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# From the Desk of the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

As I write this month's article it is a very cold 12°F day in Michigan. My thoughts, as I am guessing many of yours turns to being in a warmer place. Although it is very cold one thought that came to mind was the warmth of our faith. We should celebrate our faith always, but this year is special. I write to you about the important announcement from the Holy Father Pope Francis that 2025 has been declared a Jubilee Year! The theme of the Holy Year is



Steve Sarlitto, Grand Knight

"Pilgrims of Hope." This sacred occasion is an extraordinary gift to the Church and an invitation for all Catholics to renew our faith, deepen our commitment to the Gospel, and embrace the call to holiness.

For centuries, Jubilee Years have been a time of spiritual renewal and celebration. Rooted in the biblical tradition, the Jubilee emphasizes reconciliation, forgiveness, and the restoration of relationships with God and one another. The Holy Father has chosen the theme "Pilgrims of Hope " for this Jubilee, reminding us of our journey as followers of Christ and our mission to bring His hope to a world in need.

As Knights of Columbus, we are uniquely called to live out the spirit of this Jubilee. Our Order has always been committed to faith, charity, and unity—values that resonate profoundly with the themes of reconciliation and hope. This is an opportunity for us to lead by example in our families, parishes, and communities.

Here are some ways we can prepare for and participate in the Jubilee Year:

 Strengthen Our Faith: Take time to deepen your prayer life and explore the richness of the Church's teachings. Consider making a pilgrimage to a holy site or attending special Jubilee events in our diocese. These moments can inspire a renewed sense of purpose and connection to our Catholic heritage. As a council we are looking into arranging trips to some of the holy site in the Detroit area as declared by Archbishop Vigneron.

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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 : <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3368235608?pwd=eDVmK2xvc0k5YitodWdYVWZIYnRvdz09</u> 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=eDVmK2xvc0k5YitodWdYVWZIYnRvdz09

#### From the Desk of the Grand Knight. (Cont from Page)

- Practice Charity: As Knights, our charitable works are a testament to our faith in action. Let us redouble our efforts to serve those in need, bringing Christ's love to the poor, the marginalized, and the lonely. In doing so, we become true "Pilgrims of Hope."
- 3. Seek Reconciliation: The Jubilee Year invites us to experience the healing power of God's mercy. Take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and encourage others to do the same. Forgiveness transforms hearts and fosters unity within our families and communities.
- 4. Engage as Leaders: Let's work together to ensure our Council actively participates in Jubilee celebrations. We can organize prayer gatherings, host discussions on the meaning of the Jubilee, and assist our parish in any initiatives planned for this holy year.

The Jubilee Year is a rare and blessed opportunity to grow closer to Christ and to share His light with the world. Let us embrace this time with open hearts and renewed dedication to our mission as Knights.

In closing I pray that in 2025 we will continue as a Council to be Pilgrims of Hope to all those we encounter. May God bless you and your families, and may He guide us all as we prepare for this holy and transformative year. 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

In February we will hold the Knights Free Throw Contests. On February 9, we will hold the District Free Throw contest at St, John Neumann. Registration is at 1:30 with the contest starting at 2:00. We will have contestants from St. John Neumann, St. Thomas a' Becket, and St. Michael parishes competing. We need help registering, rebounding, and keeping the score of made free throws. It's an easy and enjoyable way to help the youth. Sign up at the council website



On February 16, we will have the Detroit Diocesan Knights Free Throw contest. We will have contestants from all over the west side of the Diocese competing. This is a

pretty big event for the St. John Neumann council to host. Same times of 1:30 registration and a 2:00 start. Please plan to arrive at 1:00 for these events so you can get instructions on how you can help. Go to the council website to sign up.

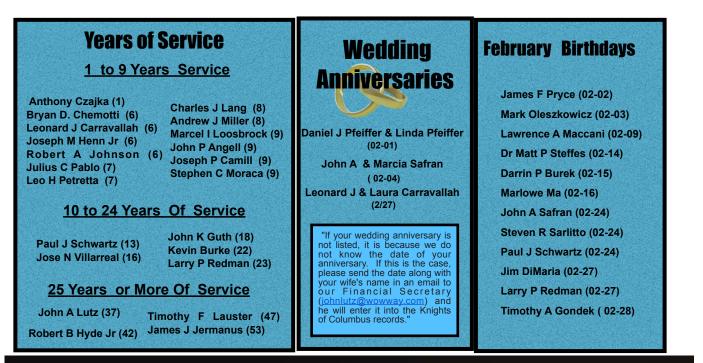
Thank you to all my brother knights for all that you do to spread the good news of Jesus, and to help the parish and community that we serve.

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.



