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

Brother Knights,

From the Desk of the Grand Knight

As we enter April, we find ourselves a little over halfway through our Lenten journey, with Easter quickly approaching on April 20th. This sacred season has been a time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving—a time of reflection and renewal as we prepare to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

How has your Lenten journey been so far? Have you embraced the opportunity to grow closer to Christ through sacrifice and devotion? Perhaps you started Lent with great enthusiasm, only to find yourself struggling to keep up with your commitments. Maybe you've remained committed in your Lenten promises, drawing strength from the Holy Spirit. No matter where you find yourself on your Lenten journey, know that it is never too late to renew your focus and prepare your heart for the joy of Easter.



Steve Sarlitto, Grand Knight

Lent is not about being perfect, it is about progress. It's about taking the time to recognize our shortcomings and striving to become better men of faith, family, and service. If you have stumbled, don't worry! The Lord is always ready to welcome us back. Use these remaining days of Lent to rededicate yourself to prayer, deepen your relationship with God, and open your heart to His grace.

One of the most beautiful aspects of Holy Week is the opportunity to walk with Christ through His Passion, death, and Resurrection. As we approach Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and ultimately Easter Sunday, I encourage each of you to fully participate in these sacred liturgies here at St. John Neumann, or Resurrection or wherever you may be. These days are moments of deep spiritual significance that remind us of Christ's immense love for us.

As Knights of Columbus, we are called to lead by example in our faith and our service. Consider how you can help others prepare for Easter. Whether it's volunteering at a parish event, assisting those in need, or simply offering words of encouragement to a fellow Brother Knight, your actions can be a powerful witness to the love of Christ.

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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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Let us finish this Lenten season strong in response to God's infinite mercy. May we use these final days to cleanse our hearts, renew our spirits, and truly prepare to rejoice in the triumph of our risen Lord.

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

Last month I attended a Knights of Columbus Tribute Dinner for the State Chaplain, Father Andrew LaFramboise. One of the speakers at the event was his Bishop, Most Rev. Robert Gruss from the Diocese of Saginaw. He had a very spiritual and faith filled talk. He had a lot of good things to say but he reminded me of two important things. He started off his talk by stating he was a loser. He turned to the State Chaplain and said and "you are a loser". I knew he was going somewhere with this, but I wasn't quite sure where. Then he talked about the gospel of Mark from the previous day, and it all made sense. In Mark chapter 9, verse 35, Jesus says, "...whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it". Wow. This is the same passage where Jesus asks us to take up our cross and follow him. We should all be losers. How profound is that.

Later in his talk, he spoke about how the Knights are so important to the church. Pope John Paul II and other Popes have said the Knights are the strong right arm of the church. That is an especially important mission for all of us. He talked about how important it was to recruit and to bring men to Jesus. He talked about all the good works we do and how many people we help, but we don't do it for recognition, as he pointed his hand straight up in the air, he said, we do it for **HIM**. Don't lose sight of the fact, everything we do we should be doing for Jesus. Another Wow. Think if we always kept that thought in our mind, that everything we do, we do for **HIM**. That is a life altering message.

Thank you for all your hard work. I am so grateful to all of you. Help bring more men to Jesus, and remember, we do it all for **HIM**.



MONTHLY Challenge *by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:*

She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." (Gospel for April 6, Jn 11:27)

These words belong to Martha, sister of Lazarus, as she and Jesus speak outside her brother's tomb. Her choice of words is important: "I have come to believe." This suggests her belief has evolved, that her previous uncertainty or ignorance about Jesus has blossomed into faith. Growing in faith is usually a process of moving from questioning or doubt to illumination and trust. How do we come to faith and then grow deeper in it? We do so through prayer, study and reflection. Let us continually deepen our faith in this manner.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to take part in a Catholic faith formation course, event or opportunity offered through your local council (such as *Cor*), your parish or diocese, or online.

Questions for Reflection:

Looking at the development of your own faith, how have you "come to believe" truths about Christ and/or the Catholic faith? What teachings do you still have questions about? What areas of your faith would you like to develop further? Where can you find resources — or whom can you ask for resources — to help you deepen your faith and understanding?





