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From the Desk of the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

The end of this month will mark the end of our 2024-2025 Fraternal Year and the end of my first year as your Grand Knight. The time has gone by so fast. It has truly been an honor to serve you in this role over the past year and I look forward to what we can do together in the 2025-2026 Fraternal Year starting July 1st. There are so many things we as a Council have to be proud of. Here are some quick highlights:



Steve Sarlitto, Grand Knight

Membership - First I want to welcome once again all of the new Knights that joined our Council this year. I hope that you are finding your niche. I know that several of you have gotten off to a great start in participating in activities around the council. I hope that you have found these first weeks and months rewarding and fulfilling as you serve our parish and community, as well as developing relationships with your Brother Knights. I am so pleased to announce that as a council we were able to double our membership quota for the year by bringing 26 new Brothers into the council. This allowed us to achieve the designation of a Double Star Council. This status was achieved by only nine councils out of the almost four hundred in the state. Congratulations to all of you for your outstanding efforts in bringing more men closer to Jesus Christ.

Fund Raising - Awesome results this year in the funds that we raised through the Fall Fest, Wine Tasting, Pancake Breakfasts, the Golf Outing and the annual Reverse Raffle. Also the Cans for Seminarians and MI Drive. The funds raised through these events have allowed us as a council to help our parish, our community and the tuition support we give to two Seminarians through our donations. Thank you to all of you who have both lead and supported these events.

Charitable Donations - We had record donations this year due to the outstanding fund raising efforts of all of you. Last month I wrote how we were able to cover the entire cost of the new LED lights for the SJN parking lot. We have also made significant contributions this year to the KofC Coats for Kids program and to so many worthy organizations like AAA Pregnancy Center, Michigan Right to Life, Plymouth Canton Stars Special Olympics, St. Francis Camp on the Lake, St. Vincent DePaul, Journey to Housings and Detroit Campus Ministry. All of these are from your hard work and support. A huge THANK YOU to all of you for the tremendous show of participation and the outstanding results.

Changing subjects I want to provide a brief recap of the 125th annual Michigan State Council Convention at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island on May 21st - 23rd. First I want to thank all of you for allowing our Deputy Grand Knight Bill Springer and myself to represent our Council at the convention. There is so much that I could tell you but this article would be way too long. The convention was very inspiring. It was a time for Councils from around the state to come together and hear from our leadership team about all the great things going on with the KofC in Michigan. We had updates from State Deputy Barry Borsenik, Supreme Director Chris Kolomjec and our new Archbishop Edward Weisenburger. We also heard from the President of Michigan Right to Life, the

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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>



Current & Upcoming Events & Activities

Wednesday, June 4

9 am Blue Mass

Saturday, June 7

Hospitality Weekend

Flap Jack Run

Sunday, June 8

Pancake Hospitality Weekend

Tuesday, June 10

6:30 – 7pm Knights Nosh!

7 – 8:30pm General Meeting

Sunday, June 22

2:30 pm Corpus Christi Fest

Monday, June 23

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

Tuesday, June 24

7 – 8:30pm Business Meeting

Sunday, June 29

10:30 mass Corporate Communion

Tuesday, July 8

6:30 – 7pm Knights Nosh!

7 – 8:30pm Installation of officers & General Meeting & dinner

Tuesday, July 22

7 – 8:30pm Business Meeting

From the Desk of the Grand Knight.

