



# NEUMANN KNIGHTS



Serving St. John Neumann & Resurrection Parishes

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## From the Desk of the Grand Knight

Dear Brother Knights,

As we move into the deep winter season and the beginning of Lent, it can become a time of calmness and a time to reflect on what our purpose and mission in life really is. What is it that God wants us to do? "Faith and Family First" is our present mantra. How do you place or prioritize these two key facets in your life. Are they first or do they fall down the priority list of activities and must things to do? We have a number of things that can pull us away, our work, over indulging in social entertainment, the political chaos in our country and the list goes on. If we seek God with humility and repentance, he will remove the obstacles and sins that block our vision and purpose. He will give us new ways to see our lives and our mission.



Chuck Lang, Grand Knight

There are several programs our parish is offering to help us grow in and to understand our faith and bring us closer to God; the Rescue Project, the Bible studies, and the Adult Formation events taking place between now and April, daily Mass and several others. All are listed in the bulletin.

In addition, the Knights support two Men's Prayer Breakfasts, one every Thursday morning from 6-7am and one on the 4th Saturday of every month from 8:30-9:30am. These prayer breakfasts are open to all men of the parish. They provide an opportunity for men to come together for prayer and faith formation, and to do so in the context of spiritual friendship. Pope Benedict XVI once observed, "Our lives are involved with one another, through innumerable interactions they are linked together. No one lives alone. No one sins alone. No one is saved alone. The lives of others continually spill over into mine: in what I think, say, do and achieve. And conversely, my life spills over into that of others: for better and for worse."

I encourage you to participate in any of the programs I mentioned above. During Lent, maybe consider it a priority for yourself as you continue your faith journey, purpose and mission in life. God knows us better than we know ourselves. Pray and ask Him to be a larger part of your life.

We are Knights of Columbus, a fraternal group; men of Faith, men of charity and men of service to others. Remember to rekindle your love on Valentine's Day by doing something special for your wife, significant other or best friend.

Know that God Loves YOU!

Vivat Jesus, Grand Knight

St. John Neumann  
Knights of Columbus  
Council 16169 ,  
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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.

Zoom link : <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3368235608?pwd=eDVmK2xvc0k5YitodWdYVWZlYnRvdz09>  
All meetings are held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church.

If you can not attend the general meeting you are encouraged to attend via Zoom. To Attend just click on the link below:

### *A Message from Our District Deputy*

By DD Dan Timmerman

As of this writing, you are three new members away from achieving double-star council. Double star means you have achieved double your membership goal, a rare achievement. Thank you for all your efforts in bringing new men to the Knights.

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The District Free Throw Contest will take place at St. John Neumann on February 11, Registration is at 1:30 with the contest starting at 2:00. The winners will advance to the Diocesan Free Throw Contest on February 25 with the same start time. Both events will bring non-parishioners and their children to St. John Neumann. Let's be a welcoming council and assist during these events. Please go to the links on the council webpage to sign up.

Ash Wednesday is February 14 and the beginning of Lent. Let us all prepare, fast, and give alms as we approach the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus. My prayers for you are that you may all grow deeper in your relationship with Jesus.

God Bless

Dan Timmerman



### **Welcome Our New Brother Knight**

Please welcome 16169's newest member, Laleen Pinto. Laleen has been reinstated. He was a knight previously in Canada. He has completed the Exemplification hosted by Renaud Council on January 25, 2024 (picture attached). Laleen and his wife, Priyanthi, are SJN parishioners. Both are participating in SJN's Rescue series.



