polish-Ukraine border with children.



Myroslav Mazur, a Ukrainian K of C district deputy, hands a care package to a girl during a local food distribution.

