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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



Steve Sarlitto, Grand Knight

Brother Knights Vivat Jesus,

As we enter the sacred season of Lent, we are given a great opportunity to renew our faith and deepen our commitment to Christ. Lent is more than just giving up small comforts; it is about transformation. This 40-day journey calls us to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving—practices that help us grow spiritually and draw closer to God. It is a time of reflection, penance, and preparation for the joyous celebration of Easter.

Through Prayer, we open our hearts to God's presence, seeking His guidance in our daily lives. Whether through personal devotions, the Rosary, or attending Stations of the Cross, let us make prayer a cornerstone of our Lenten observance.

Fasting reminds us of our dependence on God and helps us detach from worldly distractions. While we traditionally abstain from meat on Fridays, we can also fast from habits that obstruct our spiritual growth—such as impatience, negativity, or excessive screen time. Let us offer these sacrifices with joy, knowing they bring us closer to Christ.

Almsgiving is a powerful way to live out our faith in action. As Knights of Columbus, we are called to serve those in need. This Lent, let us find ways to give generously—whether through donations, volunteering at parish events, or simply offering our time and kindness to those who need it most. Our acts of charity reflect the love of Christ and make a tangible difference in our communities.

As a Council, we have many opportunities to observe Lent together. I encourage you to participate in several upcoming faith-based events during the Lenten season that will help you put your faith into action and grow spiritually. See the list below with signup links attached.

- Adoration with our Lord every Tuesday and Wednesday during Lent

[SJN KofC: Tuesday Lenten Eucharistic Adoration](#)
[SJN KofC: Wednesday Lenten Eucharistic Adoration](#)

- Springtime MI Drive the weekend of March 14th & 15th at Kroger's in Canton and Plymouth

[MI Drive \(Donations for Tootsie Rolls\), Kroger at Canton Center and Ford Rd](#)
[March 14/15: MI Drive \(Donations for Tootsie Rolls\), Kroger at Michigan Ave and Canton Center Rd](#)
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St. John Neumann Council 16169
Canton, Michigan

St. John Neumann
Knights of Columbus
Council 16169 ,
44800 Warren Road
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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. (Cont. from Page 1)

- The Ignite Men's Catholic Conference on March 22nd
[IGNITE Catholic Men's Confernece](#)
- The 47th Annual Michigan Respect Life Dinner on April 2nd
[47th Annual Respect Life Dinner](#)
- Forgotten Harvest Food Box Packing on April 5th
[Forgotten Harvest Food Box Packing](#)
- MI Drive at Resurrection on April 5th & 6th
[MI Drive/Tootsie Roll Donations - Resurrection](#)
- MI Drive at St. John Neumann on April 12th & 13th
[MI Drive/Tootsie Roll Donations - SJN](#)

These initiatives not only strengthen our faith and fraternity but also help us fulfill our mission of serving others in Christ's name. Let this Lent be a time of genuine renewal. By embracing prayer, fasting, and almsgiving with sincerity, we allow God to work in our lives, transforming our hearts and preparing us for the glory of Easter.

Please also remember our 7th Annual Reverse Raffle event. Ticket sales are now in progress. This event is our largest single fund raising event of the year and goes a long way towards supporting many of our worthy charitable causes, as well as projects here at SJN. Your participation is greatly needed. I sincerely urge you to purchase a couple of tickets. Also support the sales effort by selling tickets to your family, friends or work colleagues. It is a fun event and worthy of our support. You will find more information in the following pages of this newsletter. Thank you for your support!

I pray that God blesses you and your families during this sacred season. Thank you for all that you do as a Brother Knight for Council 16169 and as always allowing me to serve as your Grand Knight. See you in the Eucharist!!

Your Grand Knight, Steve

A Message from our District Deputy

On February 22, 2025 I attended the Membership and State Chaplain Tribute Banquet along with several members from the council along with their wives. At this banquet, councils are recognized for achieving a fast start in achieving their membership goals. All councils who have achieved at least 50% of their membership goal by December 31 are recognized. Our Grand Knight Steve Sarlitto and Council 16169, were recognized for achieving 61% of their goal. Congratulations to all.