Current & Upcoming Events & Activities

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

MI Drive (Tootsie Roll Donation Collection) - Resurrection
1 to 4pm Forgotten Harvest

Sunday, April 6

MI Drive (Tootsie Roll Donation Collection) - Resurrection

Tuesday, April 8

2 – 5:30pm Lenten Eucharistic Adoration St John Neumann,

6:30 – 7pm Knights Nosh!

7 – 8:30pm General Meeting

Wednesday, April 9

State Raffle Cookie Baking

3 – 7pm Lenten Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, April 10

State Raffle Cookie Baking

3 – 11pm State Raffle

Tuesday, April 15

2 – 5:30pm Lenten Eucharistic Adoration St John Neumann,

Wednesday, April 16

3 – 7pm Lenten Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday, April 22

7 – 8:30pm Business Meeting

Saturday, April 26

Membership Drive: Resurrection

Sunday, April 27

Membership Drive: Resurrection

Saturday, May 10

Setup RTL Crosses

Tuesday, May 13

6:30 – 7pm Knights Nosh!

7 – 8:30pm General Meeting

Tuesday, May 27

7 – 8:30pm Business Meeting

Tuesday, June 10

6:30 – 7pm Knights Nosh!

7 – 8:30pm General Meeting

Monday, June 23

7:45am – 4pm SJN Golf Outing
Fox Hills Golf & Banquet

March Knight of the Month Fr. Paul Ballien



The Knight of the month for March needs no introduction. Fr Paul Ballien was born in Pontiac, MI. On Sept. 5, 1969. He attended Brother Rice High School. He then obtained a Bachelor of science degree in Medical Technology from Michigan Technological University. When he decided to join the priesthood, he obtained his Masters in Divinity from Sacred

Heart Seminary. After his ordination on May 22, 1999, He had several assignments which included being an Associate Pastor St. Paul on the Lake - Grosse Point Farms, an Associate Pastor Holy Family in Novi. An Administrator St. Edith in Livonia. His first assignment as Pastor was at St. Basil in Eastpointe for 2 Years. Followed by a Pastor at St. Ignatius in the Cayman Islands for 4 years, A Pastor St. Linus in Dearborn Heights for 7 years. In July 2018, He came to St. John Neumann here in Canton for the last 7 years.

Besides his busy schedule as a priest, Fr. Paul has served in several other positions which includes being Past President of the Presbyterial Council in which he was on the priest advisory board to the Archbishop. He was also the Past Vicar of the West Wayne and Northwest Wayne vicarates, the Supreme Chaplain for the Order of Alhambra, the Past State Chaplain and current Archdiocesan Chaplain for the Knights of Columbus, the Director for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for the Archdiocese of Detroit which raises money and awareness for the missions, Spiritual Director for the Cursillo Movement in Detroit.

While he was stationed in the Cayman Islands, fund raised and built a church (Stella Maris) in Cayman Brac, which did not have a Catholic church on the island, until this church was built.

PLEASE CONGRATULATE FR. PAUL BALLIEN ON BEING SELECTED AS COUNCIL 16169'S KNIGHT OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH.

Commemorative Plaques Presented

On Sunday, March 2, 2025, St. John Neumann Council 16169 celebrated their 10th Anniversary. State Secretary Charlie McCuen was on hand to present a commemorative plaque to Fr. Paul Ballien, GK Steve Sarlitto and all of our former Grand Knights - Jim Pryce, Brian Zahn, Dan Timmerman, Ed Hurst, Jr., and Chuck Lange. Other members of state leadership were also on hand, including Richard Scheldt, Paul Palka, Hans Hanson and Ray Bilyk.