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Executive Director of Protect Life Michigan, and the CEO of the Heart of Christ Clinic in Detroit. There were many awards given to Councils for great programs. Congratulations to our own Dan Timmerman and Hans Hansen for receiving the Distinguished Knight Award for outstanding service to the order. I couple of quotes from key speakers:

“The secular experiment has failed. This is Religions moment. Keep doing what you are doing but just don’t do the minimum. Share the love of Christ who all we encounter.” - Archbishop Weisenburger

“You are the arms of our priests. We hold up the arms of our priests like Moses at the Red Sea. Pray for them, encourage them and ask how we (the KofC) can help.” State Chaplin Andrew LaFramboise

“The state of Columbianism is stronger than ever in Michigan and they are second to none” – Supreme Director Chris Kolomjec in his report on the Michigan Council to Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly Remember always that all that we do is for Jesus. I pray that God continues to bless you and your families. Please pray for our Brother Knights dealing with physical or mental suffering. Thank you for all that you do as a Brother Knight for Council 16169 and as always for allowing me to serve as your GrandKnight.

See you in the Eucharist!!

Your Grand Knight, Steve

A Message from our District Deputy

Your GK Steve Sarlito, DGK Bill Springer, AOD Membership Director Hans Hansen, Brian Zahn State Forms Director, District 126 DD Ed Hurst, and myself and our wives, just attended the Michigan K of C State Convention. Attending events like this really makes you proud to be a Knight. All the Bishops in the state attended, including Detroit Auxiliary Bishops and our new Archbishop Weisenburger. The Archbishop is a huge supporter of the Knights and is very thankful to have the support from the Knights.



The Archbishop spoke about in 1978, he lived in Oklahoma, and was discerning entering the seminary. However, he had to pay all his tuition and expenses. This was to be four times more expensive than staying home and going to college. His family was not poor, but he had three other siblings and this would be a stretch for him to attend seminary. Right before he had to decide, he received a letter from the Knights of Columbus asking him if he was interested in receiving a scholarship to pay for tuition and books. He said he may not have been a priest and now a Bishop if it were not for the Knights.

He said the second thing the Knights did was stand up for the priests. During the sexual abuse scandal, the Knights wore pins that said, "We stand with our priests". He so appreciated what the Knights did. That was it for him. He did not need to know anything more. What a supporter we have in Archbishop Weisenburger!

Father Paul, inside the Detroit Archdiocese caucus meeting, gave a shout out to his home council, St. John Neumann. He thanked us for the tremendous support he receives. He said he knows that if he ever comes to the council with a request, we will always figure out a way to support him and the parish. What a supporter we have in Father Paul!

Please keep our bishops and priests in your prayers. Let's support them wherever we can. Remember, without them we could not receive the body and blood of Jesus.

God Bless.

Dan



DD Dan Timmerman recognized and presented a certificate to GK Steve Sarlito at the last general meeting. Our worthy GK has recruited three new members this year/

Sign up opportunities

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



- [June, July, August 2025: Vocations Chalice](#)
- [June 2025: Cans for Seminarians Help](#)
- [June 7/8: Pancake Hospitality Week-end](#)
- [June 24: Golf Outing Volunteer Sign-up](#)
- [June 29: 10:30am Mass Corporate Communion](#)

New Officers Elected for the Fraternal Year 2025-2026

At our general membership meeting, nominations for officers for the upcoming fraternal year were again accepted. After all the nominations were closed, the membership proceeded to the election of the new officers.

The new officers for the 2025 - 2026 year are as follows:

Grand Knight – Steve Sarlitto.

Deputy Grand Knight –Bill Springer.

Chancellor – John Guth.

Treasurer – Larry O'Hara,

Recorder – Ron Kretschmer.

Advocate - Jeff Battistella.

Warden – Roger Biernat.

3 rd Year Trustee –Dave Andreolli.

Inside Guards–Philip Lang,

Michael Pilotto

Outside Guards –Paul Bak

Gabriel Ostos.



