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

From the Desk of the Grand Knight

Vivat Jesus my Brother Knights!

Happy New Year to all of you and your families. I hope that you and your families had a blessed Christmas celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. How amazing that this little baby came into the world in the midst of poverty, humility and rejection to be our Savior against the power of sin. Truly miraculous.



My article last month was about the power of our Men's Prayer Breakfast and the opportunity for you to grow in our great Catholic faith by attending. I am going to stick with that theme this month as I talk about the Rescue Project. On December 11th my wife Pam and I completed the nine week Rescue Project course. The Rescue Project is a video series that was developed by Detroit's own Fr. John Riccardo. The St. John Neumann Faith Formation and Evangelization Team has been offering this to the parishioners for the last couple of years. It is basically an experience of the gospel surrounded by food, conversation and prayer in a small group format. Let me just say that we completely enjoyed and were blown away by our experience and the time spent with our group. The environment is a very welcoming one. We had nine people at our table and two great table leaders in Charlene Borke and Betty Nolan. We met every Wednesday afternoon for two hours during the nine weeks. It is hard for me to describe in a short article what we experienced across the nine weeks. Let me just say that what we really learned and experienced was just what the title of the program is. That we a have been Rescued and that Rescued people Rescue others. It helps us continue our growth so that we can witness our faith to others and bring them closer to God. The Rescue Project is for anyone and everyone! It appeals to those who have been walking with Jesus for years, as well as those for whom Jesus is only a figure in ancient history. It helps makes better sense of the gospel, the fight that we are in with the evil one in this world and seeing that there is a life that is vastly different from the story our modern



St. John Neumann Council 16169
Canton, Michigan

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:

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

From the Desk of the Grand Knight.

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culture tells. Just to give you a little taste I recommend you take less than two minutes to watch the Rescue Project Trailer in this link [The Rescue Project - ACTS XXIX](#)
[The Rescue Project Trailer - The Rescue Project - ACTS XXIX](#)

I am using this article to encourage all of you to sign up. You really don't have an excuse not to. The next offering is the Winter 2025 Rescue Project. The Project will be offered on Wednesdays and will run from January 22nd thru April 2nd 2025. To make it more available to everyone there are two Sessions being offered on Wednesdays. An afternoon session from 1:00pm to 3:00pm and an evening session from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. You can register for the. 2025 Rescue Project by clicking on this link [Winter 2025 Rescue Project Signup](#) . I hope to see many of you there because we will be attending again as Table Leaders. Just give it a try!

In closing I pray that 2025 will bring great blessings upon you, your loved ones and our Council. God Bless all of you. Thank you for all that you do as a Brother Knight for Council 16169 and allowing me to serve as your Grand Knight. See you in the Eucharist!!

Steve

A Message from our District Deputy

I received the St. John Neumann council Keep Christ in Christmas poster winners. There were no other councils in my District who held a contest, so the St. John Neumann winners went to the diocesan contest. All of those winners had to be submitted by January 1. Sometime during the first two weeks of January I will learn the winners of the diocesan contest as the state contest submissions have to be in by January 15.

On January 26, the St. John Neumann council will hold its free throw contest. Winners will advance to the district free throw contest on February 9 at St. John Neumann. Registration is at 1:30 with the district contest starting at 2:00 pm. Come out to help rebound or score and to cheer on the contestants. The winners from the district contest will go on to the diocesan free throw contest which will be held on February 16, also at St. John Neumann.



Remember to continue to ask Catholic men if they want to join the Knights. Give yourself a goal to ask one man a week. It could be a brother, father, friend, neighbor or anyone who you sit around in Mass. Ask if they are a Knight and then if the answer is 'no', then ask if they would like to join. Don't be discouraged if they say 'no'. Continue to ask and you will help bring men to Jesus.

God Bless

Dan



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.

Years of Service

1 to 4 Years Service

Laleen Pinto (1) Charles E Singleton (2)

5 to 9 Years Service

Gregory J Link (5) Dr Timothy J Bodnar (6)
 Mark N Betanzor (5) Charles E Kovalik (7)
 Carl W Zahn (7)


10 to 24 Years Of Service

Marshall J Grazioli (10) James R Michalik (10)
 PGK Edward A Hurst Jr (10) Robert J Rugenski (10)
 Ronald G Letourneau (10)

25 Years or More Of Service

Timothy P Quinn (26)
 Mark Richard Rausch
 (31) James R Korona (42)

Wedding Anniversaries



Paul J & Emily Schwartz
 (01-07).