One of the speakers at the event was Bishop Gruss from the Saginaw Diocese. He gave a remarkable speech about recruiting. He challenged all of us to recruit. He said that everything we do as Knights, especially recruiting, we do for Jesus. We don't do it for awards, for goals, for each other, but for Jesus. We should all want to bring men to Jesus and do it for Jesus. "The Knights are the strong right arm of the church". St. Pope John Paul II.

He started his speech by saying he was a loser. In Mark 8:34-35, Jesus says, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever will save his life, will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it". We should all be losers. Thank you for all you do as Knights.

God Bless. Dan

MONTHLY Challenge
by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:



“Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.” (Gospel for March 17, Jn 12:26)

Next to Our Lady, what greater model of faithful service to Jesus do we have than St. Joseph, the Lord’s own adoptive father? In humble obedience to God, Joseph protected Mary and Jesus under the most difficult of circumstances. Although he says not a word in Scripture, the “silent” Joseph speaks volumes through his faithful actions. He is a model of manhood and discipleship for all Knights today.

This month — in which we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph — I challenge you to pray a novena or another prayerful devotion to this great saint.

Questions for Reflection:

What virtues do you see in St. Joseph as you read the Gospel narratives about the nativity and early life of Jesus? How well do you practice these virtues in your own life, not only as a husband or father, but as a faithful disciple of Jesus? What specific, concrete things can you do to grow in these virtues in your day-to-day life?

Years of Service

1 to 9 Years Service

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| Greg Bajorek (1) , | Donald J Pratt (2) | Philip M Mckay (5) |
| Rev. Paul Odilichukwu Onyebuchi (2) | Kyle Peters (2) | Frederick J Morath (5) |
| Jeffrey Erdmann (2) | Roger Zahn (2) | Gabriel R Wykle (5) |
| | | Cyril Miranda (8) |

10 to 24 Years Of Service

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| John A Crabill (10) | Michael M Myers (10) | Lawrence E Anderson (10) |
| Ernest P Gubry (10) | Nicholas D Timmerman (10) | Raymond A Trupiano (21) |
| | Daniel T Timmerman, PGK (10) | |

25 Years or More Of Service

- Dr Matt P Steffes (36)

March Birthdays

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| Ronald E Kretschmer (03-01) | Richard J Florence (03-05) | Dennis Oszust (03-19) |
| James R Korona (03-02) | Robert Suchyta (03-06) | Jim D Musgrave (03-20) |
| Vincent Kotcher (03-03) | Clifton Dake (03-10) | Lawrence M Wegrzyn (03-21) |
| Charles J Lang (03-03) | Gregory J Link (03-10) | Raymond L Coppiellie (03-24) |
| Ronald J Rathbun (03-03) | Dennis Keshishian (03-13) | Rev. Paul Odilichukwu Onyebuchi (03-27) |
| Robert E Basanese (03-05) | Eduardo J Salazar (03-15) | Jeffrey M Domsic (03-29) |
| | William Dierker (03-19) | Mark N Betanzor (03-30) |

Wedding Anniversaries



There are no weddings listed in our records for the month of March. "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 (tomliutz@wowway.com) and he will enter it into the Knights of Columbus records."



*Current & Upcoming
Events & Activities*

Saturday March 1

Pancake Hospitality Weekend
8am to 12pm Cross Catholic Outreach
Food Packing Event St John's

Sunday March 2

Pancake Hospitality Weekend
Council's 10th Anniversary
10:30 am Corporate Communion

Sunday, March 9

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

Tuesday, March 11

2 to 5:30pm Lenten Eucharistic
Adoration
6:30pm Knights Nosh!
7:00pm General Meeting

Wednesday, March 12

3 to 7 pm Lenten Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, March 14

9am to 5pm MI Drive
- Kroger, Ann Arbor Rd
- Kroger, Ford Rd & Canton
Center
- Kroger, Michigan Ave.

Saturday, March 15

9am to 5pm MI Drive
- Kroger, Ann Arbor Rd
- Kroger, Ford Rd and Canton
Center
- Kroger, Michigan Ave.