*Carry and Pray your Rosary every day*



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



Barbara Demiter, mother of brother Brandon Demiter  
 State Treasurer Charles E. McCuen, III  
 Tom Bandli family, friends of brother Eugene Suchyta  
 Samuel Redman, relative of brother Larry P Redman  
 Stephanie Camill, wife of brother Joe Camill  
 John & Marcia Safran

Jerry Wojas and family, especially daughter Jackie,  
 cousins of brother Michael Tallman's wife Sarah  
 Cristina Sarlitto, mother of DGK Steve Sarlitto  
 Laura Budzisz, daughter of brother Ron Budzisz  
 Michelle Martin  
 Andrew Anyanwu's wife

### Brother Knight's Family in need of prayers and Support



You have probably heard it on the news, on January 6, 2024, Ryan and Jen ( the niece of our council 's brother Knight Kevin Burke) Ambrosio were killed in a fatal car wreck. The wreck was the results of a police chase of a stolen vehicle .This tragedy left their six young children (Maria Grace, Faustina, Benedict, Raphael, and Julian.) ranging in ages from 2 to 9 Amelia without parents. A go fund me page has been established to assist in the support of these children. Please remember them in your daily prayers.



### February Birthdays

James F Pryce (02-02)	John A Safran ( 02-24)
Mark Oleszkowicz (02-03)	Steven R Sarlitto ( 02-24)
Lawrence A Maccani (02-09)	Paul J Schwartz ( 02-24)
Dr Matt P Steffes (02-14)	Jim DiMaria (02-27)
Darrin P Burek (02-15)	Larry P Redman (02-27)
Marlowe Ma( 02-16)	Timothy A Gondek (02-28)



### Years of Service as a Knight

#### 5 to 9 Years Service

Bryan D. Chemotti (5)	Charles J Lang (7)
Leonard J Carravallah (5)	Andrew J Miller (7)
Joseph M Henn Jr (5)	Marcel I Loosbrock (8)
Robert A Johnson (5)	John P Angell (8)
Julius C Pablo (6)	Joseph P Camill (8)
Edward D Millenbach (6)	Stephen C Moraca (8)
Leo H Petretta (6)	

#### 10 to 24 Years Of Service

Paul J Schwartz (12)	Kevin Burke (21)
Jose N Villarreal (15)	Larry P Redman (22)

#### 25 Years or More Of Service

John A Lutz (36)	Timothy F Lauster (46)
Robert B Hyde Jr (41)	James J Jermanus (52)



### Wedding Anniversaries

Daniel J & Linda Pfeiffer (02-01)  
 John A & Maria Safran( 02-04)  
 Leonard J & Laura Carravallah (02-27)

"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](mailto:johnlutz@wowway.com)) and he will enter it into the Knights of Columbus records."



*Current & Upcoming  
Events & Activities*

**Saturday, February 3**

International Dinner  
Hospitality Weekend

**Friday, February 9**

6:00pm Dinner for Life, Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit

**Sunday, February 11**

1:30pm District Free Throw Contest

**Tuesday, February 13**

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

**Sunday, February 25**

1:30pm Diocesan Free Throw Contest

**Tuesday, February 27**

7:00pm Business Meeting

**Tuesday, March 12**

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

**Friday, March 15**

7:00pm. Reverse Raffle

**Saturday, March 23**

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

**Sunday, March 24**

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

**Tuesday, March 26**

7:00pm Business Meeting

**Saturday, April 6**

Pancake Hospitality Weekend

**Sunday, April 7**

Pancake Hospitality Weekend

**Tuesday, April 9**

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

**Sunday, April 21**

10:00am Cathedral Community Grill

**Tuesday, April 23**

7:00pm Business Meeting

**Tuesday, May 14, 2024**

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

**Tuesday, May 28, 2024**

7:00pm Business Meeting

**Monday June 24**

SJN Golf outing

**Family of the Month January 2024  
Gerardo De La Torre Family**

By Gk Chuck Lang



Gerardo and Maria Andrea De La Torre have Four children: Agustin (7), Patricio (5), Luciana(2) and Francisco(1month).