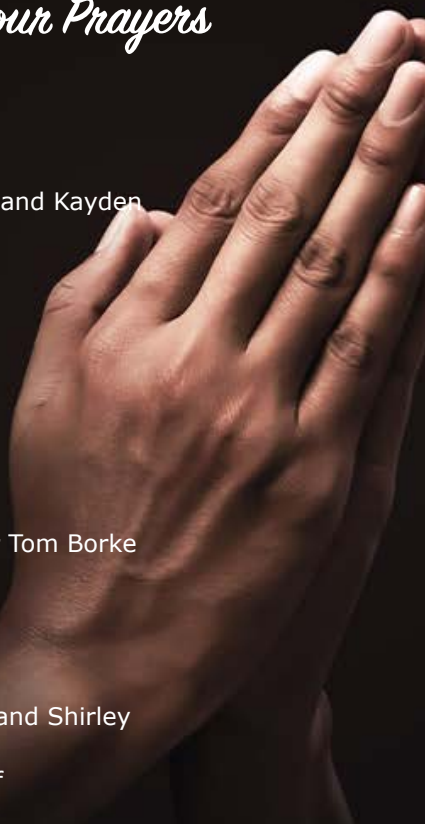
Daniel T & Pamela Timmerman
 (01-08)

"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."

January Birthdays

Luke Buehler (01-01)
 Alexander R Lams (01-04)
 John W Brennan (01-07)
 Charles E Singleton (01-08)
 Joseph J Smyth (01-08)
 Andrew A Anyanwu (01-10)
 Stephen L Kamykowski (01-16)
 Alan K Nutten (01-18)
 Christopher Chirpka (01-21)
 Robert A Johnson (01-21)
 Jeffrey A Niszczak (01-21)
 Bryan D. Chemotti (01-23)
 Phillip Lang (01-26)
 Michael S Cabaj (01-27)
 Carl W Zahn (01-28)
 Timothy P Quinn (01-30)

Brother Knights and Friends That Are In Need our Prayers



Jennifer Ryan, daughter of brother George Peters 12/20/2024
 George Hurley, friend of brothers Joe Bradley and Gene Suchyta 12/20/2024
 Greg Kroodsma, friend of DGK Bill Springer
 Jeff and Kelly Belack family, daughter Kayla, and grandchildren Kenna and Kayden
 Grendas, all friends of DGK Bill Springer
 Lee Jungen, friend of PGK Chuck Lang
 Gretchen Goulet, friend of GK Steve Sarlitto
 Jessica Krieff and baby Claire Marie, friends of brother Roger Biernat
 Joe Fanelli, brother-in-law of brother Larry O'Hara
 Brother Jim Kullman
 First Lady Mandy Borsenik
 Kim Caulver, sister of brother George McPartlin
 Jennifer Bilyk, wife of SDRR Ray Bilyk
 Rebecca and Joe Mead, granddaughter and grandson-in-law of brother Tom Borke
 Noella Hurst, daughter of PGK Ed Hurst, Jr.
 Rebecca (Sienkiewicz) James, daughter of Brother Gary Sienkiewicz
 Maddie Smyth, the granddaughter of Brother Joe Smyth
 Brother George Peters
 Ed Chrostowski, Ed's sister Linda Michael, and the father-in-law of Ed and Shirley Chrostowski's daughter Pauline
 Cydney Domsic and baby daughter Esther Grace, family of brother Jeff

Men's Prayer Breakfast Weekly: Thursdays at 6 am
Monthly: Every Fourth Saturday of the month at 8:30
am We meet in Baldwin Hall.

December Family of the Month Pam and Dan Timmerman



Dan grew up in Green Bay Wisconsin and Pam grew up in Jefferson, Wisconsin, and both are lifelong Packer fans. Go Pack. They met in college at the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh at a Sigma Phi Epsilon membership rush party. Dan later became the President of the chapter. After Dan's graduation they married and moved to the Chicago area, then Kenosha for a while where Pam finished her degree at Carthage college, and then back to Chicago. Dan was then transferred to Livonia, Mi in 1977 and they lived in Dearborn. They then moved to Redford in 1979, and they both became active in the Redford Jaycees with Dan later becoming President of the chapter. They moved to Canton in 1987 and have been members of St. John Neumann since.

They have two children and six grandchildren. Their son Nick, also a Knight, is a cantor and sings in the church choir. Their daughter in law, Kelli is a children's liturgy of the word leader and has helped with vacation bible school. Their two grandchildren William and Luke are both altar servers. William sings in the church choir and is in the middle school youth group. William has been selected to serve in the Michigan Honors Choir for the third year in a row. Their daughter Tracy and son-in-law Paul are both active in their church in Ann Arbor.

Pam and Dan have been active together in Alpha, as table leaders, on the Evangelization Committee, serving on the Parish Vision team and as members of the pilot Connect group started under Father Ron Richards, which still meets regularly. They attended the National Eucharistic Congress, and they are a post Congress volunteers and co-chairs of the Adoration Committee.

Pam is in the church choir and is a Catechist for Religious Education classes and teaches First Communion and First Reconciliation classes and is an OCIA sponsor. Pam was the Alpha Coordinator, and co- founder of the Women's organization. Pam has volunteered in the Food Pantry and as a Sacristan.

