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Serving St. John Neumann & Resurrection Parishes

"Through The Strength of Brotherhood Put Your Faith Into Action"

From the Desk of the Grand Knight



Vivat Jesus my Brother Knights! I hope all of you have been having a wonderful summer spending time with family and friends. Here we are in September. It is hard to believe Fall is just around the corner. As we head into Fall we typically have several great new member recruiting opportunities coming up. Specifically we have our Parish Picnic on September 15th , a Membership Drives at Resurrection Parish on September 21st and 22nd and at St. John Neumann on October 26th and 27th , and we will be hosting the October Hospitality weekend with one of our Pancake Breakfasts. All of these are great opportunities for recruiting new Brother Knights. I ask all of you to consider volunteering for one or all of these events.

At the same time I am asking all of you to join in our Michigan State Council'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. Every one of us knows a friend, neighbor, work colleague, family member or fellow parishioner who we could approach and "just ask". That is why I am asking all of you to take a few moments before you approach a prospective member and Ask Yourself First; "why did I join the Knights" and then asks yourself "why do I remain a Knight." We all have our own personal reasons for deciding to become a Knight. In the spirit of sharing I thought I would give you my reasons:

Steve's Reason for Joining the Knights – I joined because I wanted to put my faith in to action. I had a very close relationship with one of my bosses at work. We would always meet for coffee in the morning before the work day really started and talk about our faith. He always talked about being blessed by God for all that he had and by showing God his thanks by helping those who are in need. That really resonated with me and it is something I felt strongly about. I saw the Knights of Columbus and our Faith in Action programs as the opportunity to do this in a faith based men's organization.

Steve's Reason for Remaining a Knight – Growing in my Catholic faith through all the opportunities I have had presented to me through the Knights. This includes 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration days, our COR (Men's Prayer Breakfast) faith sharing meetings, Coats for Kids, support of Right to Life events, and so many more. All of these I feel have helped me grow stronger in my faith and closer to God. I also love the fraternal aspect of our Council. How we work so closely together, and not to mention help and pray for our Brother Knights in need.

What could have been said to get me to join sooner? (Bonus question)– The Knights is not a big time commitment. I did not join until I retired because I felt family and work

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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.

From the Desk of the Grand Knight (continued)

were my biggest commitments. In reality we tell our Brother Knights to “do what you can”. We all do as much as we can, given our own personal situations. The hope is that the more that you do, the more drawn in you will be to the growth of your faith through the charity and fraternity we experience as Brother Knights.

As Brother Knights we all have a responsibility in recruiting new members. We grow our membership ranks 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. I ask all of you to think about that one Catholic man that you know that would benefit from becoming a Knight. Consider “just asking” him in the coming weeks and months. Your own story may be what compels him to saying yes to becoming a Brother Knight of Columbus.

God Bless all of you and thank you for all that you do as a Brother Knight for Council 16169. See you in the Eucharist!! *Steve*

A Message from our District Deputy

We have several events involving the youth. There will be a Citizen Essay Contest coming up soon. Contact Christopher Kotcher for details. No other councils in my district are participating so the council winners will go directly to the Diocesan Contest, a date to be determined.



The Council Soccer Challenge will be held at the parish picnic on September 15, see Marshall Grazioli for details. Immediately after the council challenge the district challenge will take place and medals will be awarded to the district winners, The winners will go on to the diocesan challenge in Waterford on September 22. Sign up to help here. [SJM KofC: September 14/15: Soccer Challenge \(signupgenius.com\)](#)

On September 28, the State Special Olympics Soccer Contest will be held at Independence Park. Set up is at 8:30, lunch for the athletes from 11:00 to 1:30, and Cleanup around 1:30. Sign up to help at [SJM KofC: September 28: Special Olympics Soccer Tournament \(signupgenius.com\)](#) Come out to help give the Special Olympics a fun time and cheer them on. We are expecting to serve seven hundred athletes.

We will have the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest this Fall. Council entries are due to me by December 15. District Judging will take place between December 15-22. The Diocesan Contest has a date to be determined. See Mike Tallman for further details. Get your children and grandchildren ready to submit their posters.