Tuesday, March 18

2 to 5:30pm Lenten Eucharistic
Adoration
6:30pm Knights Nosh!
7:00pm General Meeting

Wednesday, March 19

3 to 7 pm Lenten Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, March 21

7 to 9:30pm St. Patrick's Day Reverse
Raffle

Saturday, March 22

9am Ignite Catholic Men's Conference

Tuesday, March 25

2 to 5:30pm Lenten Eucharistic
Adoration
6:30pm Knights Nosh!
7:00pm General Meeting

Wednesday, March 26

3 to 7 pm Lenten Eucharistic
Adoration Wednesday ,

Thursday, March 27

7 Pm Silver Rose

Saturday, March 29

Membership Drive: SJN

Sunday, March 30

Membership Drive: SJN

Tuesday, April 1

2 to 5:30pm Lenten Eucharistic
Adoration

Wednesday, April 2

3 to 7 pm Lenten Eucharistic Adoration
5 to 9pm 47th Annual Respect Life
Dinner San Marino Club Troy, MI

Saturday, April 5

Membership Drive: Resurrection
1 to 4pm Forgotten Harvest

Sunday, April 6

Membership Drive: Resurrection



*February Family of the Month
Keith and Joan DiMaria*

Keith and Joan were both born in Delray Hospital in southwest Detroit. Keith attended grade school at St. Francis Xavier in Ecorse and later when his family moved to River Rouge, he went to Our Lady of Lourdes grade school for the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. Keith's freshman year of high school was spent at

Sacred Heart Seminary. In his sophomore year he returned to Our Lady of Lourdes High School where he met his wife, Joan. Keith attended Michigan State University for one year before he entered Medical Technology School and became a certified Medical Technologist. He worked at a number of Hospitals and Medical labs. Keith met his lovely wife Joan in high school and they were married in 1959. When they started their family, Keith was hired by the River Rouge Fire Department where he had a 25 year career and retired as Deputy Chief. While on the fire department he worked a second job in the medical field and continued his education receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Fire Science. When the children were all in school, they decided that he needed to spend more time with them, so Joan went to work as a Court Administrator for the City of River Rouge. One of the highlights of Keith's career on the Fire Department, was having the privilege of delivering their youngest son in the back of the rescue on the way to the hospital. Joan and Keith have been married for 65 happy years. During that time they raised their family of 7 children, 5 boys and 2 girls. They are proud to say that they all are college graduates while making them proud grandparents of 24 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren. After Keith retired from the fire department, he was hired as Director of Fire and Safety for the Henry Ford Health System where he was in charge of training all hospital personnel in safety procedures, overseeing inspections and construction projects for all their facilities. After retiring for the second time, and when their children had left the nest, in 1996 they moved from River Rouge to a condo in Canton and that year joined Resurrection Parish.

They quickly realized that being retired didn't mean sitting around doing nothing. They became involved in several different Ministries at Resurrection. They were leaders of the parish Welcoming Committee for several years until Fr. Dick Peretto retired. They also became leaders of our Walton woods Communion Service ministry which does a communion service at 4 senior living facilities in Canton.

Keith was a past member of the parish council. Keith is presently a daily and weekend Mass Reader. Joan and Keith are also Eucharistic Ministers and sacristans. They have helped every summer with Resurrection's Vacation Bible School Program. They are also active and proud members of Resurrection St. Vincent DePaul Society. Members of Resurrection Intercessory Prayer Team. They contribute monthly to the Sandwiches Ministry for the homeless at St. Peter and Paul in Detroit. Keith has faithfully been attending retreats at Manresa for the past 32 years. One of the joys of Keith's life is being a member of this K of C Council with his son, Jim.

**Let us congratulate one more time Keith and Joan DiMaria
on being selected as Council 16169's Family of the Month for February.**

*February Knight
of the Month
John Lutz*



Please welcome 16169's newest member, Chuck (Charles) Holowecky. Chuck was exemplified at SJN on Thursday, February 20th. Picture attached. Chuck was invited by DD Dan Timmerman and GK Steve Sarlitto at the recent K of C Free Throw Challenge. Vivat Jesus!



John grew up a long time ago in Corry, a small community in the northwest corner of Pennsylvania. After receiving a degree in Electrical Engineering from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, he moved to Michigan and began his career with Holcroft, an industrial heat treat equipment manufacturer in Livonia. He started as a Field Service Engineer working on equipment in customer plants throughout the world. It was certainly providential that John's future wife Michelle accepted a job from the same company soon after he did. After 41 years of service and several different positions within the company, John and Michelle retired in January of 2020.