Years of Service

1 to 9 Years Service

Gary Golem (1)
 Phillip Lang (1)
 Brian Betz (2)
 Vincent Kotcher (2)
 William Dierker (2)
 Matvey Polin (2)
 Conley Vance Poole II (2)

Patrick W Mulcahy (4)
 Court C Holliday (4)
 Timothy A Gondek (5)
 Robert E Basanese (6)
 Paul P Pfannes (7)
 Gerald T Heiss (7)
 David J Kubinski (9)



James M Ostermeyer (9)
 Walter T Stang (9)

10 to 24 Years Of Service

Daniel M Vella (10) Christopher R Leach (10) Eugene J Suchyta (10) Jorge A Lopez-Aguire (17)

25 Years or More Of Service

Ronald J Rathbun (34)

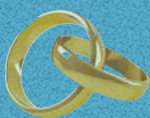


April Birthdays

Keith Becker (04-01)
 Leonardo T Johnson (04-01)
 Jeffrey J Battistella (04-03)
 John A Lutz (04-07)

William L Etienne (04-08)
 Dennis James Dooley (04-09)
 David Richko (04-12)
 Daniel M Vella (04-14)
 Paul P Pfannes (04-16)
 Richard J. Williams (04-20)

Joseph D Maclellan (04-22)
 Hans K. Hansen, PGK (04-25)
 Christopher W Pence (04-25)
 Aashish Paul (04-27)
 Victor Craig Pryce (04-30)



Wedding Anniversaries

David J & Laverne Andreolli (04/07)

Leonard R & Claire Spas (04-21)

Richard J & Nancy Florence (04-30)

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 (johnlutz@wowway.com) and he will enter it into the Knights of Columbus records."

Friends and Family that are in need of our prayers

Augustine Ferrera, friend of brother Dennis Oszust

Wanda Helm, mother-in-law of GK Steve Sarlitto

Dan Timmerman DD, PGK

Brother Don Schlagheck

Samantha Kretschmer, daughter of brother 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

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 Nutton

Nominations for the Upcoming Fraternal Year are being accepted

Council Officer election for the 2025-26 Fraternal year will start next month at the April Business (Membership) Meeting on April 8th. The process for Council Officer elections is as follows:

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| ◦ Grand Knight | ◦ Recorder |
| ◦ Deputy Grand Knight | ◦ Warden |
| ◦ Chancellor | ◦ Trustee |
| ◦ Treasurer | ◦ Two (2) Inside Guards Two |
| ◦ Advocate | ◦ (2) Outside Guards |



1. Nominations will be sought for all Officer positions. The Council Officer positions are as follows:
2. Nominations must be taken over the course of two (2) Business (Membership) meetings. These will be at our April 8th and May 13th meetings.
3. Elections will take place at the May Business (Membership) meeting following the second nomination cycle.
4. Nominations and Election will be presided over by our Council Financial Secretary John Lutz

Also please note:

- For the Trustee position only the 3rd Year trustee is up for election.
- The officer candidate needs to be present to accept the nomination, unless they speak to the Grand Knight in advance.
- If you need more information on a given position please let me know.
- If you are interested in running for an Officer position please let the Grand Knight know.



Sign up opportunities

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

- [April 2025: Vocations Chalice](#)
- [Tuesday Lenten Adoration](#)
- [Wednesday Lenten Adoration](#)
- [April 2: 47th Annual Respect Life Dinner](#)
- [April 4/5: 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration and Greeter](#)
- [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](#)
- [May 10, 9:00am: Setup Right To Life Crosses](#)
- [May 17, 9:00am: SJN Grounds Cleanup and Spring Planting](#)
- [May 24, 9:00am: Remove Right To Life Crosses](#)
- [May, June, July, August 2025: Vocations Chalice](#)

March Family of the Month Mary and Matt Genyk Family



The Genyk family was unable to attend our March general membership meeting. They will be presented this award at a different time.

Matt was born in Ypsilanti MI, and was baptized at Christ the King Catholic Church. Matt was homeschooled until high school. For high school he attended Father Gabriel Richard Ann Arbor. He continued his education at U of M Ann Arbor where he graduated with mechanical engineering degree.

Mary was born in Ann Arbor MI, and was also baptized at Christ the King Catholic Church. Her family moved to Redford MI when she was a young girl where they were active parishioners at St. Valentine church. Mary attended St. Valentine Catholic school K thru 8 She attended Divine Child high school. When Mary was a teenager her parents started sending her and her siblings to the youth group at Christ the King Ann Arbor. and IADT Art School Troy Michigan where she graduated with a degree in fine arts fashion design.