Please continue to ask men to join the order. Congratulations to the three men who joined in August. When recruiting tell them why you joined, what you were looking for, and then tell them what you have been involved in since joining. I passionately believe every Catholic man should join the Knights. They are waiting to be asked by you. God Bless

See You in the Eucharist

Current & Upcoming Events & Activities



- Tuesday, August 27**
7:00pm Business Meeting
- Sunday, September 8**
10:00am Council Fundraiser: Plymouth Rotary's Chicken BBQ
- Tuesday, September 10**
6:30pm Knights Nosh
7:00pm General Meeting
- Friday, September 13**
6:00pm Journey to Housing 10th Anniversary Gala - St. Mary's Cultural Center, Livonia
- Sunday, September 15**
1:30pm Parish Picnic
2:00pm Soccer Challenge
- Saturday, September 21**
Membership Drive: Resurrection
- Sunday, September 22**
Membership Drive: Resurrection
- Tuesday, September 24**
7:00pm Business Meeting
- Saturday, September 28**
9:00am Special Olympics Soccer Fall Games - Independence Park, Canton
- Sunday, September 29**
10:30am Corporate Communion
- Sunday, October 6**
2:00pm Life Chain
- Tuesday, October 8**
6:30pm Knights Nosh!
7:00pm General Meeting
- Saturday, October 12**
MI Drive (TootsieRollDonation Collection) - Resurrection and SJN
9:00am Prolife Workshop - St Thomas a'Becket, Canton
- Sunday, October 13**
MI Drive (Tootsie Roll Donation Collection) - Resurrection and SJN
- Tuesday, October 22**
7:00pm Business Meeting
- Saturday, October 26**
Membership Drive: SJN
- Sunday, October 27**
Membership Drive: SJN

September Birthdays



David J Kubinski (09-02)
 Jeffrey T Wagoner (09-02)
 James M Tallman (09-03)
 Rev Paul K Ballien (09-05)
 Frederick J Morath (09-06)
 Dr Ehinor P Arhebamen (09-07)

Franklin E Njubigbo (09-09)
 Austin R Lynn (09-10)
 Keith J DiMaria (09-11)
 John C Kim (09-12)
 James M Ostermeyer (09-12)
 David R Blankenship (09-16)

Grant R Lynn (09-16)
 Timothy M Wood (09-18)
 Kenneth J Svoboda(09-19)
 Donald J Pratt (09-20)
 Mr Roger Zahn (09-21)
 David F Di Franco (09-23)

Stephen C Moraca (09-27)
 Kevin Burke (09-29)
 Timothy F Lauster(09-29-)
 Edmund J Chrostowski Jr (09-30)
 Jose N Villarreal (09-30)

September Wedding Anniversaries



Daniel M & Connie Vella (09/02)

Jonathan J & Sarah Otten (09/17)

Julius C & Helen (Beth) Raney-Pablo (09/28)

"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

Luke Buehler (1)
 Jim DiMaria (1)
 Earl R Hoffman (3)

5 to 9 Years

Andrew A Anyanwu (7)

10 Years to 15 Years

David P. Trost (11)
 Clifton Dake (14)

16 Years and Above

Lawrence M Wegrzyn (41)
 Rev Paul K Ballien (25)



Brother Knights and Friends That Are In Need our Prayers



- Audrey Brennan wife of brother John Brennan
- Jim Helm, father-in-law of GK Steve Sariitto
- Ann Konopinski, friend of brother Ron Kretschmer
- Laura Hum
- Mark and Carol Sienkowski
- Augie Ferrera, friend of brother Dennis Oszust
- Mary Ellen Redman, mother of SK Larry Redman
- Yvette Corey, the wife of Bill Corey
- Jeanne Michelini, friend of bro Ron Kretschmer
- SK Hans Hansen, FDD
- Michelle Martin, wife of brother Randy Martin
- State Treasurer Charles E. McCuen, III
- Brother Dennis Lichocki, father-in-law of brother Mike Tallman
- Brother Daniel Sullivan

Sign up opportunities

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

- [May, June, July, August 2024: Vocations Chalice](#)
- [September/October 2024: Cans for Seminarians Help](#)
- [September, October, November, December 2024: Vocations Chalice](#)
- [September 8: Council Fundraiser: Plymouth Rotary's Chicken BBQ Event](#)
- [September 15: KofC Soccer Challenge Help](#)
- [September 15: Parish Picnic](#)
- [September 21/22: Membership Drive - Resurrection](#)
- [September 28: Special Olympics Soccer Fall Games](#)
- [September 29: 10:30am Mass Corporate Communion](#)
- [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](#)

Family of the Month of July Mark and Cindy Oleszkowicz



Photo by SK Gene Suchyta

Mark and Cindy Oleszkowicz met when they were attending St. Alphonsus school in Dearborn. Both lived in the west side of Detroit and attended St. Al's for all twelve years. They have been married for 48 years and have four children: Andrew, Kristin, Carrie and Michelle and have been blessed with ten grandchildren.