May Knight of the Month Greg Link

Greg was born in Detroit, Michigan. After grade school at Clinton Elementary he attended high school at St. Gregory the Great in Detroit from 1964 to 1968. He then went to college at General Motors Institute from 1968 to 1973 and graduated with a degree in Manufacturing Engineering. Greg met his wife, Mary at Ford. They were married in 1977, so later this year they will have been married for 48 years. They have three children (a boy and 2 girls) and five grandchildren (4 boys and a girl). While attending GMI, he co-opted at Pontiac Motor Division. He worked at Pontiac for six years and then moved to the Dearborn Engine Plant at Ford. He worked in many different jobs and locations at Ford for the next 43 years. Greg retired from Ford at the end of 2016 and he is currently working through his ninth year of retirement. Mary and Greg attended mass at Miller School in 1976 with Father Edward Baldwin. Groundbreaking for the new church took place in 1978, and the new church opened in 1979. They have been SJN members for the past 49 years.

Since becoming a Knight Greg has participated in the following activities: Co-Chair of the Leave no Knights Behind committee with Ron Letourneau. Recently, he has been working on an audio-visual method to provide more information to all Knights for the (64) Knight supported activities. Spring grounds clean-up and planting, Pancake Breakfasts, Support 24-hour Adoration events. He also attends weekly adorations and supports the weekly Food for the poor donations, Helps set up memorial crosses on parish grounds, You will also see him attending K of C Corporate Communion and attending the Membership Meetings.

Activities outside of SJN include support of the cub scouts at the Pine Wood Derby races every year. Over the past six years, he has helped five boys, from three different troops, build a total of (16) pine wood derby cars. Greg also manages a "Family Cottage Trust" for his nine siblings and himself. Greg believes "Having fun at the cottage is a great way to continue to encourage the "family values" my parents always taught us. Our extended family now numbers 64 people." The cottage is occupied almost all summer and most of the current 64 are there for the three major summer holidays of Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day.

Greg has taken up Woodworking, as an added hobby, and try to fulfill all the requests from his children.

Please join us in congratulating Greg Link on being selected as Council 16169's Knight of the Month for May



The next Corporate Communion for our Council will be Sunday, June 29, 2025, 10:30am. Fr. Paul will recognize the Knights of Columbus that are in attendance. Note that the Knights will be covering the service positions. Knights are asked to wear their KofC shirt (if you have one). Please bring the entire family to this special Mass!





The Flapjack 5k fundraiser is this coming Saturday, June 7th. The St John Neumann team this year includes two Knights from our council who will run the 10k: Marvin Lopez and Tim Wood. Sponsorship donations to support the Resource Center can be made via the following website:

<https://page.fundeasy.com/7280127>

To learn more, Click on the blue link below to see a promotional video for the event that Marshall Grazioli made last year (note: he's out of town for this year's run):

[Why Support AAA Pregnancy Resource Center? | Marshall is a returning runner to our Flapjack 5k. He's not passionate about every race he runs, but he's passionate about this one. Here's why.... | By Friends of AAA PRCFacebook](#)

Corpus Christ Praise Fest

By Christopher Kotcher

The team for the 2025 Corpus Christi Praise Fest recently met for its first general planning meeting this year at Our Lady of Good Counsel. Each action team within the larger group is now meeting as needed to prepare for the event.

Saint John Neumann Council 16169 is planning to both support the Catholic Tent during the Praise Fest and provide our canopy to be used as part of the event's Eucharistic Procession. Stay tuned for potential volunteer opportunities!

The Praise Fest will take place on Corpus Christi Sunday, June 22, from 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM in downtown Plymouth's very own Kellogg Park. Hope to see you all there, and be sure to invite your friends and families to come enjoy this beautiful event with our whole Bishop Baraga Family of Parishes.

May Family of the Month



Jennifer and Eduardo were born, grew up and went to school in Caracas, Venezuela. Jennifer obtained her medical degree from the Central University in Venezuela. Eduardo attended the Simon Bolivar University and got his Chemical Engineer degree. They met in their parish while volunteering as catechists and being members of the youth group. They married on October 25th, 1997.

In 2003, while still living in Venezuela, they welcomed their first child, Maria. After this event the family moved to Houston, Texas in 2008 for Eduardo to pursue his graduate studies in Public Health / Industrial Hygiene. Since then, they have welcomed three more boys: Miguel, Mateo and Maximiliano.