Dan has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for nine years, serving as outside guard, deputy grand knight, grand knight and currently serving as District Deputy. Dan has chaired and been active in numerous Knight events.

Dan has been the facilitator of the Men,s Rise program and the TMIY program in the parish. He was a member of the parish council and a past Coordinator of Christian Service. He is a Sacristan and an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

By the way they have been married for 50 years.

*Please show your congratulations to Pam and Dan Timmerman
on being selected as Council 16169's
Family of the Month for December.*



Current & Upcoming Events & Activities

Saturday 11 January 11

1 – 4pm Forgotten Harvest

Tuesday, January 14

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

Wednesday January 15

KofC Archdiocesan Winter Dinner

Sunday, January 26

1:30 – 3:30pm KofC Free Throw Contest

Tuesday, January 28

7 - 8:30 pm Business Meeting

Saturday February 8

SJN International Dinner Nigh

Sunday February 9

1:30 – 3:30pm KofC District Free Throw Contest

Tuesday, February 11

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

Sunday, February 16

1:30 – 3:30pm KofC Archdiocesan Free Throw Contest

Thursday February 20

7:00 pm Exemplification

Tuesday, February 25

7 - 8:30 pm Business Meeting

Tuesday, March 11

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

Tuesday, March 25

7 - 8:30 pm Business Meeting

December Knight of the Month Ron Kretschmer



Ron was born outside the small farming community of New Munster, Wisconsin where his family were (and still are) parishioners of St. Alphonsus Parish and attended school there. He went on to college at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, where he earned a degree in Mechanical Engineering. After working briefly in Racine, Wisconsin Ron moved to Michigan to begin work in Ford’s Climate Control Division, which later became Visteon Corporation and is now Hanon Systems. He has 42 years there and is currently the longest tenure person in their Novi office.

Ron and his wife Sandy have been married for 40 years. They met at a party he and his roommate were having. He knew she was special coming to a party thrown by 2 geeky engineers.

They have 2 wonderful daughters, Samantha and Ashley. No grandchildren yet but Sandy likes to call their 2 dogs, Fitz and Breezy, our “grandpups”.

Ron has been a Knight for 17 years, initially joining Holy Trinity Council 13418 in Ypsilanti before that parish closed and council folded. A founding member of St. John Neumann Council 16169, Ron has been the Council Recording Secretary for the past 4+ years...need to find someone else to take the job! He is active in many Knights functions: MI Drives, Reverse Raffle Ticket Sales, membership drives, Pancake Breakfasts, Leave No Knight Behind and State Raffle to name just a few.

Ron and his family have been members of St. John Neumann Parish for many years. Ron is active in many parish functions: He leads the Men’s Prayer Breakfast Group and Parish Gardening Committee. He was twice a table leader for the Rescue Project. Participation in other parish ministries includes Post Mass Monday, Bible studies, Alpha, This Man is You and the Parish Vision Team. Ron has been doing a Men’s Retreat to St. Francis Retreat Center for over 30 years now. He recently did his Cursillo 4-day Weekend! It was a great faith building experience!

Ron volunteers with the Salvation Army: in the spring with their food drive and at Christmas time as a bell ringer at their kettles. His goal for this year is 50 hours of bell ringing! He especially likes it when little children drop money in the bucket and then he lets them ring the bell.

Ron also spends 2 weeks each summer as a volunteer lighthouse keeper at lighthouses near Ludington on Lake Michigan. As an engineer he marvels at their construction and enjoys sharing their history with people.

Please congratulate to Ron Kretschmer on being selected as Council 16169's Knight of the Month for December.

Sign up opportunities

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

- [January, February, March, April 2025: Vocations Chalice](#)
- [January/February 2025: Cans for Seminarians Help](#)
- [January 11: Forgotten Harvest Food Box Packing](#)
- [January 26: Free Throw Contest Help](#)
- [February 9: District Free Throw Contest](#)
- [February 16: Archdiocesan Free Throw Contest](#)



Our annual Council 16169 Christmas Dinner.



Following an abbreviated Business Meeting on December 19th we had a wonderful evening of fellowship and Christmas music at our annual Council 16169 Christmas Dinner. We had approximately 100 Brother Knights in attendance along with wives and significant others. We were honored to be joined by Doloros Lebeau and Lynne Matheny as widows of two of our deceased Knights. The dinner main meal was penne pasta, sauce, meatballs and rolls prepared by the outstanding cooking team of Dave Blakenship and Steve Polidori. Salads and desserts were provided by the Council Officers and Directors. The music to set the Christmas mood was provided by DJ Fr. Paul Ballien. The night was a great success and certainly a tradition we will to continue.