John and Michelle have been married for 39 years and have two grown children and a daughter-in-law. Their son Patrick is a professor of Organic Chemistry at St. Lawrence University located in the northeast corner of upstate New York State and daughter Danielle is a groundskeeper at Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids. Their daughter-in-law, Leia is busy setting up Patrick's and her home following their marriage this past July and her subsequent move from Michigan to New York.

John and Michelle have been parishioners at St. John Neumann for about 18 years. He is an Usher, SJN collection money counter, member of the Parish Finance Council and serves alongside Michelle with the Jesse Tree Ministry and funeral luncheons. John is the Treasurer of the SJN St. Vincent De Paul Conference and serves with the Detroit St. Vincent De Paul Justice Initiative Prison Ministry where he is also the Treasurer. In addition, he is President of The Corry Area Memorial Charity and Co-President of the Carnegie Mellon Detroit and Southeast Michigan Network.

John has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for 37 years and has been the Financial Secretary for Council 16169 for nearly 10 years.

In his spare time, John enjoys making sawdust, taking things apart and sometimes getting them back together and running.

The Council will Pay Half !

Brother Joe Bradley will continue as the contact person for name badges at csmjib@protonmail.com (734-673-0004) The cost of a badge is now only \$7, Because the council is covering half the cost.

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 refereed by a knight be sure to insert the referring knits ID number. For free first year membership enter promo code **BLESSEDMCGIVNEY**

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!

Friends and Family that are in need of our prayers

Samantha Kretschmer, daughter of bro Ron Kretschmer

Debbie Kubinski, wife of brother Dave Kubinski

Peter Herbeck, vice president and director of missions for Renewal Ministries

Kenna Trost, daughter brother David Trost

Phyllis Papciak, wife of Detroit Archdiocesan Membership Director Wally Papciak

Kevin McCarthy, friend of Ron Kretschmer

District Deputy and PGK Daniel T Timmerman

Brother Peter Nestor and his wife Lola

Michael Jacoboni, his wife and their unborn baby

Brother David Richko

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 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

Lenten Adoration

Please consider spending some time with our Lord Jesus Christ this upcoming Lent by supporting the special Adoration times taking place here at St. John Neumann. The dates and times are:

- Tuesdays, starting on March 11th running through Tuesday April 15th from 2:00pm to 5:30 pm.
- Wednesdays, starting on March 12th through April 16th from 3:00pm to 7:00 pm.
- Wednesday March 26 it will run from 3:00pm to 5:00pm only
- SignUp Genius links have been created and can be found both below, or on our Council website for you to sign up for either of those days and hours.

[SJN KofC: Tuesday Lenten Eucharistic Adoration](#)

[SJN KofC: Wednesday Lenten Eucharistic Adoration](#)

It would be great to have a member of the Knights of Columbus at every hour of this special Adoration time during lent. This is a great service we would be providing to the parishioners of SJN. Please consider just giving one hour of your time this Lent. Certainly feel free to sign up for more than one hour as your schedule allows. God Bless.



2025 Michigan State Raffle
By: Kevin Rowley

Thank you to all our Brother Knights who have sold or bought and returned their raffle tickets with check, to the State Office P.O. Box. You've done a great job!

Thanks also to all the brothers who have taken extra books of tickets to sell. Thanks to all of you, we're off to a really good start again this year, raising much needed funds for our Michigan Charities and local councils.

"I've got a Golden Ticket" 100 Golden Tickets have been randomly placed in the State Charity Raffle envelopes mailed to each Brother Knight in the State of Michigan. Find a "Golden Ticket" and redeem it for a \$50.00 Cash Prize. (See Golden Ticket for details)

"Early Bird Raffle Drawings " You have FOUR (4) chances to win \$250.00 for a total of \$1,000.00. Every single book of tickets includes an EARLY BIRD RAFFLE TICKET for sellers. The more books you sell the greater your chances to win. Simply fill-out and return the Early Bird ticket with your check and SOLD book of tickets. The Earlier you return your sold tickets, the more chances you have to win. Remaining Drawings: March 27th.

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

See Flyer at end of this newsletter.