Mark is an electrical engineering graduate of UM-Dearborn and worked as an engineer for 45 years. Before becoming full time mom, Cindy, a Wayne State graduate, worked as an Occupational Therapist at Oakwood Hospital and Wayne Westland schools with mentally impaired and physically handicapped children.

Mark and Cindy have been members of SJN since 1978, back when we were celebrating Sunday Mass in Miller school and Warren Avenue was a dirt road. Some years ago, Mark and Cindy worked with newly engaged couples as part of the marriage prep program at SJN, and Mark was one of the baseball coaches for the church boys league at that time. Later, Mark took part in the religious education program, by playing numerous male biblical roles in the various program plays while Cindy did the special event and vacation bible school photography and served as an assistant catechist.

After retirement, both Mark and Cindy became involved in various projects at Gianna House in Eastpointe. Gianna House (formerly the St. Veronica convent) started as an outreach center for pregnancy support services for the underserved community. Mark and Cindy's son-in-law Eric was on their board of directors and helped with finances. While involved there for several years, Mark and Cindy established new vegetable and butterfly gardens and performed landscaping work and minor building maintenance tasks. Later, Mark also assisted in project planning with the staff and architect to enable Gianna House to become a full-time residence facility for unwed mothers and newborns.

For the past six years, Mark and Cindy have helped with gardening activities here at SJN, predominantly in the Blessed Mother garden area, but also helping out in other areas around the church grounds and rectory. They hope to continue with this work for as long as they are physically able. Mark joined the Knights of Columbus last summer and is looking forward to participating in more of their activities.



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.

16169's Newest Members



Please welcome 16169's newest members. Below men were Exemplified in the ceremony on Thursday, August 8th at St. John Neumann.

- Greg Bajorek
- Marvin Lopez
- Dennis Day

Our Council continues to support the Catholic Tent with Book Collection



The council will be doing a Catholic book collection to help support Cydney and Jeff Domsic in their Catholic evangelization efforts through the "Catholic Tent". Cydney and Jeff's efforts are all based 100% on donations from fellow

Catholics and organizations such as our Knights of Columbus council. They were very successful in giving away a lot of Catholic religious books at the two fairs earlier this year in Wyandotte and Ann Arbor. If you have any Catholic books that you would like to donate, or if you come across some in your travels please gather them up. Any books, new or old will work. They are especially in need of children's Catholic books. Please bring your books to the meeting. We will have a box setup for gathering all the books.



August Family of the Month Jeff & Cydney Domsic



Photo by SK [Gene Suchyta](#)

Cydney and Jeff met at college at the University of Michigan. They have been married for almost 10 years. Both graduated from UofM, Cydney has her doctorate in Psychology from the University of Denver. Jeff is working on his Masters in Theology from Sacred Heart Major Seminary. Cydney is medically retired and soon to be stay at home mom. Jeff is the Director of Religious Formation for the Merciful Love of Jesus family of parishes in the Archdiocese of Detroit (Armada, Richmond, Memphis). Their baby, Esther Grace Domsic, is due November 11th. The Domsics have been attending SJN since 2019.

Jeff recently became a Knight in 2022! Co-Chairs for the 2023 St. John Neumann Parish Picnic.

Most recently the Domestics have been noticed by their evangelical works. The Domsic's with the idea to give out free Catholic Bibles, books, rosaries, prayer cards, etc. was held at The Catholic Tent event at the 2023 Wyandotte Street Fair. It was a success and with the help of the Knights they are able to expand!

The Catholic Tent event at the 2024 Praise Fest with our family of parishes. The Catholic Tent event at the 2024 Wyandotte & Ann Arbor Street Fairs. Both events were a HUGE success with SJN Knights coming to help work the Wyandotte location. Between the two Street Fairs the couple has given out over:

- 40 Bibles and Catechisms to individuals including first time recipients to Catholics and non-Catholics! Kids who showed so much excitement to have a Bible!
- 750 Catholic books of all topics from apologetics to spiritual warfare to prayer to a wide range of recipients - Catholics, other Christians, atheists, agnostics, etc.
- 200 Rosaries, 300 Saint medals, countless prayer cards.