Gerardo is a family man and a member of our Knights of Council. Gerardo and family attend mass together as a family. When extended family is in town, they also attend mass with the family. Gerardo regularly volunteers for Cans for Seminarians, Mental Impairment Drive and Membership Drives. He includes the kids in the very

same programs. He also serves as a soccer coach for the kids during their summer program..

Maria supports and volunteers in different school activities like helping during lunch time or taking the kids to adoration chapel. She also sings once a month during adoration at OLGK and sings at the Our lady of Guadalupe mass on December 12<sup>th</sup> of each year.

Agustin and Patricio attend school at OLGK. You routinely see the kids at Vacation Bible School each summer.

This year, as a family, they volunteered and supported the SJN Picnic giving and handing out ice cream. In addition, during Holy week, they went to St Damien parish in Pontiac with a group from Regnum Christi called Familia Misionera to visit homes, spread the gospel and serve at the Holy Week celebrations.

Let's congratulate the De La Torre Family for their many contributions to parish life.

**Presentations at Jan 5 Officer's Meeting**

**September Knight of Month**



Brother Bill Springer was announced as the Knight of the Month for the month of September. However, He was not officially presented with his certificate. At the December officers meeting he was officially presented with his certificate. Congratulations Bill

**Star Council Pins**



During the past fraternal year, our council reached our goals and completed the other requirements to be awarded a Star council award. In appreciation , PGK FN Ed. Hurst Jr, and Larry Redman were awarded star council pins for their outstanding efforts for us to achieve this award.

## Sign up opportunities

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

[February, March, April 2024: Vocations Chalice](#)

[February 2024: Cans for Seminarians Help](#)

[February 4 and February 17 through March 10 Reverse Raffle Ticket Sales:](#)

[February 11: District Free Throw Contest](#)

[February 25: Diocesan Free Throw Contest](#)

[March 23/24: MI Drive/Tootsie Roll Donations - SJN](#)

[March 23/24: MI Drive/Tootsie Roll Donations - Resurrection](#)

[April 21: Cathedral Community Grill](#)

## 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](http://www.virtusonline.org)

To attend a workshop:

1. Go to [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org).
2. Click on First Time Registrant.
3. Register for the course ASAP.

## Knight of the Month of January 2024 Marshall Grazioli

By GK Chuck Lang



Why Marshall joined the Knights of Columbus. At some point along his faith journey, he, like the Wise Men, encountered God in a different way, and began to move in a new direction. He had become the chair of the St John Neumann Christian Service at the time as well as the chair of the Respect Life Ministry on that journey and as such, was at the Pastoral Council Meeting back in 2014 when the idea of having a Knights of Columbus council at St

John Neumann was first brought forth.

His images to that point of fraternal organizations mostly were of guys sitting around in smoky rooms playing cards and drinking beer. He saw a video that night that revealed the Knights to be far from those images. He was very impressed and moved by the activities the Knights were engaged in like Eucharistic Processions, providing Relief Supplies for Hurricane Victims and everything in between. The dual mission of faith and service was very attractive to him resulting in him signing up when the opportunity first came.

Marshall is not a not a military veteran but has always carried that mindset of, faith, service, sacrifice and patriotism. The Knights embody all of these for him so it was natural for him to become a Knight, a foot soldier for God. And that you are Marshall and we appreciate the many things you continue to do for the Knights, the parish and the community.

**Please join me in recognizing Marshall for his leadership and service.**

## Past Grand Knight Installed



On Sunday, January 21, 2024 St. John Neumann's Charter Past Grand Knight Jim Pryce was installed to the Rite of Acolyte for the Permanent Diaconate for the Archdiocese of Detroit by Bishop Gerard Battersby at St. Collette parish. This is the last Rite prior to God willing Ordination in October of 2025.

In the photo is Brother Jim & his classmates- L- R Mark Henry, St. Collette, Livonia, Joseph Jones, St. Augustine/ St. Monica, Detroit, Bishop Battersby, John Kovacik, St. Isadore, Macomb Twp., Jim Pryce, St. John Neumann, Canton, and John Rybski, Our Lady of Victory, Northville

Please continue to pray for these men in their journey.