Matt and Mary met while volunteering for the High school youth group at Christ the king Catholic Church. Matt was also good friends with Mary's brother Mark while Mary was in college.

The couple have been Married 10 years, this past September and have four Children, Eliana (8), Caleb (6), Grace (4), Danielle (almost 2).

Matt is currently employed at APTIVE automotive, Troy, Michigan. Mary works for St. John Neumann Church, middle school youth minister/Confirmation Coordinator.

The couple officially joined St John Neumann 2 years ago when their youngest Daughter Danielle was baptized. Mary lead Middle school youth ministry and Confirmation. Mary is less active now but before she was heavily involved with Pine Hills Girls Catholic camp (led by Debbie Herbeck) and Beloved high school girls catholic group (A group led by Debbie to extend the mission of Pine Hills camp during the school year)

Matt is a small group leader for the program. Matt is a Knights of Columbus member at Christ the King,

Let us congratulate Mary and Matt Genyk and Family on being selected as Council 16169's Family of the Month for March.



Detroit Area Knights of Columbus Food Packing Event



On Saturday March 1st, several Knight Councils and their families came together at St. John's Resort and worked with Cross Catholic Outreach.

They created and packed 60,000 meals to be shipped to families in dire need in developing countries.

Several Knights and family members from our Council came out and helped with the effort.

Thank you to everyone who assisted.

The mission of this wonderful organization "is to mobilize the global Catholic Church to transform the poor and their communities materially and spiritually for the glory of Jesus Christ."



They are bringing life-changing help to break the cycle of poverty and advance Catholic evangelization. You can learn more at this link: <https://crosscatholic.org/>



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 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

Your Living room looks like this !!!



This is an actual picture of the general meeting taken from Home

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?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3368235608?pwd=eDVmK2xvc0k5YitodWdYVWZlYnRvdz09)
 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.

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.

Thanks to all those brothers that volunteered for the March 14 & 15 drive that was held at the three Kroger stores, With your man power and our generous Plymouth/Canton neighbors, we collected \$3,631.02! Our Spring 2025 drive continues with collections after mass April 5/6th (Resurrection) and April 12/13 (SJN).

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.

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.

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, started on March 11th and running through Tuesday April 15th from 2:00pm to 5:30 pm.

•Wednesdays, started on March 12th and running through April 16th from 3:00pm to 7:00 pm.

- Wednesday Started on 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.

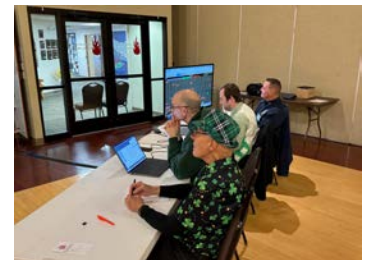


2025 Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Day Reverse Raffle

The 2025 Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Day Reverse Raffle was held on March 21 and once again can be regarded as quite a success! Its live broadcast occurred via a zoom meeting with many Knight and family members present for the fun. The jokes were recognized as the best ever! In all, the event raised a record amount of net profit estimated at \$13.5K!

A significant portion of the proceeds will be used to purchase and install a new LED Lighting system for our church parking lot. This is a much needed attribute to support the many evening activities of our parish and offers significant future savings as well.

A significant thanks and congratulations is due to all those involved in this extremely worthwhile initiative!



A Pancake Breakfast To Remember !!!

A Pancake Breakfast is fitting kick-off to the Knights of Columbus Council 16169 10-year anniversary. Just as your day starts with breakfast, our council's anniversary started with a breakfast celebration. Our council was recognized for not only its 10-year anniversary, but also for the many contributions to our parish and community, at the 10:30 am mass on Sunday, March 2nd. At the breakfast immediately following our corporate mass, a video presentation was projected in Baldwin Hall showing images of our council in action over the last 10 years. Special cakes decorated for the occasion were also served at the later Sunday masses.

