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From the Desk of the Grand Knight



Vivat Jesus my Brother Knights! As I write this article my heart is on fire from the wonderful experience that my wife Pam and I just had last week, along with approximately 35 other

St. John Neumann pilgrims at the 10th National Eucharistic Congress. The event took place July 17 th - 21st in Indianapolis.

It was the first National Eucharistic Congress in 83 Years! It is hard to know where to begin on the experience that we had. Let me just say that the true presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist to 60,000 Catholics at Lucas Oil Stadium (home of the NFL Indianapolis Colts) changed every one of us. The true presence of Christ, the sharing of faith and love that we experienced from everyone in attendance, made it a very blessed event. The Congress was preceded by four separate Eucharistic processions coming from the four ends of the United States converging on Indianapolis. The Congress kicked off on Wednesday evening with inspirational opening comments followed by the largest Monstrance that you have ever seen, blessed by the Pope, processing in to the stadium. Everyone present fell to their knees as the stadium went dark and the spot lights focused on Christ. It was very moving and brought tears to a lot of eyes including mine. That kicked off a wonderful four days of daily morning Rosary and Mass, morning Impact Sessions, afternoon Breakout Sessions, culminating with Revival sessions at Lucas Oil in the evenings. There were so many wonderful Catholic speakers every day. Some well-known such as Bishop Robert Barron, Fr. Mike Schmitz, Dr. Edward Sri, Chris Stefanik and Jonathan Roumie who plays Jesus in the TV series "The Chosen". They brought their words of faith and inspiration to all in attendance.



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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:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3368235608?pwd=eDVmK2xvc0k5YitodWdYVWZlYnRvdz09>

*Current & Upcoming
Events & Activities*



- Thursday, August 8**
7:00pm Exemplification
- Tuesday, August 13**
5:30pm Council 16169
Officer Installation and Dinner
7:00pm General Meeting
- Tuesday, August 27**
7:00pm Business Meeting
- Tuesday, September 10**
6:30pm Knights Nosh!
7:00pm General Meeting
- Sunday, September 15**
1:30pm Parish Picnic
- Tuesday, September 24**
7:00pm Business Meeting
- Sunday, October 6 at**
2:00pm Life Chain
- Tuesday, October 8, 2024**
6:30pm Knights Nosh!
7:00pm General Meeting
- Saturday & Sunday, October 12 & 13 2024**
MI Drive (Tootsie Roll Donation
Collection) - Resurrection and SJN

From the Desk of the Grand Knight

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The highlight of the week was the Eucharistic Procession on Saturday afternoon through the streets of downtown Indianapolis. There were thousands of faithful processing with our Lord and thousands more kneeling on the streets and sidewalks as our Lord went by. I would like to share just a couple of the quotes that I captured over the course of the Congress that were very

inspirational to me:

“How do we make the Eucharistic the center of our lives? Believe by faith in who he is and he will move in us” – Fr. Josh Johnson
“We have him and nobody can take him away from us” - Mother Sister Olga of the Sacred Heart
“Your Christianity is not for you. It’s not a self-help program. Our Christianity is for the world. It’s not for us. It’s for the world.” – Bishop Robert Barron

“Go to Mass. Jesus gives us his flesh. Why cannot we give our fleshly presence at Mass?” - Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle

As the Congress concluded on Sunday we had a beautiful closing Mass celebrated by Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle. Pope Francis appointed him as his special envoy to the Congress. I would ask that you please take the opportunity to watch Cardinal Tagle’s Homily. The link to his homily is as follows: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gGU7suOPqUM>. He summed up beautifully what we all need to do as Catholics in bringing Christ to the world. As the Cardinal said “His presence in us is our gift to others. The gift we have received should be our gift to others.”



I pray that all of you will grow even stronger in your Catholic faith through the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist, and with that continue all the great works you do through this wonderful fraternal organization the Knights of Columbus. God Bless all of you and thank you for all that you do as a Brother Knight. See you in the Eucharist!!