## Attend the Meeting from your easy chair

Many times we are not able to attend the council general membership meetings. This may be due to a lack of transportation, it may be that you are out of town, or it may be that you are just a little under the weather. No matter what the reason, now you can attend from the comfort of your own home. Our council has purchased the needed equipment to bring the meeting to you.

Follow the link below and you will be brought in to the attendance of the meeting. The link can be used anywhere in the world. During the November meeting, eight of our members attend via this link. We are looking forward to a larger online attendance in the future. Hope to see you there next meeting.

Join the Zoom Meeting  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3368235608?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3368235608?pwd=eDVmK2xvc0k5YitodWdYVWZlYnRvdz09)  
[pwd=eDVmK2xvc0k5YitodWdYVWZlYnRvdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3368235608?pwd=eDVmK2xvc0k5YitodWdYVWZlYnRvdz09)

Meeting ID: 336 823 5608  
 Passcode: 969135

Our council meetings are held every second Tuesday at 7 pm. You can join thru this link starting about 6:30. You have the option of using your camera or not.

## 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](http://kofc.org/joinus)
- Enter promo code **BLESSEDMCGIVNEY**
- Enter your membership number for sponsor credit,

## Mental Impairment Drive (aka MI Drive), Spring 2024

By Larry Redman



Our Spring MI Drive is planned for Palm Sunday weekend, March 22/23<sup>rd</sup> at SJN and Resurrection parishes. For our newest members, this is one of our simplest programs. Knights stand outside the worship space after all masses. We pass out tootsie rolls and accept cash donations. Sign-up sheets are on-line. All money raised support our local mentally impaired friends and neighbors.

In addition to our parishes, we also solicit local Kroger (spring) and Busch's stores (fall). Please be on

the lookout for sign-up sheets, once dates are secured for these locations. The process at the grocery stores is the same. We stand outside the store, pass out tootsie rolls and accept donations. Please invite your family/friends to sign-up also, as all Knights of Columbus programs are inclusive to family/friends.



## Cathedral Community Grill

Our Council has agreed and been assigned to run the Community Grill at Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament Community Grill on Sunday, April 21, from 10:00AM to 2:00PM. (Lunch is served at Noon)

This was moved from January at the request of the Cathedral. They wanted warmer weather so we can cook on their grills in front of the Cathedral.... Pretty Nice.



Please consider joining us through the gift of your time as a volunteer. We will serve lower-income residents and parishioners in the surrounding Detroit neighborhoods through fellowship and food. If you are new to the council, or simply wanting a unique experience, this is your opportunity. Let us be hands and feet of Christ for others. Please join us. Cathedral Community Grill: 9844 Woodward Avenue Detroit, MI 48202 7-15 volunteers are recommended by the Church organizers. Recommend the group attend Saturday evening mass or 8:30am before we make our way to downtown

The Sign-up Genius Link is: [April 21 - Community Grill](#)

## Membership Update



Our quota is 12 new members. We've exemplified 21 new members, or 175%. Our WGK has given us a stretch objective to achieve the Double Star Council award. Which means we achieve double our quota. Thus we need 3 more members by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Membership Drives are planned to Spring at both SJN and Resurrection parishes. Please be on the lookout for sign-up sheet forthcoming, once the dates have been secured.

## Are your Dues Late?

As a knight of Columbus, each member is required to pay an annual dues. The notices were sent out by email this year and were due by Dec 31. As of this newsletter, 89 members have not yet paid his dues.

Our Financial Secretary is preparing to send by US mail a second reminder. If you have not yet paid please do and save the council the cost of these mailings.