# Brother Knights and Friends That Are In Need our Prayers

Brother Peter Nestor and his wife Lola Michael Jacoboni, his wife and their unborn baby David Richko 01/18/2025Jami Guth, wife of our brother John Guth Jami Guth, wife of our brother John Guth Kim Caulver, sister of brother George McPartlin Alyssa Biernat, the sister of our brother Roger Biernat Carl Zahn, father of PGK and FDD Brian Zahn **Brother Allan Nutten** Jennifer Ryan, daughter of brother George Peters Greg Kroodsma, friend of DGK Bill Springer Jeff & Kelly Belack family, daughter Kayla, & grandchildren Kenna & Kayden Grendas, all friends of DGK Bill Springer Lee Jungen, friend of PGK Chuck Lang Gretchen Goulet, friend of GK Steve Sarlitto Jessica Krieft 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 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.

#### January Family of the Month Jack and Cecilia Massarello



Cecilia was born in Detroit, November 10, 1952. She attended Our Lady of Good

Counsel School and is a Plymouth High School grad. Jack was born in Wayne MI, June 28, 1948. Jack also attended Our Lady of Good Counsel and is a Plymouth High School grad. Jack served in Vietnam from March 1969 to March 1970. Cecilia wrote to Jack while he was stationed in Vietnam. He came home and they dated. They were married April 7, 1972. They have raised 4 children and have 9 grandchildren. Jack retired from GM after 31yrs. He also worked for the Oakland schools 6yrs. Cecilia worked for her Dad's Insurance claims service as a secretary for 24 years and as a homemaker. Cecilia and Jack started St. John Neumann parish at Miller School. Cecilia makes phone calls for the Funeral luncheons and works cleanup. She is currently attending a Bible study at OLGC parish and a RTL volunteer for Life Span of Wayne county chapter. Jack has been involved in are Ushering, Funeral cook, set up, clean up. Cecilia and Jack taught Eucharistic Minister. Catechism from home in the early years of parish. They both help and Support Right to Life activities. Worked food kitchen at St Leo's Detroit. Currently attending Bible studies at SJN.

#### Please show your congratulations to Jack and Cecilia Massarello on being selected as Council 16169's Family of the Month for January.

January Knight of the Month Keith Laurin



Keith was born and raised in the Chicagoland area and as a result suffers from being an avid

Bears fan. (but 1985 sure was lots of fun) He went to the University of Illinois where he met his lovely bride of 41 years, Christa. They have been blessed with 2 children and 3 grandchildren, with a fourth grandchild due in April.

Keith worked for 40 years in the Steel Industry, which is what brought him to the Detroit area 30 years ago. In support of the automotive industry, he represented several steel companies with both technical and sales responsibilities. He has been thoroughly enjoying retirement for the past four years. He has been a parishioner at SJN for 23 years and served in several ministries during that time by starting as an usher and then Lector. He currently is active as a member of the Choir and Finance Committee.

Within the Knights he currently holds the Officer position of Chancelor and leads two major fund-raising projects, the St. Patrick's Day Reverse Raffle and the Wine Tasting Event. Keith routinely supports Knight activities including the Basketball Free Throw Contest, Soccer Challenge, Church Adoration Greeter, Prolife Cross installation and Cans for Seminarians. There is nothing more exciting than driving to the store with bees flying around your head that originated from the cans during the month of September. He also donates blood as much as it is allowed. Keith is a mediocre (at best), but avid golfer and as a later in life hobby, began writing and producing music. He hopes to continue raising funds for worthwhile causes with his music.

#### Please congratulate to Keith Laurin on being selected as Council 16169's Knight of the Month for January.



#### Current & Upcoming Events & Activities

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

Saturday March 1 Pancake Hospitality Weekend Sunday March 2

Pancake Hospitality Weekend Council 16169 10th Anniversary

10:30 am Corporate Communion

Tuesday, March 11 6:30pm Knights Nosh! 7:00pm General Meeting

Saturday, March 22 9am Ignite Catholic Men's Conference Tuesday, March 25

7 - 8:30 pm Business Meeting Saturday, March 29

Membership Drive: SJN

Sunday, March 30 Membership Drive: SJN

The Council will Pay Half !

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.

#### 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.

## FEBRUARY 2025 SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY

Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing,



but at your command I will lower the nets." (Gospel for Feb. 9, Lk 5:5)

St. Peter describes an experience to which many of us can relate. Sometimes, we work tirelessly at something but come up empty, failing at our task and seemingly accomplishing nothing. But Peter here finds overwhelming success when he listens to the Lord and tries again. It may remind us of the psalmist's words: "Unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build" (Ps 127:1a). In everything we do, let us always seek to do God's will. Then, no matter the outcome, we will not have worked in vain.

#### Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to begin each day by offering all your efforts to God. There are many different morning offering prayers; you can find one version in the Catholic Information Service booklet *Prayer Time* or in the *Vivat Jesus* spiritual planner.