The Diaconate Vocation Awareness Information Night on Thursday March 6th for any man who may be interested in the Permanent Diaconate. Note the RSVP QR code at the bottom of the flyer. If you are not interested but know someone who is, please feel free to forward them this information. Thank you to our own PGK and Instituted Acolyte Jim Pryce for passing on the information. I am sure Jim would be happy to discuss with you the Diaconate Vocation if you have any questions.

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.



Our Big Day !

Sunday March 2nd is a **BIG DAY** for our Council. We will be celebrating our Council's 10th Anniversary. 10 years to the day that the Charter for our Council was established. We have a couple of big things going on.

Corporate Communion Mass

We will have our Corporate Communion Mass at 10:30am celebrated by Fr. Paul. The Michigan Knights of Columbus State Secretary Charlie McCuen will be present to represent the State Officers along with several other local KofC dignitaries. The 4th Degree Color Corp will also be present. We need help at this mass. We are still in need of **two (2) Lectors, one (1) Eucharistic Minister (4B), five (5) Ushers, one Greeter and one (1) Media Minister**. If you are attending Mass please consider signing up for one of these roles. **SJN**

KofC: March 2: Corporate Communion

We are encouraging all Brother Knights to attend this mass. We want to have a strong presence of Knights at this Mass. We will have several rows of pews near the front of church on the left side of the main aisle reserved for our Council. Please remember to wear your Knights shirt.

Hospitality Pancake Breakfast

Hospitality Weekend is also this weekend and as the Knights of Columbus will be serving our delicious pancake and sausage breakfast after all the Masses on Sunday morning. You are all encouraged to attend with your families. We will have a PowerPoint presentation with some Council history running on the projector in Baldwin Hall. After the Corporate Communion Mass at 10:30 there will be a presentation by the KofC State Secretary Charlie McCuen of a Council 10th Anniversary Certificate Plaque to all of the Past Grand Knights of the council and myself.

We could still use help after each one of the morning masses as well as Cleanup at the end of the day. Please sign up for one of the available slots still open by going to the SignUp Genius link **SJN KofC: March 1/2: Pancake Hospitality Weekend**



Sign up opportunities

The following activities are available for online sign up Just click to volunteer

- [March, April 2025: Vocations Chalice](#)
- [Reverse Raffle Ticket Sales: through March 16](#)
- [March 1: Cross Catholic Food Packing Event, St. John's Resort, Plymouth](#)
- [March 2: 10:30am Mass Corporate Communion](#)
- [March 1/2: Pancake Hospitality Week-end](#)
- [March 9: Archdiocesan Free Throw Contest](#)
- [Tuesday Lenten Adoration](#)
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- [March 15: 2025 Spring 4th Degree Exemplification Help](#)
- [March 22: IGNITE Catholic Men's Confernece](#)
- [March 29/30: Membership Drive - SJN](#)
- [April 2: 47th Annual Respect Life Dinner](#)
- [April 5: Forgotten Harvest Food Box Packing](#)
- [April 5/6: MI Drive/Tootsie Roll Donations - Resurrection](#)
- [April 9/10: State Raffle Cookie Baking](#)
- [April 10: State Raffle Event Help](#)
- [April 12/13: MI Drive/Tootsie Roll Donations - SJN](#)
- [April 26/27: Membership Drive - Resurrection](#)

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!

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.



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.



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.

Admissions Committee Recommends

The Admissions Committee has reviewed the application of **Indra Tjandra** and **Tim Paschke** and recommends to the membership that they both be approved for admission into our Council. Here is a brief biography on each of the applicants:



Indra Tjandra

Indra is new to SJN. He recently moved here from Washington state. He is retired and wants to get involved in a variety of ministries at SJN, including the Knights. Our PGK Ed Hurst invited Indra to join our council. Tim Paschke

Tim is a new member at SJN. He was born and raised in Michigan. He moved to Philadelphia and resided there for fifteen years and recently moved back to Michigan. He is glad to be home. He has already become a Lector at 8:30am Mass and wants to get more involved in the parish. He has expressed a strong interest in joining the Knights of Columbus. Tim was recruited by our council Faith Director Chris Kotcher and vetted by our GK Steve Sarlitto.

Any lack of objection will indicate members' approval to the recommendation by the Admissions Committee. If you object, please respond. Thank you.



We have an amazing evening planned for you on Wednesday April 2nd with the 47th 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!