Our council is proud to have this couple as part of our council's family and extremely happy to honor them as the Family for the Month of August.



The St. John Neumann annual Parish Picnic is scheduled for **Sunday, September 15th 2024; 1:30pm to 4:30pm.** The picnic is being co-chaired by Brother

Knights and their wives Jim/Theresa DiMaria and Dan/Connie Vella.

The picnic is jointly sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and SJN Women's Organization. A SignUpGenius has been created to request volunteers to support the multiple tasks needed for this event.

In the past, the Knights have taken the lead supporting the tasks listed in the KofC 16169 column below, the SJN Women's Organization has taken responsibility for the tasks under their column, and the remaining tasks are shared between the organizations and parishioners.

This is a great, fun annual family event that we encourage all of you to give a little bit of time to help make it an outstanding day. We're asking for your support again this year by signing up via Signup Genius using the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DA5A62BA2FFC43-50334590-september#/>

Men's Prayer Breakfast Men in Christ:
 Are you searching for that certain something that is missing in your prayer life? Come to the Men's Prayer Breakfast where camaraderie, fellowship, spirituality and prayer community meet. You are warmly invited and as our participants will attest, you can expect to be graced by the gifts of the Holy Spirit through our study of the faith and our prayer together. You will not regret it. So don't wait! Come to our prayer meetings.

Weekly: Thursdays at 6 am
 Monthly: Every Fourth Saturday of the month at 8:30 am We meet in Baldwin Hall

August Knight of the Month

Michael Pilotto

Michael Pilotto has been a Knight for 7 years. He has served as the Inside guard for 3 years. Mike helps with set



Photo by SK Gene Suchyta

ups and is always available to help at any special event. Here at St. John Newman , Michael is a lead usher for Saturday 4:30 mass and is always available to help the sacristan at any time. Mike regularly attends daily morning mass spreading his special charism of positive attitude and joy. Who doesn't feel better after talking with Mike? He loves competing in Special Olympic sports events, winning many medals like Snowshoeing and bowling. He spends a lot of his evenings participating at the Canton Therapeutic doing Fit Club and Cardio Drumming.

Mike has worked at Chuckie Cheese for 20 years. He has advanced to being Chuckie himself twice a day. It shows his loyalty. He has been the link for the K of C members to get free pizza at their membership meetings.



September/October 2024: Cans for Seminarians Help

Our council is asking the parishioners of St. John Neumann to continue to donate cans and bottles to the Knights of Columbus, with the proceeds going to help seminarians of our Archdiocese.

For this to be successful, we need your help! Volunteers are needed to pick up cans and bottles from the church and return them to get the deposit back. Brother Steve Otting is leading this effort. Volunteers are being asked to collect a few times on Monday through Thursday or they can volunteer to collect on Friday through Sunday. (Note that the first and the last time slots may have an additional day or two or may be shortened by a day or two depending on when the months start and end.)

Steve Otting can be contacted via email at dotting@comcast.net or called or texted at [734-788-0446](tel:734-788-0446).

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



Council Installation of Officers' Dinner - Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2024.

*By David Blankenship
Photos by SK Gene Suchyta*

Building on the success of last year's dinner before the Installation of Council 16169's officers, each member of the council and their guests were invited to dine at Baldwin Hall before the installation ceremony for the 2024-2025 fraternal year. Council members and guests were also invited to stay witness the installation of officers' ceremony and by special permission were also allowed to attend the membership meeting on this evening. This is one of two dinner events usually held by the council to encourage fraternal brotherhood and unity as we install our new officers elected in June of this summer.

In case you missed it, guests were treated to a menu of Lee's Famous Recipe fried chicken and chicken strips, meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy, salad, steamed vegetables, dinner rolls and beverages. Of course, this food does not magically appear and we can thank many of our brothers for preparing this dinner and cleaning up afterwards. Heartfelt thanks are due to Steve Polidori, Marcel Loosbrock, Dan Pfeiffer, David Trescott, John Lutz, Steve Sarlitto and Pam Sarlitto for preparing, serving and clean-up of the dinner.

The dinner was topped off by a wide variety of dessert items donated pot-luck style by another group of our brothers who provided a delicious array of dessert options. I know I saw many guests who could not limit themselves to one option (me included), but no need to limit these treats to one, as there was plenty of sweets to go around. Brothers who provided desserts included Dave Andreolli, Keith Laurin, Dan Timmerman, John Lutz, Jeff McGovern, Jim Pryce, Dan Pfeiffer, Bill Springer, Keith DiMaria, Marlowe Ma, Steve Sarlitto and Dave Blankenship Thank you all for your generous donation of talent and treasures to fill our dessert table.