#### **Questions for Reflection:**

Do you feel that there have been times in your life you have worked in vain because you failed to recognize or follow God's will? Are you ever afraid to "lower the nets" by entrusting your efforts to God? What role does prayer play in growing in trust of God?

## HOLY CROSS SERVICES THANK YOU

By Michael J. Fontana

On behalf of the HCS board of directors, leadership team, staff and clients served, we want to thank all of the K of C councils throughout the state of Michigan who generously donated sweatshirts, hats, gloves, socks, hygiene baskets, cash, checks and gift cards during the weekend of December 14, 2024 at various Holy Cross Services locations. A breakdown of the donations is noted below

- 1,230 sweatshirts
- 32 hygiene/toiletry baskets
- Miscellaneous hats, gloves, socks, bed sheet sets, blankets, pajama's, underwear
- 235 gift cards totaling \$5,565
- Cash and checks totaling \$275

For more information about Holy Cross Services or to simply make a donation, visit our website at <u>holycrossservices.org</u>

## Free Membership tell your Friends

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



Sign up opportunities

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

- <u>February, March, April 2025:</u> <u>Vocations Chalice</u>
- <u>February 9: District Free</u>
  <u>Throw Contest</u>
- February 2025: Cans for Seminarians Help
- February 8: International Dinner Serving Beer and Wine
- <u>February 9: District Free</u>
  <u>Throw Contest</u>
- February 16: Archdiocesan
  Free Throw Contest
- <u>March 2: 10:30am Mass</u> <u>Corporate Communion</u>
- <u>March 1/2: Pancake</u> <u>Hospitality Week-end</u>
- March 15: 2025 Spring 4th Degree Exemplification Help
- <u>March 22: IGNITE Catholic</u> <u>Men's Confernece</u>
- <u>March 29/30: Membership</u>
  <u>Drive SJN</u>
- April 5/6: MI Drive/Tootsie
  Roll Donations Resurrection
- <u>April 9/10: State Raffle</u> <u>Cookie Baking</u>
- <u>April 10: State Raffle Event</u>
  <u>Help</u>
- <u>April 12/13: MI Drive/Tootsie</u> <u>Roll Donations - SJN</u>



Please welcome 16169's newest members, Jeff Campbell, Michael Jacoboni and Juan Paolo Rathbun Jeff and Michael completed the Exemplification hosted by Kern on Sunday, January 19th. Juan Paolo joined online and completed the Exemplification online then he joined our council. Thank you to to our GK and DD for extending invitations to Jeff and Michael. Also Bro. Ron rathbun for inviting Juan Paolo.





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.

#### CIS Booklet series Ended

In last months newsletter, we finished the Hart Series of cis booklets. Therefore with this issue we will start the The Veritas Series. As the name signifies, the Veritas Series seeks to spread the truth about a number of topics on the Catholic faith, as well as issues facing Catholics around the world today. The series includes guides to prayer, Catholic insights on dating, and thoughts on the saints. However the audio version will no longer be available.

#### Keep Christ in ChristmasPoster Contest Winners Were Awarded

Penelope Findysz (K) Paige Kasper (1-2) Nadia Kokinasidis (3-4) Margaret Tallman (5-6) Cecilia Tallman (7-8) The winners and their parents were invited to the January general membership meeting each of the where winners were awarded with a certificate and a gift card, We had 68 posters from grades K-8. The winners were not only represented our council but also represented our district in the diocesan contest. Also recognized was the All Saints Catholic









#### Help Support Our Council

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!

#### This Month's Featured CIS Booklet



You Can download this booklet to read during your leisure. <u>Download PDF</u>. 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.

#### 300 - The Ten Commandments

The answer to the question, "Why do we have the Ten Commandments?", is not to imply that God wishes to interrupt our otherwise peaceful, happy, just and fruitful lives with arbitrary commandments in order to make life difficult. God knows, as expressions of his wisdom, that the commandments can help us in the midst of our own weakness and the failings of those around us to achieve our full human potential in a world not fully supportive of human life, freedom and responsibility

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



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=eDVmK2xvc0k5YitodWdYVWZIYnRvdz09 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.



February is a Cans For Seminarians Month

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.

#### Annual Free Throw Contest

We had a very good turnout for our annual Free throw Championship event. There were nine (9) participants at the event on January 26th. This was the largest turnout since COVID. Five winners are going on to the District Free Throw Challenge to be held on February 9t<sup>h</sup> at SJN. There was great leadership from Dave Kubinski, Marshall Graziolli and David Trost. Thank you to all Brother Knights who helped out.

**Boys winners:** Joshua Fox, age 9 Nicholas Chirpka, age 10 Christian Keir, age 11 Christopher Birk, age 12

**Girls winners:** Samantha Chirpka, age 11 Layla May, age 12



# SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION

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



St. John Neumann Parish Golf Classic

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.