Steve

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
Regarding August Meeting

- Officer Installation Ceremony
- starting at 6:10pm
- Membership Meeting -
starting at 7:00pm

We need a good headcount of attendees to plan for the dinner. Likewise we would like to get some help in dinner prep and dessert contributions. In order to do all of this we have created a SignUp Genius link on the council website.

The link is: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DA5A62BA2FFC43-502574>
[04-august](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DA5A62BA2FFC43-502574)

Visitation & Funeral Arrangements for Joyce Hansen



Joyce Ann (Mandoline) Hansen, 67, of Canton died early Saturday morning, July 27, 2024, at Angela Hospice.

Joyce loved the Knights of Columbus and did so much for our Council. Please take some time to pay your respects either at the visitation or the funeral.

A visitation to celebrate and remember Joyce's life will be held on Friday, August 2nd from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 pm.. with a 7:00 p.m. Rosary Service at McCabe Funeral Home: Canton Chapel, 851 N. Canton Center Rd., Canton. She will lie in state Saturday, August 3rd at 10:30 a.m. until the time of her Funeral Mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Rd., Canton.

A Message from our District Deputy



Dan Timmerman - District Deputy

**District # 114
Knights of Columbus**

Congratulations to all members for achieving Double Star Council. This is quite an achievement. There are 404 active councils in the state of Michigan. Only 111 councils were awarded Star Council and only 11 councils were awarded Double Star Council. You were also tied for 6th highest number of members recruited with 24.

When membership dues are sent out you are asked to contribute \$6.00 per member for the Endowed Scholarship Fund for Sacred Heart Seminary. At the Archbishops Gala in June the State Deputy presented a check for \$220,000 for the seminary, congratulations.

Remember the State Raffle tickets we are mailed and asked to sell? The State made a profit of \$228, 605. All money will go to our sponsored charities. This month the Knights will place their 95th ultrasound machine in pregnancy centers. We are on track to reach 100 ultrasound machines by the end of the fraternal year. We recently learned that the Family of the Year for the state, the Ampe family, was also awarded the Supreme Family of the Year. Michigan is number one in contributions to Special Olympics and number one in COR programs. Michigan is rocking! You all have a part in doing God's will together.

I recently was blessed to attend the Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis with my wife Pam and 30 others from St. John Neumann. Seeing 60,000 people on their knees adoring Jesus took my breath away. I don't have room to tell you all the transforming things that took place. There were so many great Catholic speakers. I will leave you with this. Father John Burns from Milwaukee had this to say, "The thing we are moving forward at the end, must be first in our daily lives" We must put Jesus first in our lives. Our Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly had this to say, "In the Eucharist I can be the man God wants me to be"

See you in the Eucharist! ,Vivat Jesus,

Dan Timmerman - District Deputy

District # 114

Brother Knights and Friends That Are In Need our Prayers



- Lee, relative of brother David Trescott
- Judy Golem, friend of brother Larry P Redman
- Nicole and Baby John Skotak, wife & son of brother Dan Skotak
- Brother Paul Smudski
- Gloria Perez, mother-in-law of brother Jason Turner
- Lorenc Rranxburgaj, friend of Clint Randall
- Brother Don & Rita Schlagheck
- Andrew Ayanwu's wife
- Don & Rita Scлагheck
- Dan Timmermann
- Steve Sarlito's dad and sister
- Hans & Joyce Hanson
- Vince Sutherland, Bill Springer's friend
- Christine Crans , Dave Andrioli's neighbor
- Yvette Corey

August Birthdays



Joseph G Nagi (08-03)
 Robert D. Yancey (08-03)
 John P Angell (08-04)
 Michael J Robinson (08-04)
 Richard E Suchyta (08-05)
 Brian Betz (08-06)

Joseph W Pryce (08-06)
 John A Russell (08-10)
 Mr Ernest B Bucks III (08-11)
 Raymond A Trupiano (08-15)
 Bernard Klinkhammer (08-16)

George T McPartlin (08-18)
 Jeff McGovern (08-21)
 Mr Victor J Lams (08-23)
 Marcel I Loosbrock (08-23)
 David J Andreolli (08-30)

Leonard J Carravallah (08-30)
 James F Kullman (08-30)
 John A Kullman (08-30)
 Gabriel R Wykle (08-31)

August Wedding Anniversaries



Paul E & Evelyn Bak (08-03)
 Lawrence J & Allison O'Hara (08-06)
 John A & Michelle Lutz (08-10)
 Dennis & Patricia Oszust (08-14)

Dr Timothy J & Adrienne Bodnar (08-17)
 Donald J & Kathryn Pratt (08-22)
 Ernest P & Sally Gubry (08-25)
 Joseph W & Shannon Pryce (08-27)
 Stephen C & Marlene Moraca (08-31)

"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."