2025 Membership Dues

Dues invoices for 2025 have been emailed to all members. Although membership dues are to be paid by December 31st, at the time this was written, only 64 members have paid their 2025 dues. It is time consuming as well as an extra expense to send additional notices so if you have not already done so, please pay your dues promptly. If you have any questions at all regarding your dues payment please contact our Financial Secretary, John Lutz. He will be glad to help you and answer any questions you may have.



Into the Breach

Into the Breach is a call to battle for men which urges them to embrace masculine virtues in a world at crisis. The original Into the Breach video series, inspired by the Apostolic Exhortation of Bishop Thomas J. Olmstead, outline the challenges faced by men of faith in the world today. The new Into the Breach: The Mission of the Family series presents the Catholic vision of family life and inspires them to incorporate it into daily life. By viewing and discussing these inspirational series, and using their accompanying study guides, men as well as couples, will be equipped with the wisdom and practical tools they need to better lead themselves and their families in living out the Faith. Resources for the new series are available at kofc.org/intothebreach.

Deadline for Newsletter
Articles is the 24th of
each month
newsletter16169@gmail.com

International dinner

The international Dinner is Saturday February 8th. As in past years we are being asked to man the beverage table. We will need volunteers however we have not put a SignUp Genius out yet. Please check the sign up genius later to volunteer.

Keep Christ in CHRISTmas Poster Contest

By Michael Tallman



Just wrapped up with judging on January 9th.. We had 68 posters from grades K-8.. No other council in our district submitted any posters so all the winners from our council are now declared the District winners. The winners will move onto the diocesan contest. The winners and their parents will be invited to the January general membership meeting for a presentation of the winners certificate and a gift card,

The following are the winners for each grade group.

Penelope Findysz (K)

Paige Kasper (1-2)

Nadia Kokinasidis (3-4)

Margaret Tallman (5-6)

Cecilia Tallman (7-8)

Thank you again for your help judging and support promoting the content this year! 68 posters is an absolutely amazing showcase of talent and inspiration of what it means to Keep Christ in Christmas!



Free Membership tell your Friends

To join online go to <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-kofc.html> . Be sure to enter council #16169. If the person was referred by a knight be sure to insert the referring knits ID number. For free first year membership enter promo code **BLESSEDMCGIVNEY**

Important Message

It is very important that we report ALL fraternal work that our members perform during the past year.

Please report all activities that you participated in. During the year 2024.

The activities do NOT need to be related to the Knights. You can include visits to a sick friend or helping a neighbor. You can count time attending knights of Columbus meetings also.

For your convince a spreadsheet is available on our web site. Click here [page 16](#) or go to page 16 of this newsletter.

However, if you do not feel comfortable with the spreadsheet, just write down the number of hours and forward it to our program director at PD16169@mikofc.org



Knights of Columbus®

Member Benefits

Aside from the numerous personal rewards that come from being a Knight, here is a list of the many substantial rewards for you and your family.

Columbia Magazine — Free subscription to the Order's award-winning magazine examining issues of concern to Knights, Catholics and families

Knights of Columbus rosary — Blessed by the supreme chaplain, presented during the Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity to each new member

Mass of Remembrance Each Weekday — Celebrated for deceased members and their wives at St. Mary's Church, the birthplace of the Order

Insurance — Access to a portfolio of top-quality life insurance, long-term care insurance, disability income insurance and annuity products exclusive for members, their spouses and their dependent children

Family Fraternal Benefit* — Benefits for children of insured members that include guaranteed-issue insurability under age 18 and automatic death benefits for children dying before age 61 days

Orphan Fraternal Benefit* — Provides monthly benefits and college scholarships to each eligible orphan of insured members

Member/Spouse Fraternal Benefit — Accidental death benefit for member in good standing and spouse at no additional cost

Widow Benefits — a) continues to be covered under the Member/Spouse Fraternal Benefit; b) the surviving spouse of a Knights of Columbus insured may purchase life insurance, long-term care insurance or annuities after insured member's death; c) receives a free lifetime subscription to *Columbia*; d) eligible with her children for scholarships

Scholarships — Scholarship programs for higher education available to members, their spouses and children

Leadership Development — Opportunity to build personal leadership skills, public speaking ability, organizational skills, etc.

Fourth Degree — Eligibility to join the Patriotic Degree

Honorary Life Membership — At age 70 with 25 years of membership

Membership Card — Entitles participation in all Catholic, fraternal and social activities in member's council and also in over 15,000 councils throughout the world

Activities — Participation in a variety of programs and activities conducted by your council

*Subject to eligibility requirements, conditions and restrictions.



It has come to our attention that some of you have recently received an email that looks like it is coming from the Grand Knight requesting that you transfer money to "take care of an operating expense" **THIS IS NOT**

FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT . THIS IS A SCAM! Please delete this email and if you have the ability with your email provider please report it as a scam. The email looks very real as they reference one of our Officers and likewise a council Officer position. If you have questions about the source of the email always check the origin email address. This will give a good indication as to whether or not the email is a scam. Please be cautious with emails. Especially those that are asking for money.