As sometimes happens, we had a little bit of left-over dinner food. Some of the food was donated to St. Christine's food pantry and some of the food was portioned out and given to SJN families who attended that week's Pray and Play morning activity at the parish. Thanks to BethAnn Pilotto for arranging these donations.

God Bless and Vivat Jesus,



Plymouth Rotary Club Annual Chicken BBQ

Brother Knights,

Two years ago the Knights volunteered to help with the Plymouth Rotary Chicken BBQ Event. As a result, we were awarded \$500 from the Rotary Club for volunteering. We took a pause from our continued participation due to Rotary's struggle with reciting prayer before their meetings. Something they have done for over 100 years. Our PGK, Chuck Lang, also a Rotarian, stayed the course and is pleased to report that Rotary is back saying prayer before their meetings resolving their struggle!!



As a result, we have accepted to participate again. This is a fun and easy fundraiser for us! Those that volunteer will receive a **Free Rotary BBQ T-Shirt** and 1 free **BBQ Chicken Dinner Ticket (the dinner ticket is a \$20 value)**. If you sign up for both shifts, you will receive 2 dinner tickets!

Date: Sunday, September 8th

Where: Downtown Plymouth – report 15 minutes before you assigned time to the registration area immediately behind the Penn Theater. You will see the fencing and gate. Several volunteers will guide you through the registration process. It is EASY!! (If you have any questions, call Chuck Lang 3313-804-5513 or see him there. He will be located between the Penn Theater and the Gathering Pavilion.

First 3 Hour Shift: 10am – 2pm (need 20 Knights)

Second 3 Hour Shift: 2pm – 5pm (need 20 Knights)

Wear your Knight shirt and or hat if you have one. The Rotary Chicken BBQ is a widely known community event at the Plymouth Fall Fest that brings together thousands of people each year. Not to mention the dinner is delicious! Let's see if we can help our charitable funds account by helping the Rotary.

Sign up for the shift that fits you the best! If you have any questions, feel free to contact PGK, Chuck at 313-804-5513. To volunteer, go to this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DA5A62BA2FFC43-50948022-september>

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.



2024 Guidelines for Political Activity

By: Ken Warzybok

Brother Knights, as we enter the final stretch of the election season, and with the upcoming November general election only a few weeks away, it is crucial to remember the importance of being informed constituents who exercise our right to vote. As Knights, we are not only Catholic citizens, but also play an active role in shaping our communities and holding our elected officials accountable.

In order to assist our members in fulfilling their duty of faithful citizenship, the Knights of Columbus has compiled guidelines for political activity. These guidelines are designed to help us to effectively navigate the political landscape with the integrity and respect befitting a Brother Knight.

Politics + Social Media: Knights of Columbus Rules

Talk about issues, not candidates. It is very important that your council's social media platforms never endorse one specific candidate or party. Instead, share information about the pro-life movement, religious freedom and other issues that Catholics care about when they go to the polls. Your council can also encourage your community to register to vote with the Knights of Columbus Get Out the Vote initiative.

If you are running for office, separate your candidacy from your being a Knight. You cannot campaign as a member of the Knights of Columbus on social media, or offline. The Officer's Desk Reference has a detailed guide on how to conduct yourself as a Knight when running for political office.

Be positive and polite online (and in person!). A gracious and charitable attitude when using social media goes a long way. Rather than attacking a candidate or political party, share resources to guide others in their faithful citizenship. Refrain from engaging with people who leave inflammatory or impolite comments on your council's social media platforms.

PROHIBITION ON USE OF MEMBERSHIP TO PROMOTE CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

A member may not use his membership in the Knights of Columbus, including the name and emblem, for political advantage or to imply that the Order supports a candidate for public office. Specifically, the Laws of the Order prohibit a member from "issuing or soliciting by virtue of his membership in the Knights of Columbus, aid, or assistance or support by or in behalf of . . . candidates for public office . . ."

Consistent with this Law, the Board of Directors will not authorize any use of the name and emblem of the Order, or one's membership in the Order, to promote any political affiliation or candidate for public office.