Years of Service as a Knight

1 to 4 Years

Daniel Hankins (1)
 Mitchell Dimoff (1)
 Joe Ahme (2)
 Brandon K Demiter (4)

5 to 9 Years

Leonardo T Johnson (7)
 Jeffrey J Battistella (8)
 Dennis Oszust (8)
 John R McGee (9)

10 Years & Above

Richard J. Williams (14)



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

Sign up opportunities

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

- May, June, July, August 2024: Vocations Chalice
- August 13: Officer Installation Help, Dessert and Dinner RSVP
- October 6: Life Chain
- October 12/13: MI Drive/ Tootsie Roll Donations - SJN
- October 12/13: MI Drive/ Tootsie Roll Donations - Resurrection
- October 26/27: Membership Drive - SJN
- October 26/27: Membership Drive - Resurrection



June Knight of the Month Robert (Bob) Rugenski.

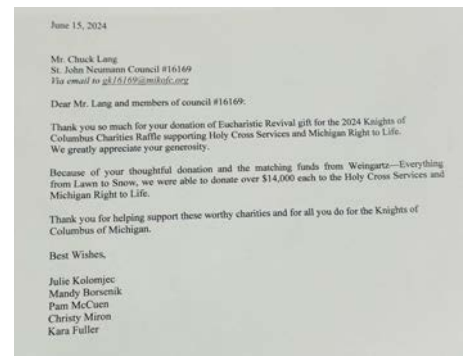
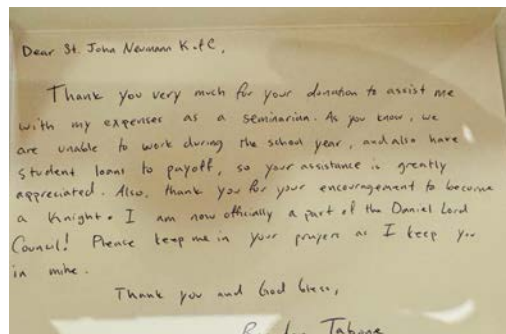
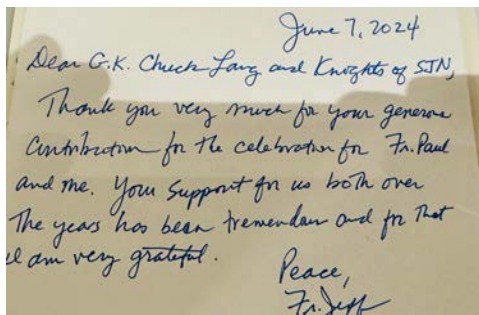
Brother Bob is a father of 4 adults with two grandchildren ages 14 and 7. He joined this parish in '99. Since then he has served as Extraordinary Minister of Holy Eucharist, Lector since 2011, Media Minister for Confirmations and Masses, a member of Men's Prayer Breakfasts & its Treasurer from the beginning, Intercessory prayer group, Vocations Chalice, Catechist: Chosen (7th grade), Confirmation prep (which Edge replaced.), 5th grade catechist 10 years so far, SJN VBS Music Room assistant, Alpha table host, That Man Is You table host, Connect Group member (Graziolli's), 40 Days For Life Ann Arbor prayer warrior in front of Planned Parenthood ever since our council was formed, Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession committee and a member of Exodus90

As a member of Council 16169 from the beginning where he has been past KofC Halloween Dance chair, past Reverse Raffle backup video recorder, Council Trustee 5 years and a volunteer at Free Throw, Soccer Challenge, and RTL chain, He worked Car washes were our humble beginnings. Bob is the lead for our Knight's Nosh at every Membership Meeting. He recently represented the council at the Blessing and Dedication of the Fr. Michael J. McGivney (Special Olympics) Field An officer at the very active Pope St. John XXIII Assembly 1536



Thank You's Received

During the past month, our council has received "Thank You" notes from Fr Jeff for our contribution to his celebration of his ordination, Brandon Tabone, a seminarian for our donation to assist him in his studies in the seminar, and also a thank you for supporting the Holy Cross services and right to life.