Welcome New Brother Knights

Please welcome David Richko to council 16169! David is an on-line member and is recovering from a heart surgery. He and Brother Larry Redman watched the Exemplification video in his apartment on Dec 16. He looks forward to participating in our council when he is able. No Picture is available .



Please welcome Ryan Sobie to council 16169! Ryan was an on-line member and he completed the Exemplification on December 17th, hosted by Monaghan council in Livonia. Ryan was recruited by our DD Dan Timmerman. Thank you Dan!

Ryan's grandfather, Bob, attended the Exemplification and is transferring his membership into our council. Vivat Jesus!



Please welcome Keith Becker to Council 16169. Keith completed the Exemplification hosted by Renaud Council on Tuesday, December 3rd.

Vivat Jesus!

FORGOTTEN HARVEST



On January 11, 2025, from 1:00pm to 4:00pm, the St John Neumann Knights of Columbus will be helping at Forgotten Harvest, 15000 Eight Mile W, Oak Park, MI 48237 ([click here](#) for map). Note that we need 20 people to sign up for this event.

Please wear Knights of Columbus gear when attending. Additional information for volunteers can be found at the Forgotten Harvest Volunteer website: [Volunteer - Forgotten Harvest](#).

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

Knights Apparel



For Knights apparel, please reach out to Larry Redman. Golf shirts, tee shirts, dress shirts, sweatshirts and baseball hats! Most items are in stock. Larry can be reached at 734-674-4544.

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



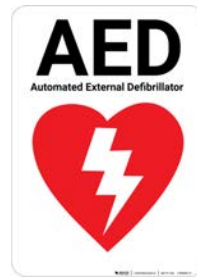
Many times we are not able to attend the council general membership meetings. This may be due to a lack of transportation, it may be that you are out of town, or it may be that you are just a little under the weather. No matter what the reason, now you can attend from the comfort of

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. The link can be used anywhere in the world.. Hope to see you there next meeting.

Join the Zoom Meeting
<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.



Prior to our Business (Membership) meeting at 6pm on January 14th you will have the opportunity to be trained on the AED (Automated external defibrillator) equipment at the church. **Barb Coldren** who is the lead person for the SJN Health Ministry will be providing the training in Baldwin Hall starting at 6:00pm and lasting about 20-30 minutes. Barb would like to educate the Knights of Columbus on the use of the AED and to do training with us. Please mark your calendars for January 14th..

Spiritual Reflection



A Lenten Spiritual Reflection for the men of the parish, hosted by Fr. Paul is planned for

Saturday, March 29 from 8:00am - 1:00pm. Save the date!

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:

Go to www.virtusonline.org.
Click on First Time Registrant.

DON'T FORGET YOUR NAME BADGE

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, Because the council is covering half the cost.



Over \$185,000 was raised this year for Coats for Kids! 17,900 coats were handed out! Michigan was No.1 in the nation for this!



The cans that are collected outside the church building, are refunded by either the Knights of Columbus or the Women's organization. The funds generated by this collection by the knights are used to support three seminarians. The funds from the women's organization is used for the soup kitchens.

The Knights collect the refundable on January, February, May, June, Sept and October. Therefore, the knights will start collecting again in January. At this time make a new years resolution to sign up on the volunteer genius on our web site to assist in this project.

Membership Update

During the past month, three new members were Exemplified into our Council bringing our total new Knights this fraternal year to 8. As you may recall, Supreme set our quota for new members this year at 13 meaning that we have now met 62% of our quota and that we need 5 more new members by the end of June to obtain the Father McGivney Award and qualify for Star Council. Also, during the past month, one Brother Knight from another Council transferred his membership to our Council. Our total Council membership now stands at 223 members (180 associates and 43 insurance). Total Regular Membership is 204, Honorary Membership is 5 and Honorary Life Membership is 14.



2025 Free throw Challenge



This years Free throw Challenge will take place on January 26 at 1:30. It is open to all boys and Girls between the ages of 9 to 14 (age as of February 1, 2025). The contestants do not have to be Catholic nor do they need to belong to St John's parish.

Each contestant will be allowed 3 warm up throws and 15 free throws for scoring (5 extra shots will be allowed to break a tie). Winners in each contest will advance to the district completion on February 16. The district winners will advance to the state level..

Pre registration is not require but would be appreciated. This event is FREE and no entry fee will be charged.

To Pre register email or call David Kubinski at dkubinsk@gmail.com oracle 734-748-4182.

If you are interested in assisting at the event please sign up on our web site or contact David at the above number.

Ask not only your children and Grandchildren to join but ask the neighborhood children too!