## Hats, Shirts, Badges & More



Brother Joe Bradley, is the contact person for name badges at [csmjb@protonmail.com](mailto:csmjb@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](mailto:mikeandnoel81@comcast.net) (734-459-5635)

## Our Annual Free Throw Contest

By Marshall Grazioli

Our Council held its annual Youth Free Throw Contest on Sunday January 21 in the St. John Neumann gym. There were 10 contestants this year with winners established in 8 age/gender groups.

The winners were

- Samantha Chirpka (age 10),
- Nick Chirpka (age 9),
- Jonah Birk (Age 10),
- Cater Majer (Age 11),
- Josh Klinkhammer (age 12),
- Matthew Adams (Age 13)
- Adam Klinkhamer (Age 14).



They will be moving on to compete at the District 14 Contest on February

11, also to be held at St. John Nuemann. Thanks to Knights Ben Klinkhammer, Larry O'Hara,

Marcel Loosbrock, Larry Redman, Jeff Battistella, Dave Trost, Chuck Lang, Paul Bak amongst others for their assistance.

## Transubstantiation presented by Fr Jim

By Dan Pfeiffer

On January 23rd, Fr. Jim gave a wonderful presentation on Transubstantiation! I believe there were over 150 parishioners present. He began with a refresher course in Philosophy 101 explaining substance, accident, matter and form. Substance is what a particular thing is. Accidents are the qualities or characteristics of substances that may change but the substance still remains the same. Matter is what a thing is actually made of. Form is the essence or nature of a thing.



He gave examples from Rev. Fulton Sheen about how humans have bodies and souls and both need to be fed. Our bodies need perishable food while our souls need spiritual nourishment. The greatest of which are Grace and the Eucharist. Jesus promised to be with us till the end of the age. The Eucharist fulfills that promise. The Ancient Church Believed in the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and at the Fourth Lateran Council the term "Transubstantiation" was used to describe that the substances of the Bread and Wine were changed into the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus at the Consecration in Mass while the Accidents of taste and appearance remained.

While intellect and reason will never bring 100% understanding of the Eucharist, Father Jim inspired us to ask God to give us Faith guided by Truth to seek His Presence in this Divine Sacrament. Vivat Jesus!

# Golf Committee Forming



If anyone would like to be part of the Golf Committee, contact David Trost - [dtrostmichigan@gmail.com](mailto:dtrostmichigan@gmail.com)

**No Experience Necessary**, just a desire to deliver a GREAT EVENT for the Parish.

## State Tribute Banquet

By: Lawrence Grabowski -

Plans have been completed for our Membership Tribute Banquet honoring our State Deputy, Christopher A. Kolomjec.

Details are as follows:

**Date:** Saturday, February 24, 2024

**Place:** Zuccaro's Banquets & Catering  
46601 Gratiot Ave.  
Chesterfield Twp., Michigan 48051

**Social Hour:** Starts at 5pm

**Dinner:** Dinner at 6:15pm with Program to follow

**Donation:** \$35.00 per person

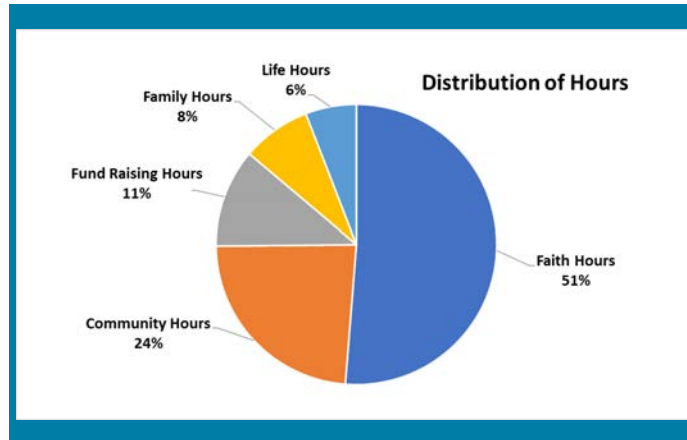
Reservations are available through the Michigan State Council Office on a first come, first served basis. A check or money order must accompany all reservation requests. Make all checks payable to the Michigan State Council/memo line - Tribute Banquet Tickets. Checks are to be mailed to the Michigan State Council Office, 6025 Wall Street, Sterling Heights, Michigan 48312. Tables for ten (10) may be reserved by individual Councils, Assemblies or groups. No tickets will be sold at the door. **ADMITTANCE BY RESERVATION ONLY.**