As always, we need a lot of help to staff the breakfast which all parishioners are invited to attend, and once again our knights came out in force to prepare, serve, cook and clean up. Many heartfelt thanks to the following brothers who gave a couple hours (or more) of service to our council and parish to make the pancake breakfast a success. The brothers who helped include:

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| Steve Polidori | Craig Pryce | Dave Andreolli |
| Jeff McGovern | Larry Redman | Hans Hansen |
| Don Pratt | Tom Solak | Jeff Battistella |
| Bill Springer | Marcel Loosbrook | Dan Pfeiffer |
| Dennis Oszust | Larry O'Hara | George McPartlin |
| Chuck Lang | Mark Oleszkowicz | Gabriel Ostos |
| Marshall Grazioli | Steve Sarlitto | David Trost |
| Ron Kretschmer | Greg Link | Steve Moraca |
| Leo Petretta | Bob Rugenski | Dave Blankenship |

Please forgive me if I may have missed your name in the list above and also I would like to especially thank the brothers that stayed well into the afternoon and cleaned Baldwin Hall and the kitchen after the celebration was over.

At the end of the day, we served 248 guests, collected \$821 in donations against breakfast and cake costs of \$541.96, which leaves us a total of \$279.04 to use for our council's charitable endeavors.

Some Photos for the event are included here and on the next page, including a sweet note from "Jack" who seemed to enjoy the breakfast well enough to motivate him to write us a thank you note. This was passed along to Bill Springer, our Deputy Grand Knight shared it with me afterwards.

Vivat Jesus!

Dave Blankenship



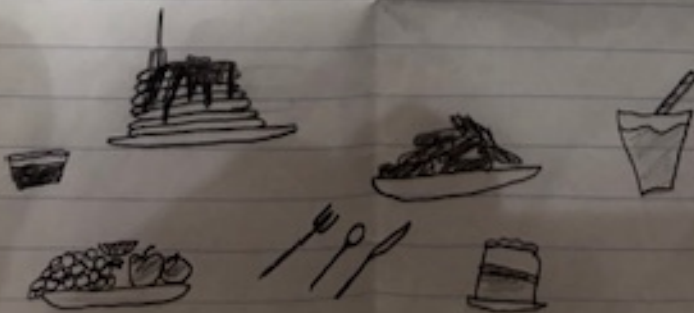
What Being a Knight is All About

3/8/25

Dear Knights of Columbus,

I want to thank you for the pancake breakfast last Sunday. I've got reasons for why I liked it so much. The guys serving were nice. The guys making it were nice. The pancakes were great. The sausages were great. The fruit was great. That's why I liked it so much. That was not mentioning the cake, like how did you get that stuff so there on top? You had chocolate and white with frosting, also there was the guy that came around cleaning the table and the guys bringing coffee around. All that's why I'm thanking you guys.

- Jack





Please welcome 16169's newest members, Dr. Indra Tjandra and Tim Paschke. Dr. Indra and Tim were exemplified at St. John Neumann on Tuesday, March 4th.

Special thanks to our PGK Ed Hurst who invited Dr. Indra. He 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 was recruited by our council Faith Director Chris Kotcher and vetted by our GK Steve Sarlitto. 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.

The next exemplification is scheduled for May 29th here at St. John Neumann in the small chapel.

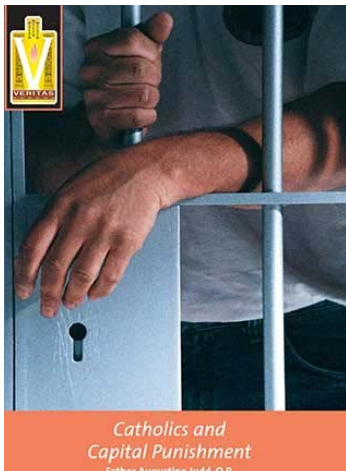
Knights Apparel

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.



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.



302 – Catholics and Capital Punishment

One easily sees why the Catholic Church's teaching on the morality of capital punishment confuses some. Learn more in this lesson. Please download the lesson

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



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

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 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

Membership Update

Following the Exemplification of two new Brother Knights this past month, Council 16169 has now met and exceeded the membership goal set for us by Supreme at the start of the current fraternal year. As you may remember, our goal is 13. The actual number of men who have become new members this year is now 14 (108% of our quota). This qualifies us for the Father McGivney Award and makes us eligible for Star Council status. Our Council now has a total of 226 members (184 associates and 42 insurance). Total Regular Membership is 208, Honorary Membership is 5 and Honorary Life Membership is 13.