St. John Neumann Parish Golf Classic

SAVE THE DATE

June 23, 2025

Fox Hills Classic – Plymouth, MI

St. John Neumann Parish Golf Classic

(Sponsored by Knights of Columbus)

- Invitation to consider:
 - ✓ *Golfing – Create your team*
 - ✓ *Sponsorship levels available*
 - ✓ *Donations for:*
 - *Raffle Gift Prizes*
 - *Silent Auctions*
 - *Golf Prizes*

All sponsorships and donations will be recognized/advertised

Contacts:
 David Trost: dtrostmichigan@gmail.com
 George Peters: gkp350tpi@outlook.com

The Golf Committee is writing to let you know that we are presently booked for **June 23, 2025 (Monday)** at Fox Hills - Classic.

We recognize that it's mid-December and significant snow has yet to fall, but it's not too early to:

- **SAVE THE DATE** on your calendars
- Begin inviting your friends and family to form foursomes
- Consider volunteering
- Consider supporting through sponsorships, gift donations, etc.

As we begin the planning process, look forward to future communications that will include links to register and other sponsorship details.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the contacts below.

Have a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Sincerely, The Golf Committee

Hello Golfers, Volunteers, and Supporters of the St. John Neumann Golf Classic.

If you golfed or contributed to last year's St. John Neumann Golf Classic at Fox Hills – Thank you. It was a wonderful event. Your generosity supports our parish needs and Knights of Columbus charitable works.

We were blessed with outstanding weather, friendship, some pretty good golf - - including a Hole-In-One that was rewarded with a Best Buy Gift Certificate.

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.



130 – The Eighth Commandment

The Church teaches that human truth consists in the conformity of things to the human intellect, which is necessarily relativistic, if not subjectivistic, since there are “many truths in many created intellects” because of the ways things are known. What gets twisted is the meaning of “relativism.” Avoiding a wrong notion of “relativism,” the Church teaches there is a divine intellect and argues that although there are many truths, all truths are ultimately expressions of the one Truth which, is God. So, there is objective truth as there is truth relative to the individual but in the end, the relative is corrected by the objective.

You Can download this booklet to read during your leisure.

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Remembering

2024



CHARITIES & ACTIVITIES

- EXEMPLIFICATION
- CORPORATE COMMUNION
- AA PREGNANCY CENTER
- KNIGHT OF THE MONTH
- FAMILY OF THE MONTH
- INTERNATIONAL DINNER
- CANS FOR SEMINARIANS
- CASEY THE BEAR
- DOUBLE STAR COUNCIL
- RIGHT TO LIFE BANQUET
- 24 HOUR ADORATION
- CATHOLIC TENT
- RSUP
- ASAP
- REVERSE RAFFLE
- MEMBERSHIP DRIVES
- KIOSK BOOKLETS
- KIDS AGAINST GUNGER
- COMMUNITY GRILL
- RTL CROSSES
- VOCATION CHALICE
- NEW VESTMENTS
- STATE CONVERSION
- EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS
- MEN'S CHICKEN DINNER
- PATRIOTIC ROSARY




- LIVING ROSARARY
- CORPUS CHRISTI
- BLUE MASS
- ELECTION
- EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS
- MEN'S CHICKEN DINNER
- PATRIOTIC ROSARY
- PLYMOUTH CANTON ALL STARS

K of C Scholarship Applications are available after Jan 1

Did you know that the Knights of Columbus grants scholarships ? Each has different qualifications and different deadlines for submission. Below are listed those that are available in the United States. There is also a scholarship for seminarians. An applicant must be:

1. Entering freshman year, of a four-year, undergraduate program, leading to a bachelor's degree, at a Catholic college or Catholic university, in the United States.
2. A member in good standing of the Knights of Columbus, a son or daughter of such a member, or of a such a deceased member, who at the time of death, was in good standing, or a Columbian Squire in good standing. (Not limited to fourth degree members)

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UNDERGRADUATES

An eligible candidate for these scholarships is a K of C member in good standing, a child of the member or of a member who was in good standing. Scholarship candidates should be entering the freshman year in an approved Catholic college in the United States and its territories as a full-time student in a bachelor's degree program. For more information or to apply follow this link : <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/>

MATTHEWS AND SWIFT

The Francis P. Matthews and John E. Swift Educational Trust Scholarships are available to children of members in good standing who are killed or permanently disabled, by hostile action, while serving in the armed forces in a combat zone identified as eligible by the Knights of Columbus Board of Directors; as well as the children of fulltime firefighters and law enforcement officers, who while in the lawful performance of their duties, died as a result of criminal violence directed at them. In either event, applications must be filed within two years of the date of death or disability. <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/scholarships/education-al-trust-scholarships/undergraduate-scholarships.html?1tab=1tab0scholarship.html?1tab=1tab0>

BISHOP GRECO

Bishop Charles P. Greco Graduate Fellowships


assist U.S. students pursuing a master's degree designed for teachers of people with intellectual disabilities. Applicants must be a member in good standing or his wife or child attending a Catholic college/university. This also applies to the widows and children of deceased members who were in good standing. To For more information or to apply follow this link: <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/scholarships/graduate-fellowships.html?1tab=1tab0>

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

select number of undergraduate scholarships are administered by the Catholic University of America, on behalf of the Knights of Columbus. There are also fellowships available to help prepare CUA graduates to teach at the university level.