# 2023 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity

By David Trost

Thank you for submitting your Volunteer Hours for 2023. We are an active council because of all you contribute toward the parish, your family and community. This is what our Core Principles consist of.... Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism

We submitted over 17,000 Hours as a Council for all Activities under



The Volunteer Hours were roughly broken into these components.

Faith, Family, Community, Life and Fund Raising.

Please consider using the Form for 2024 and make it easier on yourself to tack your hours on a monthly basis.

Additionally, Think about where you have contributed in 2023 and where you might

want to take part in New Activities in 2024.

## VERY IMPORTANT PROPOSERS CLUB

Recruiting a new member into the Order is one of the most important and noteworthy accomplishments that any Knight can achieve. New members keep our organization vibrant and ensure our success in the years ahead. For the proposer, however, there is more to recruitment than just asking a man to join.

When a proposer recruits a member, he will receive 500 VIP Points to use at [Knights Gear](#). Please visit the Knights Gear website and select items that your points will cover. NOTE: 500 VIP Points are equal to \$3.00.

Please fill out the [VIP Recruitment Rewards Points Order Form](#) and send the points and order form to:

Knights of Columbus  
VIP Program  
1 Columbus Plaza  
New Haven, CT 06510



## Video of the Month

# Knights of Columbus History



Bill O'Donnell

Starting this issue of the newsletter, we plan to publish a link to a video that will pertain to either the Knights of Columbus or the Catholic Church.

This month the video was published by EWTN in 2012.

If you don't know about the "KofC Huts", the playgrounds or the assistance that the Knights have provided directly to Rome, you may find this video interesting.

Follow this link or click on the video below <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UZboT7xaM-s>



By Keith Laurin

This March, we will conduct our 6th annual St. Patrick's Day Reverse Raffle. The Raffle will be "virtually" conducted live on-line. The raffle will be held at 7:00 pm on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Each ticket will be \$25. Our goal once again is to sell 650 tickets.

As in past years, tickets will be sold in the church lobby after all Masses starting on February 17, 2022. They will also be sold during the Hospitality Events on February 4.

Tickets may also be purchased on-line at the following link: [www.kofc16169.org](http://www.kofc16169.org). Tickets purchased on-line will be sent to the purchaser prior to the event.

For this Reverse Raffle to be successful, we are asking for each council member to do their very best in promoting the event by **sharing the attached information** with extended family members, friends, neighbors, business associates and social media contacts. If all Knights share the Reverse Raffle message with all their contacts, the tickets will sell! **We are not asking you to sell tickets, we are asking you to share the information and encourage those you know to consider purchasing tickets.**

At the end of this newsletter s a flyer that provides all the details regarding the raffle. We are asking for each Council member to send the flyer and encourage folks to purchase **one or more tickets.**

With every Council member sharing the raffle information, this raffle has all the possibilities of generating a record amount of funds to support our Council's charitable efforts.

A sample message that can be used to help your sales is as follows:

*Hello (John, All or whomever),*

*I am a member of "The Knights of Columbus" which raises money for charity causes. We are conducting a virtual/zoom St. Patrick's Day Reverse Raffle on March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. I thought you might be interested in participating without leaving the comfort of your home. There will be over 25 winners and you could be one of them. See the attached information with all the details! Tickets are only \$25 and you can purchase them on-line at [www.kofc16169.org](http://www.kofc16169.org) **Heroes Raffle!** – As we did last year, all those responsible for the sales of 4 tickets and/or work in our church sales booth 4 times, will be eligible for a special raffle worth \$100 on the day of the event. Since we have such an honorable group, eligibility will be recognized by simply emailing me at [keith.laurin@hotmail.com](mailto:keith.laurin@hotmail.com). Each denomination of 4 gets a ticket for entry!*

We are counting on you to do your very best by simply sharing the raffle information with everyone you can. If you have any questions regarding the event, contact me at 734-674-6545.