After his graduation in 2013, Eduardo worked for a Dutch paint and coatings manufacturer (Akzo Nobel) until he was laid off in December 2022. In July 2023, Eduardo relocated to Michigan accepting an offer from Ford Motor Company to become one of its Corporate Industrial Hygienists. Jennifer and the kids followed him in June 2024 after they bought their house in Canton and shortly after they became members of St John Neumann. While in Texas, they were members of St. Thomas More parish in Houston and St Bartholomew the Apostle in Katy. Jennifer volunteered in various roles, including choir leader for the Spanish Mass in St. Thomas as well as leader for the Apostolate of the Cross and catechist in St. Bart. She continues her service to the Apostolate by leading the formation of first-year facilitators in Texas via zoom. At SJN, she was part of the VBS team last summer and currently is Sunday school catechist. She is also starting to get involved with the Women's Organization.

Eduardo became a Knight of Columbus in 2011 while in St Thomas, actively participating in the numerous activities organized by his council, unfortunately, his travel schedule at work forced him to pause his volunteering work for a while. He's now a member of Council 16169 and he's looking forward to helping whenever he can. In the meantime, he has volunteered as table facilitator for the Rescue Project and is currently working with the core team to offer it in Spanish.

Let us congratulate Jennifer & Eduardo Salazar one more time on being selected as Council 16169's Family of the Month for May.



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.

Friends and Family that are in need of our prayers

Mark, son-in-law of brother Tim Gondek

Dan Timmerman DD, PGK Katrina Andreolli, daughter of brother Dave Andreolli

Ray Lemanski, friend of brother Joseph C Bradley

Loretta Humann, sister-in-law of brother Ed Chrostowski

Brother Ron Budzisz

Brother John Safran

Brother Jose Villarreal

Charles "Chuck" Emmons, friend of brother Mike Myers

Jason Conner, brother-in-law of brother Dan Skotak

Ezra Wallake, friend of brother Larry Maccani

Jim Reid, friend of brother R. Bruce Hyde

Bill McIntyre, friend of brother George Peters

Craig Squire, friend of brother George Peters

Ricardo (Dick) Pacetti, friend of brother George Peters

Sandra Kotcher, mother of brother Vincent Kotcher and grandmother of brother Chris Kotcher

Gary Chrostowski, brother of brother Ed Chrostowski

Augustine Ferrera, friend of brother Dennis Oszust

June Birthdays

John Camp (06-01)

Juan Paolo Rathbun (06-01)

Edward F Curley (06-03)

Keith R Laurin (06-03)

Nathaniel J Svoboda (06-04)

Jason D Turner (06-05)

Paul E Bak (06-06)

Darrin P Burek (06-06)

Randall E Martin (06-06)

John K Guth (06-07)

Liam Murray (06-07)

James R Michalik (06-09)

Brandon K Demiter (06-12)

David Trescott (06-12)

Dennis D Day (06-15)

Ronald G Letourneau (06-15)

Ronald S Richards (06-15)

Charles E Kovalik (06-17)

Leo H Petretta (06-20)

Raymond Wojciechowski (06-20)

Lawrence E Anderson (06-21)

Kyle Peters (06-23)

Joseph Abdullah (06-24)

Rev. Nicholas L Brown (06-24)

Peter Mulka (06-24)

Robert M Sobie (06-27)

Jack S Massarello (06-28)

Robert Godek (06-30)



Pope Leo XIV

Prayer for the Pope

Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to your shepherd a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care, may he, as successor to the Apostle Peter and Vicar of Christ, build your Church into a sacrament of unity, love and peace for all the world. Amen.