DOs

- DO become active in the political life of your local community;
- DO register to vote and encourage others to register to vote;
- DO initiate and participate in robust "get out the vote" efforts to bring voters to the polls in all primary, general, and special elections;
- DO become informed on public policy issues of fundamental interest to the Catholic Church at the local, state, federal, and international levels;
- DO become acquainted with public policy initiatives of the national conferences of Catholic Bishops as well as state and provincial Catholic conferences;
- DO study and reflect upon the teachings of the Catholic Church so as to develop a well-formed Catholic conscience;
- DO order booklets on specific issues of fundamental importance to Catholics published by the Catholic Information Service;
- DO share with others the Catholic Church's teachings on moral issues of fundamental importance to society;
- DO advocate for Catholic positions on local and national legislative and other issues of fundamental interest to the Catholic Church. This includes participation in action alert announcements that seek to make the voices of Catholic citizens heard on legislation of fundamental interest to the Catholic Church;
- DO write letters to the editor of local newspapers;
- DO know your elected representatives and their positions on issues of fundamental interest to the Catholic Church;
- DO correspond with your representatives and let them know that you support the Catholic position on issues of fundamental interest to the Catholic Church;
- DO thank representatives for their actions taken on issues of fundamental interest to the Catholic Church;
- DO join the Supreme Council and your State Council in advocating for public policy issues.
- DO VOTE!

DON'Ts

- DO NOT engage in any partisan political activity in the name of the Knights of Columbus. Partisan political activity is defined as including activity that seeks to endorse or oppose a candidate or party in a campaign for public office.
- DO NOT make partisan political statements in the name of the Knights of Columbus. A partisan political statement is defined as including statements that seek to endorse or oppose a candidate or party in a campaign for public office.
- DO NOT, on behalf of your local council, congratulate or admonish public officials in the name of the Knights of Columbus.
- DO NOT, on behalf of your local council, take a position on a matter of public policy unless you are joining a position the Supreme Council or your State Council has already articulated;
- DO NOT distribute any Knights of Columbus member lists or contact information to political campaigns or to individuals running for office;
- DO NOT use an official fraternal title in connection with your personal political activity, and
- DO NOT use Knights of Columbus facilities, including, but not limited to, email accounts, social media, fax machines, letterhead and the like, in connection with partisan political activity.

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,

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.

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

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 csmjb@protonmail.com (734-673-0004) The 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.



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

Michigan Knights of Columbus State Fall Special Olympics Games

The annual Michigan Knights of Columbus State Fall Special Olympics Games are taking place in September. The Soccer Tournament is taking place on September 28th in our own backyard here in Canton at Independence Park (1898 Denton Rd, Canton, MI). We have two opportunities to assist at the event on the 28th:

- 9:00am - 11:00am: Site Setup
- 9:00am - 4:00pm: Grill/Food Preparation/ Food Serving

Please consider volunteering some of your time by going to the SignUp Genius link below or at our Council website.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DA5A62BA2FFC43-50796864-september>

The Knights of Columbus has a special relationship with the Special Olympics and has helped disabled athletes train and compete in games around the world. I hope you will be able to make some time for **SERVICE** at this special event to help these Olympians on September 28th.



Again this year our council will participate in the Catholic Citizens Essay Contest. This contest encourages today's youth to be more connected to their community and their faith. This program is open to all young Catholics in grades 8 to 12 (public, private, parochial or home schools during the current school year). The year each student will in an essay of 500-750 words express **“what are the two most important virtues for an elected leader to possess, and why? How can you determine if the leader has these virtues?”**

Entrants will be judged on grammar, style, and how clearly they present the theme in a way that showcases creativity, imagination and overall development of the topic. The winners of our council will then advance to the different levels of competition.

The exact start date for this year's contest has not been set yet. Please watch next month's newsletter and the web site for upcoming details.

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.

126 - The Fourth Commandment

The Fourth Commandment isn't just about honoring your parents, it is also about the responsibilities we have for building a just society. But honoring one's parents and ordering society justly are meaningless if we don't understand that the Commandments are a part of God's covenant with us. Thus, the Fourth Commandment is about the relationship we have with God that is manifested in the duties and responsibilities of human relations of family and neighbor oriented toward the good.

You Can download this booklet to read during your leisure.

[Download PDF.](#)

[Click here for this month's audio version of Featured Booklet](#)

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.

Join a Passionist Preached Week end Retreat

Every year, the men of Set John Neumann parish gather together for a week end Retreat.

This year the dates for this retreat is Sept 27 - 30.