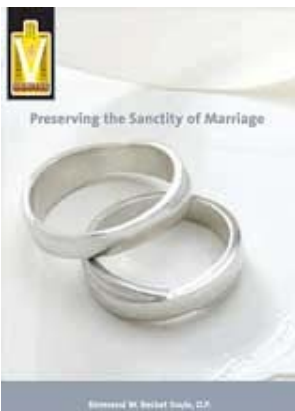
Our Council donated \$500.00 to RTL and will have a table of ten (10) at the event. If you would like to attend please[lease contact our Grand Knight or just click on this link [April 2: 47th Annual Respect Life Dinner](#)

Forgotten Harvest



On April 5, 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

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.

301 – Preserving the Sanctity of Marriage

Precisely because the Church holds so strongly to the indissolubility of marriage, it must face the question of who is married. Since she believes that there is a content to marriage, proper Church authority can sometimes declare that people who have been through a wedding ceremony are not married. This is the meaning of an annulment, or to speak more correctly, a declaration of nullity

You Can download this booklet to read during your leisure. [Download PDF](#).

How The Funds Collected From the MI Drive are Distributed

Currently SJN Council 16169 has two MI Drives each year, spring time and in the fall. Last fraternal year this council collected over \$7,000.00. Twenty percent (20%) of money collected goes to the State K of C Council. They use the money collected from all the councils in the state to fund their many charitable events and programs. Eighty percent (80%) of money collected stays with this council to allocate to charities of our choosing. We are currently supporting three charities, they are:

St Louis Center in Chelsea MI.

St Francis Camp on the Lake in Jerome MI.

The Plymouth/Canton All Stars Special Olympics..

The Money is Returned to the 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! See page 16 of this newsletter

Resurrection Coordinator Announced

We are proud to announce that the New Resurrection Round Table Coordinator is **Keith DiMaria**

Mental Impairment (MI) Spring Drive 2025

Larry Redman and Ron Budzisz are co-chairs for this fund raiser. Due to a scheduling conflict with Kroger Supermarkets, we had to accept the following March dates for our spring drive. Kroger's is a top priority as we generate a large portion of funds collected from their stores. We would like to



have all time slots filled.

MARCH DATES FOR MI DRIVE

- March 14, Kroger's at Ann Arbor Rd, and Sheldon (Friday Only).
- March 14/15 Kroger's at Michigan Ave and Canton Center Rd (Friday & Saturday).
- March 14/15 Kroger's at Ford Rd and Canton Center Rd. (Friday & Saturday).

We have 2-hour shifts. The first shift starts at 9am, and the last shift ends at 5pm. Please stop at SJN 20 -30 minutes before your shift starts to pick up tootsie rolls, vest, and canister. After your shift is over return to SJN to drop off canister, funds collected, and vest. Leave any remaining tootsie rolls with the next person. Please visit signup genius to



select your time slot.

April Dates for MI Drive

- April 5/6 at Resurrection Parish – We collect after each mass.
(2-3 people are needed after each mass, for approximately 20 minutes.)
- April 12/13, at St John Neumann Parish - We collect after each mass.
(4 -5 people are needed after each mass, for approximately 20 minutes.)

Please visit signup genius to select your time slot.

Any questions please contact Larry Redman @734-674-4544, or Ron Budzisz @ 734-776-8681.

THE CATHOLIC TENT

Last year we supported the efforts of brother knight Jeff Domsic and his wife with the evangelization tent that they set up around the Metro Area at various art fairs. Our help last year was not only monetary but also in the assistance in manning the tent. We plan on continuing this effort this year. However, the fund portion missed being placed in the budget. We plan on correcting this oversight with a vote at the next general meeting. Please



WE ARE ASKING FOR SPONSORSHIPS TO HELP US GROW AND ATTEND MORE EVENTS TO EVANGELIZE OUR FAITH!

PLEASE CONTACT JEFF DOMSIC @ JMDOMSIC@PROTONMAIL.COM

THIS WAS OUR FIRST YEAR AND IT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS! WE TOOK PART IN A STREET FAIR AND MULTIPLE WEEKEND SET UPS IN DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH.