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 an family to form four somes
- 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

2025 Membership Dues

Dues invoices for 2025 were emailed to all members during the month of November with a payment due date of 12/31/24. Membership dues are \$45 per year. Members are also encouraged to include an optional \$6 payment towards the Sacred Heart Major Seminary Endowed Scholarship Fund and an optional \$10 toward the Michigan State Knights of Columbus Take 10 for Charity program.

At present, there are 108 members who have not yet returned payment. 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.



# 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!



We have an amazing evening planned for you

on Wednesday April 2<sup>nd</sup> with the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Respect Life Dinner hosted at the San Marino Club in Troy by the Knights of Columbus Michigan State Council and Right to Life of Michigan Educational Fund. Lisa Gigliotti will share her personal story and expert knowledge! Invitations will be mailed early next month, but you don't have to wait...RSVP TODAY!

Our Council will be donating \$500.00 to RTL and will have a table of ten (10) at the event. If you would like to attend please[lease contact our Grand Knight.

## Protecting our 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. Register for the course ASAP.



#### Your Lenten resolution

Make a lenten resolution to attend adoration during this upcoming Lenten season. St. John Neumann will make the Holy Eucharist available every Tuesday from 2pm to 5:30 pm and every Wednesday from 6pm to 7pm . These adoration opportunities will begin on March 11 and continue thru April 16. Details for a Friday adorations are still being worked out. You are being asked Knights to sign up for an hour shift during these time slots

#### Korean or Viet Nam Vetrans



After World War I and World War II, the Knights of Columbus completed a census of those Knights of Columbus

members that served in those conflicts.

Earlier this year, the Supreme Master of the 4th Degree tasked the assemblies with completing a census of those Knights of Columbus members that received the Korean (June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953) and Vietnam (July 3, 1965 to March 28, 1973) Service Medals. They asked to include everyone that could be found, including those Knights that are deceased.

If you served in either Korea or Vietnam or know of a deceased knight that served, please notify our Grand Knight so you can be included. This information is due at the start of April. On April 26, 2025, Supreme is planning a Memorial Mass at the Basilica in Washington, D.C., with the Supreme Knight laying wreaths at the Vietnam and Korean Memorials after the Mass. Also in late April or early May, Supreme will send certificates to be distributed to all those members whose names appear in the census. The 4th Degree Assemblies are expected to distribute those certificates to the members at an event that recognizes and remembers their service. The assemblies are starting to plan for such an event, perhaps around Memorial Day, Flag Day, or some other day mutually agreeable to the assemblies and the councils.

## 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.

Please click here to sign-up.

# Food Packing Event

The Michigan Knights of



Columbus is working with Cross Catholic Outreach for a food packing

event. Food packages will be delivered to those in greater need in other countries. The event will take place on Saturday March 1st at St. Johns Resort in Plymouth. Our district Deputy Dan Timmerman will be providing more information soon.

*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.

## A Very Important Message

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

You will be asked to report all activities that you participated in. During the year 2025. The activities do NOT need to 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.

This information will not be needed until the end of the year. However, it is extremely hard to remember these activities when they happened months before. Therefore again this year Our membership director has developed a spread sheet that you can use during the entire year. The spreadsheet is available on our web site and can be used either on a PC or an Apple computer.

However, if you do not feel comfortable with the spreadsheet, just write down the number of hours in a notebook so you will be able to recall them at the end of the year. Any question please direct them to or program director at **PD16169@mikofc.org** 

# Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus 125th Anniversary & Exemplification February 22, 2025, New York City

Thursday, February 22, 1900, in honor of George Washington's birthday, the Knights of Columbus celebrated the first Exemplification of Patriotism. The ceremony was held in the Lennox Lyceum in New York City with 1,100 candidates in attendance. On Saturday, February 22, 2025, the Knights of Columbus will return to New

York City to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the Fourth Degree within the historic walls of America's parish church - Saint Patrick's Cathedral. We invite all members to begin planning for this historic event. To reserve your tickets, click here.

You may like to be part of this 125th anniversary and join the fourth degree but can not travel to new York City. You can join much closer to home on March 15th a fourth degree exemplification will be held here at St. John Neumann Please contact the Faithful Navigator Ed Hurst Jr or any fourth degree knight to register.



# California Wild Fires

Through the Knights of Columbus Disaster Relief fund, the Supreme Council has sent \$150,000 and 200 gift cards worth \$100 each to California, plus supplies to assist about 100 people. To help provide food, shelter and essential aid to those affected by the

When disaster strikes, families lose more than possessions—they lose hope. Through the

Knights of Columbus Disaster Relief efforts, your support provides food, shelter, and essential aid to those in need. Join us in restoring lives and bringing hope—donate today to make a lasting difference.