Free Accidental Death Benefit

The Knights of Columbus will pay a benefit upon the death of a member or his spouse, occurring within 90 days, as the result of injury sustained in a covered accident. Protection is on a 24-hour basis for accidents that may occur anywhere in the world during activities on or off the job, on business, pleasure, vacation, or at home, except for the exclusions listed.

Benefits Years of Continuous Membership

Member Benefit & Spouse Benefit

Less than two years.	\$1,000.	Two
years, but less than three.	\$1,500	Three
years, but less than four	\$2,000	Four
years or more	\$2,500	

The benefit amount will be reduced by \$500 on the member's 65th birthday and each subsequent birthday, until the benefit amount is stabilized at \$1,000. The \$1,000 coverage will continue thereafter, provided the member and the member's council are in good standing and both so reflected on the records of the Supreme Council. The spouse benefit at all times corresponds to the member's benefit. At no time will the spouse benefit exceed the member's benefit. Should the member predecease his wife, she shall continue to be covered thereafter at a fixed benefit of \$1,000. Should the spouse and the member die within 90 days from the same accident, however, the scheduled benefit will be paid. Beneficiaries The accidental death benefit will be paid to the next of kin in accordance with Section 71.2 of the Order's laws. The claim for this accidental death benefit must be received at the Supreme Office of the Knights of Columbus within three years of the date of death. Exclusions This accidental death benefit will not be paid if death results from: suicide, self-inflicted injury while sane or insane; sickness or disease (except bacterial infection resulting from accidental cut or wound); flying, except as a fare-paying passenger on a regularly scheduled airline; or injury from driving or riding in a speed or organized contest. Amendment or Discontinuation The Member/Spouse Fraternal Benefit shall be effective September 1, 1994, and may be amended or discontinued at any time by action of the Order's Board of Directors.



Brother James achieves Honorary Membership

During our June meeting, Brother knight James Korona was presented to the Grand Knight to receive Honorary membership.



Honorary Membership is for members who have attained the actual age of 65 and who have been members of the Order for 25 consecutive years.

During the ceremony, our worthy grand knight Steve and our Chancellor Keith conferred upon brother James the title of Honorary Membership, He was awarded a certificate and a lapel pin commemorating his 39 years of service.

Free E-Membership

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

The free online membership code is BLESSEDMCGIVNEY

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

Pro-Life Workshop featuring Mike Spencer.



On Saturday, October 12th from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., the Monsignor Clement H. Kern Knights of Columbus Council #8284. Will sponsor a Pro-Life Workshop featuring Mike Spencer. It will be held at St. Thomas a Becket Family Life Center, 555 S. Lilley Road, Canton.

Registration required.

This FREE workshop will empower you to stand for LIFE!

Breakfast and Lunch available.

This engaging workshop is designed to equip pro-life ambassadors to

communicate the pro-life message confidently and graciously.

We focus on two crucial questions:

- What are the preborn?
- What makes humans valuable?

Attendees will learn to simplify the abortion debate and to respond confidently to common pro-abortion objections.

If you have questions, email Mike Goodhart at mgoodhart1@gmail.com or call 734-502-7850.

More information will be forthcoming.

Sponsored by the Monsignor Clement H. Kern Knights of Columbus Council #8284.