The suggested offering for the retreat is \$225, which includes two nights lodging in a private rpm with bathroom, five meals, and a retreat programing. As always ,guest are invited to give more if they can and less if they can't. A non-refundable registration fee of \$30 is required to secure your spot.

If you are interested please contact St Paul at stpaulretreat.org or contact your fellow knights Joe Camil at jcamill@woway.com or 717- 5129 or David Trost at David Trost - dtrostmichigan@gmail.com .



Our Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge will be on September 15, 2024 after the 12:30pm Mass and during the parish picnic. The competition is designed for players to demonstrate the most basic soccer skill – the penalty kick.

Open to all boys and girls in our community, ages 9-14, where each player will be allowed 15 shots at the goal from the penalty line (12 yards from the goal). Points are awarded based on the placement of the ball into specific areas of the goal. All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event. All participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. Winners progress to the district, regional, state, and international levels.

Note: The council Soccer Challenge will be from 2:00pm to 3:00pm. The district Soccer Challenge (for council winners) will follow from 3:00pm to 4:00pm.

Help is needed on Saturday, September 14 at 6:00pm to help set up the net and field for the challenge.

Help is also needed on Sunday, September 15, after the 12:30 Mass, to help run the event. This includes signups, scoring, chasing balls etc.

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

The Fall MI Drive coming soon.



The Fall 2024 MI Drive will be October 12/13, 2024. We will be taking

donations for Tootsie Rolls at Resurrection and St. John Neumann after all week-end masses. Also we will probably be taking donations in front of Mann's Do-it Center on Michigan Ave. and Three Brothers Restaurant on Joy Rd. To help with these two locations please watch for emails announcing the times. Once the details for these locations are finalized sign up will be possible thru our sign up genius found on our web site.

This is a great way to get family involved, including spouses and older children!

[Click here](#) to sign up to take donations after one of Resurrection's masses on October 12/13.

[Click here](#) to sign up to take donations after one of St. John Neumann's masses on October 12/13.

Newsletter Note !!!

The usual deadline to submit information for the newsletter is the 24 Th of each month.

However, due to time restarted this next month ALL information and articles for the October newsletter must be in **NO LATER THAN SEPT 19.**

Sorry about this inconvenience.

Please help communicate about our programs

Our council is one of the more active councils in the state. In order to keep all our brother knights abreast with all the upcoming activities and news of our council and the benefits of our organization, we have developed three major ways of informing the brothers. The first is thru the emails from our Grand Knight, We strongly advise that we review each and every one of these emails, Second is the web site, Brother SK Gene Suchyta has over the years developed and maintains an excellent web site (<https://kofc16169.org/index.php>).Thru this web site all news regarding the council is updated regularly and allows each member to volunteer to assist in upcoming programs. Thirdly is that on the first of every month we send out to all the Brothers the “ Neumann Knights” (our newsletter. This newsletter will update all members via email of the upcoming events, recognize the current knight and family of the month those in need of our prayers, it will also update us on those events that have just occurred in the past month.