Please contact Catholic University of America for Undergraduate and Graduate applications.

Contact CUA Graduates Studies by clicking here



SEMINARIAN

Each year, the Knights of Columbus offers a limited number of \$2,500 scholarships for tuition, room and board to men studying for the Catholic priesthood at major seminaries. Any applicant with appropriate ecclesiastical approval, having been accepted at a major seminary, and studying for an (arch) diocese or religious institute in the United States, its territories, or Canada is eligible. Special consideration may be given to upperclassmen who are members of the Knights of Columbus, or whose fathers are members, and/or those with a background in the military. The maximum scholarship is \$2,500 per year, renewable each year of study at a "major" seminary to a total of four years, upon evidence of satisfactory performance, and subject to the discretion of the Department of Scholarships.

State Raffle Tickets

You should have received your tickets for the Michigan KofC Raffle Drive. Please sell them. One dollar from every ticket sold comes back to this council. Last year the raffle raised over \$164,000 to support a number of Catholic programs.

By getting your tickets in early, your early bird entry will be placed in all 4 monthly drawings held in December through March. That's four chances to win \$250 just for getting your tickets in! So don't let the tickets sit forgotten in a drawer, get them in!

Vocations Chalice



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

Chairman, is asking brother knights, and their families, to step up to this very worthy activity and sign up to take the Vocations Chalice for a week. With almost 200 knights in our council, we have enough knights for almost 4 years of families praying for vocations!

For more information on this program, please contact Joe Camill at jcamill@wowway.com.

Christmas in the Philippines Elizabeth Foundation



The Elizabeth Foundation would like to thank St. John Neumann Council #16169 for its continued support of the "Christmas in the Philippines" Program.

This program started 30 years ago in 1994 with a donation from five knights that each donated \$25 to feed the poor of the Bacolod area of the Philippines. From that year on councils around the southeast Michigan have contributed to this program.

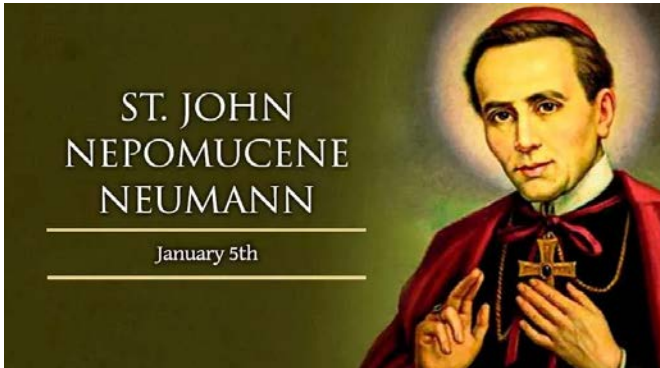
This year after being served hot Aroz Caldo (Chicken Rice and ginger soup) just over 1,000 needy families in the Bacolod area of the Philippines were presented with food gifts of rice, fish and noodles. The three councils that have contributed to this program this year were our council St John Neumann 16169, Msgr Kern Council #8888, and Dun Scotus Council # 12334. Also the Bishop Galigher Assembly #2345 contributed to this years project. The Our Lady of Candles council # 13715 of Bacolod also assisted in the distribution of the gifts.

Again, Thank You for your continued support.



Men's Prayer Breakfast

They meet Thursdays at 6 am and Every Fourth Saturday of the month at 8:30 am We meet in Baldwin Hall. 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.



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People called him the stubby priest and laughed when they saw him riding his horse, because his feet did not touch the stirrups. He was not very good-looking – a square face, a square body. He was quiet, not a man with a vivacious personality, not one to charm a crowd or draw attention to himself. He was not the type of Church leader who pleased influential people. But John Nepomucene Neumann was a man of God who was also true to himself and he did the best job he could do. Born and educated in Bohemia, John was interested in botany and astronomy as well as Church matters. By the time he was twenty-five, he knew six languages and was a trained seminarian. Since there were many priests in his country, and since he longed to be a missionary in America, John came to the United States in 1836 – with one suit of clothes and one dollar in his pocket. The bishop of New York ordained John and sent him to the hardworking German-speaking people who were clearing the forests around Niagara Falls. He traveled on horseback from one mission station to another, visiting the sick, teaching catechism, and training teachers to take over when he left. He was busy with his many responsibilities, but very lonely at times. He felt the need for the fellowship of community life and for the spiritual challenge that living with other priests might bring. So John entered the Redemptorist Order. As a novice, he was sent to different places so frequently that he wondered if his superiors really wanted him. Finally they allowed him to make his vows, and he became the first Redemptorist to be professed in the United States. He helped in parishes until he was made the superior of the American branch of the order. While John felt very unqualified in this position, it was due to his direction that the Redemptorists became leaders in the parochial school movement. He served as a parish priest in Baltimore until he was made bishop of Philadelphia in 1852. There was great opposition to his appointment at that time. The influential, wealthy Catholics wanted someone who would make a good impression: one who would speak eloquently and act the part of a refined, polite gentleman.

SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION

Tuesday Nights at 6 pm Saturday Afternoons at 3 pm
or by appointment with a priest

The Time is Now!

Patriotism is the principle of the Fourth Degree. Its ceremonials are orchestrated to exemplify our love of country and the church. Therefore, the Fourth Degree's primary purpose is to encourage active Catholic citizenship and foster the spirit of patriotism in its members and the community at large.



If you are a Third Degree Knight in good standing, it's time for you to consider reaching even further with your faith. It is time to consider the Fourth Degree. The next Fourth Degree Exemplification is Here, Saturday, March 15, 2025, at St. John Neumann. It can't get any closer than this!

If you are ready to take that next step please contact FN PGK Ed Hurst Jr. or any 4th degree member.



Fraternal Hours

It's that time of the year where we collect Volunteer Hours for Calendar Year 2024.

The hours come from:

- Our awesome council fundraisers
- Faith in Action Programs (Faith, Family, Community and Life)
- Time spent outside of our programs when we volunteer to visit the sick/ disabled members and their families
- Other Volunteer time spent outside of the Knights (Scouting, Athletics, etc)

The image shows a screenshot of an Excel spreadsheet. The spreadsheet has several columns and rows. The columns include 'Member Name', 'Hours', and various activity categories. The rows are organized into sections, with some cells highlighted in light gray, indicating where users should enter their data. The spreadsheet is used for tracking volunteer hours for the year 2024.

By reporting our hours, it reduces the Federal Taxes we pay at the Supreme Level.

You may be thinking, "I have time to look at this later." However, it's easier now to capture those hours on the attached file and fill in the remaining months of November and December when they are complete. - - We all know how the Holiday Season catches us by surprise with the many demands of our time.

The attached file is a simple Excel Document that you can capture hours/visits/mtgs monthly..

- **In the first tab titled "Member Name"**, please Type your Name and Membership numbers in the light gray area's. Then proceed to capture your hours/visits/mtgs in the open light gray cells and they will be summarized automatically. Remember to include all Planning, Prepping and Actual Execution of the event. (Note that many Rows, Columns, and cells are protected to retain consistency from file to file)

- **In the second tab title "Explanation"**, we included activities we typically conduct and placed them in categories which seemed reasonable. If you don't find a particular program you were involved with, then simply add the hours to an existing category and capture any comments in the Comments Column. The actual categories are fixed by Supreme.

Save the File in a folder for your future use this year by "SAVE AS" and include Your Name in the File.

At the end of the year, I'll send out a reminder for you to either email me back the file to PD16169@mikofc.org, or Print the Tab and I'll collect it.

If you are not comfortable using Excel, please print the file and write in your hours and I'll collect it from you at the end of the year.

https://kofc16169.org/docs/fraternal_activity_worksheet.xlsx

Additionally, I'll make these available again as Hard Copies at the November 12th General Meeting.

If you have any questions, please send them to me at PD16169@mikofc.org.

Youth Free Throw Challenge!

January 26, 2025 – 1:30 to 3:30 PM



Sponsored by: St John Neumann K of C Council #16169

Where: St John Neumann Church – Gym (North Entrance)
44880 Warren Road, Canton MI

*You do not have to be a parishioner or Catholic to participate
All are welcome!*

Who: Girls and Boys Ages 9 to 14 (age on February 1, 2025)

To Pre-Register: E-mail or call David Kubinski at
dkubinsk@gmail.com or 734-748-4182 (cell)

Pre-Registration is not required but would be appreciated!
Registration at the event starts at 1:30 PM (proof of age needed)

Important – All contestants must be on location by 2:15 PM

Details

3 Warm-up free throws + 15 free throws for scoring (5 extras for tie breakers, if needed)			
Girls and Boys	Ages 9, 10, 11	12 foot distance	Woman’s size ball
Girls	Ages 12, 13, 14	15 foot (Regular Free Throw)	Woman’s size ball
Boys	Ages 12, 13, 14	15 foot (Regular Free Throw)	Regular size ball

Winners in each gender/age group move on to the
District Competition (February 9 at St. John Neumann)
and potentially the Archdiocesan Competition (February 16 at St. John Neumann)
and potentially the State Competition (Date and Location TBD)

There is No Charge for this Event!