DURING THESE EVENTS WE:

- GAVE AWAY OVER 100 ROSARIES - 6 CHILDREN RECEIVED THEIR FIRST ROSARIES!
- TAUGHT MANY PEOPLE HOW TO SAY THE ROSARY
- GAVE FIRST BIBLES TO ADULTS AND CHILDREN
- HAD FRUITFUL CONVERSATIONS WITH NON-CATHOLICS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH
- HAD ON THE SPOT PRAYER WITH THOSE IN NEED!

Here are some first hand accounts of the experience!

"I had some meaningful encounters with some people...at the Wyandotte tent Festival. One girl in particular...told me her story of childhood abuse and the need for healing. Fortunately, there were a couple books in the tent devoted to healing. These encounters have some hope that real change will happen in the future with these individuals".

"We felt transported from the 21st century to the first century of Christianity, where the Christian's primary mission was to spread the Gospel. It was exhilarating!"

"Being a part of the Catholic evangelization tent was a great experience. By offering up freely, some written treasures of Catholicism, it opened a public opportunity to share Christ's love."





Are You one of the 65 ? Maybe you Just forgot!

Second notices for 2025 membership dues were emailed in January . Unfortunately, There are 65 members that have not yet paid their 2025 Knights of Columbus dues. If you have not yet made your dues payment we ask that you please pay your dues as soon as possible. The 2025 membership dues amount is \$45.00. We will take either cash or a check for your payment. There are several ways you can get your payment to us:

- You can drop it off at the St. John Neumann church office. Just put the payment in an envelope with your name on it and "Attention: Knights of Columbus 2025 Dues payment."
- You can bring it to our next Business (Membership) Meeting on Tuesday March 18 at 7:00pm. We would love to see you there!
- If you are unable to get to church or to our next meeting I can meet you either at your home or another convenient location to take your payment. Please reply to this email or call me and we can arrange a time and place to meet.

We certainly hope you will continue your membership in the Knights of Columbus. Please feel free to call Grand Knight Steve Sarlito (734) 718-8487 or our Financial Secretary John Lutz at (734) 306-5416 if you have any questions. Thank

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.

Are You Protected?

One of the largest issues facing the Venerable founder of the Knights of Columbus, Father Michael J. McGivney, was the tragic loss of life of Catholic men in his parish, most of whom left behind widows and orphans with insufficient financial resources. Convinced there was a way to change this, he brought the men of his parish together with a "pass-the-hat" insurance system to protect his flock.

Over time, the Knights of Columbus insurance program has evolved into a multi-billion dollar, top-rated insurance program. Members in the United States and Canada have exclusive access to our insurance program and products, including life insurance, retirement annuities, long-term care insurance, and disability income insurance.

One of the products offered is an annuity which is simple and secure. Things to consider are:

- K of C is rated A++ by Best the outside insurance rating agency
- No Annual fees, no start fees, basically no fees
- Guaranteed floor rate of 1.5%, This will not go down with the market
- Current rate 2.0%
- Minimum to open \$300 (most company's require at least \$5,000 Min Deposit)
- Following products IRA, Roth IRA, Simple annuity (interest is deferred on each product)
- Support of our beliefs as Catholic Gentlemen

Join Us from your Living Room or from anywhere



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.

Join The Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus & Celebrate 125th Anniversary Of the Fourth Degree



The upcoming 4th Degree Spring Exemplification taking place right here at St. John Neumann on March 15th. The 4th Degree is the Patriotic arm of the Knights of Columbus. 4th Degree members are known for embracing the Order's fourth principle of patriotism and leading the efforts to reach out to veterans and active military. If you are interested in the 4th degree now is a great time to join! To Join please contact Assembly Faithful Navigator Ed Hurst, Jr at fnassembly@gmail.com or 734.331.9281 or Cell: 734.748.0431.

MUST ACT IMMEDIATELY TO BE INCLUDED ON March 15

*Coming to St. John Neumann
March 27, 2025. At 7 Pm*



Silver Rose Program

Join thousands of Catholics across North America in asking for Our Lady of Guadalupe's intercession through the Silver Rose program.

In 1960, the Columbian Squires, a youth organization of the Knights of Columbus, came up with the idea of running a rose to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico, to honor Our Lady. The rose was chosen to commemorate Saint Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses.