Thank you for all you do and God Bless,  
Keith Laurin Reverse Raffle Chairman



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.



We are continuing to collect and refund the returnables from the collection in front of church. Our council is running the program thru February and then the women's organization will take over for the next 2 months.

Please consider volunteering to pick up these cans and return them for a refund . Sign up click here [February 2024: Cans for Seminarians Help](#)

## 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.

In keeping inline with these guidelines, Our council will send each of our sponsored seminarians, \$1,000 from the " Cans for Seminarians" program.

# SAVE THE DATE

## Monday June 24, 2024

*St. John Neumann Parish*  
*Golf Outing*



- **Consider:**
  - *Golfing*
  - *Sponsorships*
  - *Gifts / Prizes*
- **Everyone welcome**
- **More info coming soon**

## 4th annual Dinner for Life

By Seminarian Jim Musgrave

I wanted to share some information about our 14th annual Dinner for Life at the seminary, which will take place on **Friday, February 9** at Sacred Heart. The evening begins with Mass at 6pm, followed by a delicious dinner cooked and served by seminarians, as well as stories of hope from local pro-life organization Guadalupe Workers (all proceeds will go to benefit their organization).

Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/14th-annual-dinner-for-life-tickets-774096983917>

### Free \$1000 policy

Every member of the knights of Columbus automatically receives a \$1,000 accidental life insurance policy. After four years this policy is converted to a \$2,500 policy.

As a member, we should make sure that this information is placed with our will relayed to who is our designated executor of our will.

**SACRED HEART MAJOR SEMINARY**

**14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DINNER FOR LIFE**

**Friday, February 9, 2024**

Please join the Seminarians of Sacred Heart Major Seminary for an evening of worship and stories of hope as we celebrate the dignity of human life.

Mass will begin at 6:00 p.m., followed by a delicious dinner cooked and served by seminarians.

All proceeds will go to benefit Guadalupe Workers. Learn more at [guadalupeworkers.org](http://guadalupeworkers.org).

The cost is \$40. Please register in advance.

[shms.edu/events/dinner-for-life](http://shms.edu/events/dinner-for-life)

RSVP

## This Month's Featured CIS Booklet

### 120 – Mary



Mary's place in salvation history was made clear in Pope Benedict XVI's homily at the Canonization of Frey Antônio de Sant'Anna Galvão in Brazil on May 11, 2007: "Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, stands particularly close to us at this moment.... She, the Tota Pulchra, the Virgin Most Pure, who conceived in her womb the Redeemer of mankind and was preserved from all stain of original sin, wishes to be the definitive seal of our encounter with God our Savior. There is no fruit of grace in the history of salvation that does not have as its necessary instrument the mediation of Our Lady." In this booklet we learn of Mary's place in Catholic theology and her place in our lives.

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**Michigan State Council- Knights of Columbus**

**Fraternal Night at**  **Little Caesars arena**

**Detroit Red Wings**

vs

**Buffalo Sabers**

**Sunday April 7, 2024, 1PM**

\$60.00 per Ticket

Send checks and form to: Michael Kozakiewicz

7030 Bison

Westland MI 48185

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Michigan State Council

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: and Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_


Qty of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_



# Michigan Knights of Columbus 2023- 2024 Raffle

**Tickets  
ONLY  
\$5.00**

Explore Michigan – Shamrocks and Shenanigans Tour 



**1st PRIZE "CHARITY"**  
**PETOSKEY**  
Staford Perry Hotel  
Petoskey, Michigan  
4 Guests / 2 Nights / 2 Rooms  
**PLUS \$12,000.00 Cash**