Paris Olympics



Brother Knights,
You may or may not have

heard about the disgusting representation of the famous DaVinci Masterpiece The Last Supper that took place at the opening ceremony on Friday at the Summer Olympics in Paris. You can find it by searching the internet or any social media site. If you do so be prepared for a sickening site. It was a clear attack on our Christian faith. There has been uproar from the Catholic leadership around the world and other Christian denominations towards those who planned and allowed this to happen. You may think that there is nothing that you can do about this. **There is something we all can do!** I encourage you to read the statement below from Bishop Andrew Cozzens, the Chairman of the Board for the National Eucharistic Congress. Please seriously consider his message in your daily and weekly prayer life. We must fight back against the evil that is trying to take down our faith. God Bless you all!

Vivat Jesus!

Steve Sarlitto



July 27, 2024

"If then my people, upon whom my name has been pronounced, humble themselves and pray, and seek my face and turn from their evil ways, I will hear them from heaven and pardon their sins and heal their land." (2 Chr 7:14)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At the opening Holy Hour of the 10th National Eucharistic Congress, on Wednesday July, 17, 2024, I prayed these very words, inviting tens of thousands in the stadium and thousands more watching virtually to join me in asking the Lord to pardon our sins and heal our land.

Then on Friday evening, July 19th, we all united around Our Eucharistic Lord again in Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis to make reparation for our sins. We humbled ourselves in the presence of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior. Recognizing that if one member of the Body of Christ suffers, we all suffer, we prayed together for healing and forgiveness. We were lead through a [litany of healing and repentance](#) in the Eucharist by Fr.

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Boniface Hicks, O.S.B. Many people told me that this moment of communal penance and reparation was a moment of great healing for them. It was amongst the most powerful experiences of grace for me personally during those holy days.

Just one week later, on July 26th in Paris, where the newly restored Cathedral of Notre Dame stands as an iconic reminder to our belief in the importance of the Mass, which makes spiritually present to us the Last Supper, nearly 1 billion men, women and children, in person and through live telecast, witnessed the public mockery of the Mass, the “source and summit of the Christian life” (LG, 11). During the opening ceremonies of the Summer Olympics, the famous DaVinci Masterpiece The Last Supper was depicted in heinous fashion, leaving us in such shock, sorrow and righteous anger that words cannot describe it.

Brothers and sisters, we know that what the enemy intends for evil, God uses for good. We know that “where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more” (Rom 5:20).

Throughout salvation history, the Lord and his prophets have called us—the people of God—to respond to the darkness of evil with the light that comes from the Lord. At the heart of this call are prayer and fasting. Jesus told us that some demons “can only come out through prayer [and through fasting]” (Mk 29:9). He modeled this for us when he spent 40 days in the desert before beginning his public ministry, praying and fasting, begging God the Father to prepare him for all that lay ahead—including his perfect gift of self through his death on the Cross.

We believe that the Last Supper is united with the death of Christ on the Cross and, together with the Resurrection, these events are all one in the Paschal Mystery. This passover, which begins at the Last Supper, is the most sacred moment in the life of Jesus. This is when Jesus offered his life for us so that we could share in his divine life forever.

Jesus experienced his Passion anew Friday night in Paris when his Last Supper was publicly defamed. As his living body, we are invited to enter into this moment of passion with him, this moment of public shame, mockery, and persecution. We do this through prayer and fasting. And our greatest prayer—in season and out of season—is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

As the Church throughout the world gathers tomorrow at the Lord’s Altar, let us do so with renewed zeal. Let us pray for healing and forgiveness for all those who participated in this mockery. Let us commit ourselves this week to greater prayer and fasting in reparation for this sin. Perhaps you could attend Mass once more this week or do an extra holy hour?

We may also be called upon to speak about this evil. Let us do so with love and charity, but also with firmness. France and the entire world are saved by the love poured out through the Mass, which came to us through the Last Supper. Inspired by the many martyrs who shed their blood to witness to the truth of the Mass, we will not stand aside and quietly abide as the world mocks our greatest gift from the Lord Jesus. Rather, through our prayer and fasting, we will ask the Holy Spirit to strengthen us with the virtue of fortitude so that we may preach Christ—our Lord and Savior, truly present in the Eucharist—for the Glory of God and the Salvation of Souls.

Let us, strengthened by Christ, be the Eucharistic Missionaries we are called to be.