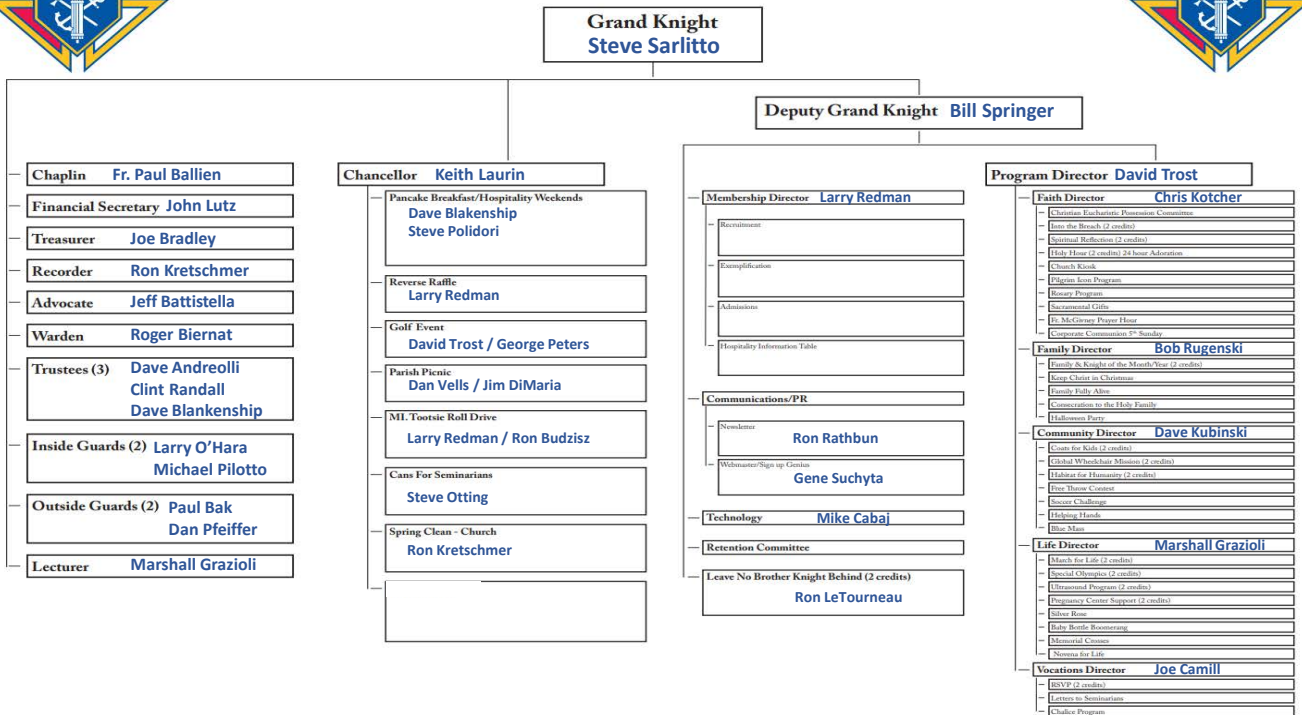
In order to keep these three lines of communication operating properly we need help.

First of all we need a person who is willing to photograph all major events. This can be done with a simple cell phone. There is no experience needed and would only take a few moments of time to capture the highlights. These pictures will not only be used in the newsletter and website but are sometimes needed for documentation in reports from the council. If you volunteer you would only be responsible for the events that you choose. You can volunteer on our sign up genius found on our website.

Secondly, we need someone to volunteer to report on the events. The responsibility of this reporter would to send to the Grand Knight, the webmaster, and the newsletter a short report on when and what happened at the event, It should include a list of the members who work to make the event happen, who was recognized if any, any winners of and contest that happened and just any other general happenings at the event. This position is usually done by the chairman of the event. However, if you or any member off your family feels comfortable reporting please volunteer. The reporter does not have to write an article if he does not feel comfortable doing so but will only be expected to report the happenings at the event.



SJN K of C Council #16169 Organizational Chart



Free Youth Event!

Knights of Columbus - 2024 Soccer Penalty Kick Challenge

Sunday September 15 - 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM

(During Parish Picnic)

Who: Boys and Girls Ages 9 to 14 (age on September 1, 2024)

Where: St John Neumann Church - Field Behind Church
44880 Warren Road, Canton MI

Pre-Reservation is not required but is appreciated!

To Reserve Your Child's Spot: E-mail or call Dave Kubinski at
dkubinsk@gmail.com or 734-748-4182 (cell)

Registration will be at the event when you show up
(please bring proof of age)

No soccer skills are needed for this competition!

Simply kick the ball into an empty net and score points as follows:

3 practice kicks and 15 penalty kicks for scoring (3 extras for tie breakers, if needed)

Scoring: 20 pts though marked off upper corners (8'x24' net)
10 points through marked off lower corners,
5 pts in the net but not in the corners.

Soccer Balls are provided!

Courtesy of the St John Neumann Knights of Columbus Council #16169

All are welcome

You do **not** have to be a Parish member or be Catholic to play!

The winners in each age group for Girls and Boys move on to a second tournament, the District challenge, which immediately follows, from 3:00 – 4:00 PM, same location. Winners of District challenge move on to the Archdiocese Competition on Sept. 22.



Monsignor Clement H. Kern
Council 8284
Canton, Michigan

Prolife Workshop featuring Mike Spencer
Saturday, October 12th, 2024
9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

St. Thomas a Becket Family Life Center, 555 S. Lilley Road, Canton.

YOU MUST REGISTER BY OCTOBER 1, 2024.

TO REGISTER: Contact Mike Goodhart (mgoodhart1@gmail.com)

This FREE workshop will empower you to stand for LIFE!

Breakfast and Lunch available.

These engaging workshops are 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 any questions, email mgoodhart1@gmail.com or call 734-502-7850.

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