**2nd PRIZE "UNITY"**  
**GRAND RAPIDS**  
Amway Grand Hotel  
Grand Rapids, Michigan  
4 Guests / 2 Nights / 2 Rooms.  
Includes Beer Tour  
**PLUS \$3,000.00 Cash**



**3rd PRIZE "FRATERNITY"**  
**HOLLAND**  
Staybridge Suites  
Holland, Michigan  
4 Guests / 2 Nights / 2 Rooms.  
Includes "Best of Holland" Package  
**PLUS \$2,000.00 Cash**



**4th PRIZE "PATRIOTISM"**  
**FRANKENMUTH**  
Bavarian Inn Lodge  
Frankenmuth, Michigan  
4 Guests / 2 Nights / 2 Rooms  
Includes 4 Waterpark Passes  
**PLUS \$1,000.00 Cash**



5th – 10th Prizes = \$400.00  
21st -30th Prizes = \$150.00

11th – 20th Prizes = \$200.00  
31st – 40th Prizes = \$100.00

Drawing: Thursday, April 11, 2024 Doors Open @ 5:00 pm Drawing @ 8:00 pm  
St. John Neumann Parish, 44800 Warren Rd., Canton, MI 48187 (586) 436-0121

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**2024 JOINT FUNDRAISER FOR COUNCILS AND STATE CHARITIES INCENTIVES**  
20% of Gross Ticket Sales goes directly to participating Councils. \$1.00 per Ticket

**Where does the money go and what Charities do we support through the State Raffle?**  
Angela Hospice, Bishop Baraga Association, Capuchin Community Center, Catholic Radio, Diocese of Michigan, Gianna House, Guest House, Heart of Christ Clinic, Madonna University, Most Holy Trinity Church, Right to Life Programs, Holy Cross Services, Special Days Camp, St. Francis Cabrini Clinic, St. Francis Camp on the Lake, St. Vincent Catholic Charities, Vocations Programs, Catholic High School Sports Programs (Prep Bowl, Catholic Cross Country Meet, Catholic Track Meet) Catholic Publications (Michigan Catholic, U. P. Catholic) And additional charitable causes addressed by the Michigan State Council.



St. John Neumann  
Knights of Columbus Council 16169

6<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Patrick's Day

Reverse Raffle

March 15, 2024



**Raffle Ticket - \$25.00 each**

Grand Prize \$1,500, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$500, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$300, 4<sup>th</sup> \$200, 5<sup>th</sup> \$100  
\$100 1<sup>st</sup> ticket drawn & \$25 will be awarded for every 25<sup>th</sup> ticket drawn

Only 650 tickets being sold!  
(Raffle is viewable on-line)



*Tickets available at [www.kofc16169.org](http://www.kofc16169.org),  
or at Church starting Feb 18<sup>th</sup> after all Masses, or thru the following QR Code*



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**K of C Annual Reverse Raffle**

**March 15th - Tickets on Sale now!**

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- SJN Baldwin Hall Replacement Tables
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- SJN Memorial Wall
- SJN Youth Group
- SJN Food Pantry
- SJN Tabernacle Refurbishing
- New vestments for SJN Clergy
- Journey to Housing
- Christians in the Holy Land
- Annual KofC Coats for Kids distribution
- AAA Pregnancy Center
- Right to Life of Michigan
- St. Dominic Outreach Center
- Plymouth Canton Stars Special Olympics
- St. Francis Camp on the Lake for the Developmentally Disabled
- Sacred Heart Major Seminary Scholarship Fund
- Financial support for SHMS Seminarians Nick Brown, Jim Musgrave and Chris Epplert
- Ukraine Solidarity Fund
- St. Vincent De Paul

***Thank You and God Bless for your continued support!!***