+In Christ Jesus,

Most Rev. Andrew H. Cozzens, S.T.D., D.D.
Bishop of Crookston

Hats, Shirts, Badges & More



Brother Larry Redman has volunteered to serve our council as the source of Knights wear. Please contact him if you would like to order a new shirt, hat jacket or any knights wear.

Brother Joe Bradley will continue as the contact person for name badges at



cost of a badge is now only \$7, the council is covering half the cost. There are several members that ordered badges but never claimed them. If you ordered please contact Brother Joe.

Membership Update

Membership gain quota from Supreme for the 2023-2024 Father McGivney Award is 12.

Total net actual fraternal year membership gain is 24 (200% of quota).

Total membership is 215 (174 associate and 41 insurance).

Total Regular Membership is 198, Honorary Membership 4 and Honorary Life Membership 13.

Next Exemplification: Thursday, August 8 in the small chapel.

Join Us from your Living Room or from anywhere in the world



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.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3368235608?pwd=eDVmK2xvc0k5YitodWdYVWZlYnRvdz09>

Meeting ID: 336 823 5608
Passcode: 969135



Protecting God's Children

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

Sessions can be found at www.virtusonline.org

To attend a workshop:

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



The Knights of Columbus are hosting the 2023 annual SJN Parish

Picnic which will begin after the 12:30 pm Mass on Sunday, September 15th and end at 4:30 pm. In addition to food and beverage, several activities will be available, including pony rides, petting zoo, and a soccer challenge. Be sure to take a break from the activities to fill up on hotdogs, watermelon, potato chips, and ice cream.

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

Volunteer sign-up sheets will be available after weekend Masses in the gathering area.

Our Council continues to support the Catholic Tent

Several of our brother Knights helped out on July 10 to July 13 at the Catholic Tent at the Wyandotte Street Fair and . It was a beautiful day and a wonderful experience to help spread the message of our faith. We had some great discussions with people who are Catholic, former Catholics and non-Catholics. Everyone was very friendly. Cydney and Jeff are a wonderful couple and they are doing a great thing through this grassroots effort. It is inspiring to see them in action interacting with visitors to the tent. Watch the sign up sheets to volunteer for future events.



Volunteers for the Catholic Tent at the Wyandotte Street Fair were as follows:

Jim Pryce
George McPartlin
David Trost
Dan Pfeiffer
Larry Wegrzyn
Steve Sarlitto



Casey the Teddy Bear



At every Child's baptism here at St. John Neumann, the child is presented with a Casey the bear. The bear serves as a reminder to the family of how the knights serve our families

Michigan Knights of Columbus Seminarian Tuition Assistance Assessment

As voted and unanimously approved by the delegates at the State Convention. \$3.00 per member, per Fraternal Year Offset the tuition cost on Michigan seminarians. The funds donated by each diocese will stay with the seminarians of the diocese.

Each council Financial Secretary will receive the Official Billing in July.



Vocation Chalice

St. John Neumann Parish has a long tradition of asking parish families to take home our Vocations Chalice for one week to pray for priestly vocations.

Joe Camill, the Knights of Columbus Vocations Chairman, is asking you to step up to this very worthy activity and **sign up to take the Vocations Chalice for a week.** The vocation Chalice is available for the Lenten season and beyond. To sign up, here is a link to follow.

<https://kofc16169.org/index.php>

You will be on the Knights of Columbus Council 16169 Home page

Scroll down to the Vocation Chalice.

Choose a date you want, and sign up.

There are instructions about picking it up when you sign up.

If you have any problems, or would like Joe to sign you up, let him know.

Peace, Joe Camill jcamill@wowway.com 734-717-5129

All brother members can qualify for the shining Armor award. It is awarded for service to your council and our Order with distinction, the Shining Armor Award is awarded to those men that exemplify a true Knight of Columbus. The Shining Armor Award program is for members that engage in and maintain an active level of participation in council programs and activities.

Shining Armor Award Program



To qualify for the Shining Armor Award, during the fraternal year, brother Knights must:

- Be involved in at least 3 council Faith in Action programs.
- Attend at least 3 council meetings.
- Attend an Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity.
- Meet with your council's insurance representative or attend a fraternal benefits night.
- Sponsor at least one man who becomes a member of the Order.