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.

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.

Promotions Director Needed!

Looking for a Knight experienced in advertising or marketing to better promote the Council.



Council 16169 Brought The Silver Rose to St. John Neumann

Each year, from late February through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Eight roses run along different North American routes that include Canada, every U.S. state, Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, and Mexico. This tradition spreads devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe and embodies international brotherhood as jointly nurtured across the continent.

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Rose number four began its journey on February 22 in Ontario. On March 22, it continued its journey into Michigan. On March 27 the Rose found its way to St John Neumann in Canton Michigan. Here our council with the assists of Fr John, conducted a Rosary based Silver rose service. Each decade was lead by a different Knight. Worthy Grand Knight Steve, Brother Marshal with Fr John performed the ceremony. The attendance was light but several brother knights attended,



Brother Knights Recruit after Masses

Several brother knights gathered after all the masses at St. John Neumann on the weekend of March 29 and 30. The brothers were there to present the council to the men of the parish answer any questions they may have. On April 26 & 27 our brother knights will again gather after all the masses at Resurrection parish to present the council to the members of that parish, If you are available please sign up to help.

Dues Update

Although several members paid their 2025 dues this past month, there are still 43 members that we have not heard from. If you are one of these 43, please return payment as soon as possible. Your payment can be placed into an envelope marked "Knights of Columbus Dues Payment" and brought to the Church Office. If for any reason, you are having difficulty paying your dues or have questions about them, please contact our Financial Secretary, John Lutz (734-306-5416).

The Council will Pay Half !

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

SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION

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

RTL Cross Set Up



We will be setting up the Right To Life crosses on Saturday, May 10, 2025, starting at 9:00am. All family members are invited to come and help.

Admissions Committee Recommends

The Admissions Committee has reviewed the application of **Scott Deleon** and **Edward Findysz** and recommends to the hip that they both be approved for admission into our Council. Here is a brief biography on each of the applicants:

Scott Deleon

Scott attends both Resurrection and St. John Neumann. He is single and works locally here in Canton. He has a volatile work schedule but would like to join the Knights and help out when he can. Larry Redman, Dan Timmerman and David Trost have all met Scott and believe he would be a fine addition to our council. The admissions committee agrees and recommends Scott to join our council.

Edward Findysz

Edward is a family man. He and his wife have five kids and are parishioners of St. John Neumann. Edwards's oldest son is an altar server. You will see Edward's wife and kids attend daily mass quite often. Edward and family have participated at SJN with Christmas lights, eucharistic processions and gardening. Dan Pfeiffer and Chuck Lang recently invited Edward to join our council at the recent Pancake breakfast. The admissions committee believes Edward would be a great addition to our council.

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



Casey the Teddy Bear



Did you know?

Did you know that our council presents a Casey bear at every child baptism at St John Neumann and Resurrection Parish!

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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.

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**



This was an outstanding event. To bad if you missed it. Our Brother Knights were well represented, as we had a handful there.

WATCH: VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS! IGNITE CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE 2025: Here are some of the sights and sounds from the Ignite Catholic Men's Conference in Ypsilanti on Saturday, March 22. Over a thousand attendees with one desire: to become the saintly men that Jesus Christ and His Holy Church needs them to be at home, at work and in their parish. The keynote speakers at the event held at Eastern Michigan University's George Gervin GameAbover Center were:

- Father Joe Krupp | Joe in Black Ministries
- Dr. Jonathan Reyes | Knights of Columbus
- Peter Herbeck | Renewal Ministries
- Matt Birk | NFL Champion & Pro-Life Speaker

The one-day event was hosted in partnership with the Diocese of Lansing, the Archdiocese of Detroit and the Knights of Columbus. Holy Mass was offered by Bishop Earl Boyea of Lansing. Throughout the day there was ample time for private prayer; confessions; Eucharistic adoration; and the communal recitation of the Holy Rosary. Veni Sancte Spiritus! Come Holy



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."



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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