Today, eight roses travel along different North American routes that include Canada, the United States and Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion to pray for respect for life, the spiritual renewal of each nation, and the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Your participation in the Silver Rose program, especially your prayers and pledge for life, are a crucial part of our mission to defend and support life in every stage and condition.



Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patroness of the unborn, the Americas, and the Knights of Columbus.



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SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION

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



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



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

Pope John XXIII Assembly
1536 is selling
Pizza Kits, Bread Kits, Cookie
Dough, and
Meal Deal Codes to raise
money. The Assembly earns
\$6.00* for every item sold.
To Order See page 18 of this
newsletter.



Membership Update

There have been a total of 12 new Brother Knights Exemplified into our Council this fraternal year. The quota for new members given to us by Supreme is 13 meaning that we have reached 92% of our quota and only need 1 more member before the end of June in order to obtain the Father McGivney Award and qualify for Star Council status.

During this same period, 5 members transferred their membership into our Council from other Councils and 5 have transferred out of our Council. Transfers into or out of a Council are not counted toward or against the Supreme membership quota.

Our total Council membership now stands at 225 members (182 associates and 43 insurance). Total Regular Membership is 206, Honorary Membership is 5 and Honorary Life Membership is 14. An Honorary Member is a member who has been a Knight for at least 25 continuous years and is older than 65. An Honorary Life Member is a member who has been a Knight for at least 25 continuous years and is older than 70.



St. John Neumann Knights of Columbus Council 16169

7th Annual St. Patrick's Day Reverse Raffle March 21, 2025



Raffle Ticket - \$25.00 each

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

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



**Tickets available at www.kofc16169.org
at Church starting Feb 15th after all Masses, or thru this QR Code**

K of C Annual Reverse Raffle March 21st - Tickets on Sale now!

**Your participation has allowed the Knights to contribute
more than \$170,000 to SJN projects & charitable causes
Here are just a few:**

- Projects at St. John Neumann
 - AED Machine
 - Baldwin Hall Sound System
 - Classroom Smart TV's
 - Baldwin Hall Replacement Tables
 - Domestic Church Kiosk
 - Memorial Wall
 - Youth Group
 - Food Pantry
 - Tabernacle Refurbishing
 - New Vestments
- Cross Catholic Outreach
- Detroit Campus Ministry FOCUS
- Annual KofC Coats for Kids distribution
- AAA Pregnancy Center
- Right to Life of Michigan
- St. Dominic Outreach Center
- Plymouth Canton Stars Special Olympics
- St. Francis Camp on the Lake
- SHMS Scholarship Fund
- SHMS Seminarian Financial Support
- Ukraine Solidarity Fund
- St. Vincent De Paul
- Christians in the Holy Land
- Journey to Housing
- Family Life Services

Thank You and God Bless for your continued support!!



Michigan Knights of Columbus

2024- 2025 State Raffle

Michigan - Come Soar with Us

**Tickets
ONLY
\$5.00**



1st PRIZE "CHARITY"

\$12,000.00 Cash

And

GRAND HOTEL VACATION

Mackinac Island Michigan
4 Guests / 2 Nights / 2 Rooms



2nd PRIZE "UNITY"

\$3,000.00 Cash

And

SOARING EAGLE
WATERPARK & HOTEL
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan

4 Guests / 2 Nights / Eagle Suite



3rd PRIZE "FRATERNITY"



\$2,000.00 Cash

And

HOT AIR BALLOON RIDE

Sky Adventures

Oxford, Michigan

4 Guests with Champagne
Breakfast, Lunch or Dinner Included



4th PRIZE "PATRIOTISM"



\$1,000.00 Cash

And

DETROIT HELICOPTER TOUR

Detroit, Michigan

2 Guests

Includes Champagne & Souvenir Pkg.
Restrictions May Apply



5th - 10th Prizes = \$400.00

11th - 20th Prizes = \$200.00

21st - 30th Prizes = \$150.00

31st - 40th Prizes = \$100.00

Drawing: Thursday, April 10, 2025 Doors Open @ 5:00 pm Drawing @ 8:00 pm
St. John Neumann Parish, 44800 Warren Rd., Canton, MI 48187 (586) 436-0121

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Click the link or scan the QR code below to place your order now!

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Share our link or QR code with your friends, family, and anyone who loves pizza...hint! hint! that's everyone!