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Protect your family Now

As a brother knight, it is our responsibility to protect our families. A will allows you to direct how



your belongings—such as bank balances, property, or prized possessions—should be distributed. If you have a business or investments, your will can specify who will receive those assets and when. A will also allows you to direct assets to a charity (or charities) of your choice.

There is a web site designed to assist you in preparing your will according to your Catholic faith, It is a simply procedure that will take about 15 minutes. There is normally a charge of around \$80. However, Ave Maria radio has arranged to provide this service for **free**. To prepare your will for free log into the web site mycatholicwill.org and use the promo code AVE.

This Month's Featured CIS Booklet



Since its founding, the Knights of Columbus has been involved in evangelization. In 1948, the Knights started Catholic Information Service (CIS) in response to blatant anti-Catholic bias in other religious media in order to educate non-Catholics about the beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church.

125 – The First Three Commandments

The Ten Commandments, particularly the first three, are neither mere moral absolutes nor are they directives opposed to the longings of the human heart. We are taught that the Commandments constitute a covenant and therefore are “not so much about rules to be followed, but about the full meaning of life.” The first three Commandments point out the pathway to true human happiness and fulfillment. Do you believe it?

You Can download this booklet to read during your leisure.

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“ASK YOURSELF FIRST”

Knights of Columbus, Michigan State Council, Membership Initiative

Knights of Columbus Annual Facts

- 2 million members
 - 16,672 Councils Around the world
 - 49 million service hours
 - \$185 million in charitable donations
 - \$1.1 million in scholarships
 - \$3.7 million to seminarians and postulants
 - \$21 million to Special Olympics
 - \$1.3 million Heroes Fund
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- 1,745 donated Ultrasound Machines
 - \$121 billion life insurance in force
 - Since 1982, \$67 million has been given to the Holy Father for his personal charities

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Greetings Brothers,

As you know, membership growth is all of our jobs, not just the Membership Director's. What we are asking, is for all of us to actively recruit new members with a slightly different emphasis than is typical. During this fraternal year, we are asking that you join us in our State's new membership initiative “*Ask Yourself First*”.

You may have heard that all you need to do is “just ask” and Catholic men will join. It is true that very few gentlemen have joined our ranks without being asked, however much of the “low hanging fruit” has been picked at many of our parishes. That is why we are asking you to take a few moments before you approach your next prospective member and *Ask Yourself First*, “why did I join the Knights” and then asks yourself “why do I remain a Knight.”

Each one of us had various reasons for joining the Knights as well as why we remain Knights. What we are asking you to do is to share with a prospective member your personal experience. Typically when we talk to a potential member, we talk about how great the Knights are and all of the great works that we accomplish. This is important! However, what prospective members don't hear is, what's in it for them. By sharing your personal reasons for joining and remaining a Knight they can get a glimpse of how they and their families will benefit personally with membership in the Knights of Columbus.

Included below are a few of the reasons some of our brother Knights have given for joining and remaining a Knight of Columbus. This is by far not an all inclusive list.

Reasons for Joining the Knights	Reasons for Remaining a Knight
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I wanted to help out in the Church, but I had limited availability and none of the other ministries were as flexible as the Knights. • I wanted to set a good example of service for my children. • I wanted to do something in the Church which would include my whole family. • The fraternal benefits were appealing • I wanted to join with my friend. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I'm proud to be a member of a group that supports our Church, the Pope and our Priest. • The dedication to the unborn. • The work they do with Special Olympics. • I like working with men that have the same faith beliefs that I do. • I'm proud to belong to an organization that accomplishes so much. • The Supreme and State Council support their beliefs with action as well as acts of charity.

IMPORTANCE OF MEMBERSHIP:

We often get wrapped up in meeting the numbers set to make our quota. Membership is more important than a quota and awards. We should grow our membership because we want to give other Catholic men the same opportunity for faith growth and fraternal friendships that we all enjoy. The more Knights that join our ranks increases the overall impact that we can have in our Church, community, and the world.

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