Years of Service **RECOGNITION**

Victor Craig Pryce (14)

Eduardo J Salazar (9)

Randall E Martin (8)

Micheal J Pilotto (6)

Gerardo De La Torre Jimenez (6)

William J Kumm (5)

Michael S Cabaj (5)

Daniel J Pfeiffer (4)

Pjeter Deda (4)

Jim D Musgrave (4)

John P Stabnick (3)

Fr. Paulo Dias (3)

Peter F Kowalski (3)

Christopher W Pence (3)

Peter Mulka (3)

David Richko (1)

Marvin Lopez (1)

Wedding Anniversaries

- Charles J & Nancy Lang (06-05)
- Larry P & Cathy Redman (06-12)
- Edward A & Mary Alice Hurst (06-17)
- Michael J & Noel Cartier (06-20)
- Charles E & Diane Kovalik (06-23)
- Mark Richard & Linda Rausch (06-26)
- George K. & Janice Peters (06-28)
- Frank & Evelyn Hazard (06-28)

Can't Attend the Meeting ZOOM IN !!!

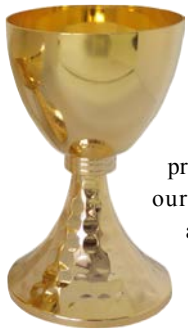
Many times we are not able to attend the council general membership meetings. This may be due to a lack of transportation, it may be that you are out of town, or it may be that you are just a little under the weather. No matter what the reason, now you can attend from the comfort of your own home. Our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

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.

To sign up click here [June, July, August 2025: Vocations Chalice](#)

Promotions Director Needed!

We are still looking for a Knight experienced in advertising or marketing to better promote the Council.



Please welcome Brother Knights that were exemplified on May 18, 2025 at St. John Neumann. Special thanks to PGK Chuck Lang for inviting OCIA candidates, Michael, James, Christopher and Liam.

John Camp
 Michael Ustes
 Adam Randall

James Dodds
 Christopher DeBrito
 Liam Murray

MONTHLY Challenge

by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always." (Gospel for June 8, Jn 14:15-16)

Last month, we reflected on how Jesus probed Peter three times with the question "Do you love me?" Here we have an answer to what it means to truly love Jesus — by keeping his commandments, as expressed in Scripture and in the teachings of the Church. The monthly challenge for March underscored how our faith bears fruit in what we do. Let us remember that to keep the commandments for love of Christ is to allow the Holy Spirit to bear good fruits in our lives.

This month, I challenge you to use the Catholic Information Service® resource *A Guide to Confession*, which is organized around the Ten Commandments, to examine your conscience and then go to confession.

Questions for Reflection:

What is your response to Jesus' question, "Do you love me?" Do you show your love for Christ in how you live? In what ways do you need to become more attentive to the commandments and the teachings of the Church?



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 a 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.

GOLF REGISTRATION DEADLINE APPROACHING SOON !



1. Golf - Please Register soon.

We are providing a GOLFER COUNT to Fox Hills on **June 6th**. *If you have not registered, please do so.* If you don't have a full foursome, *No Worries*, we can pair you up with others. You can register on the Website [2025 St. John Neumann Parish Golf Classic](#) or by using the attached Golf Registration Form. If you register by mail, please print the registration form, fill it out completely and send it in with your check to:

K of C 16169 - Golf Event
44800 Warren Rd
Canton, MI 4818

Or Drop it off at the St. John Neumann Parish Office (same address).

2. Volunteer – This event could not be pulled off without your helping hands. - You can choose to help out for several hours in the morning or afternoon.

- Please consider volunteering and see what openings remain: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0844ABAA2AAAFB6-56274904-stjohn#/>

3. Sponsorships and Donations

- If you or your company are interested in sponsoring the event or contributing to prize and gift baskets, please contact the golf committee OR drop them off at the Parish office before June 6th. (Indicate KofC Golf Outing)
- Click on Link and scroll down to the bottom to see our 2025 Sponsors so far. [2025 St. John Neumann Parish Golf Classic](#)

We can't wait to see you on the course for a day filled with friendly competition, laughter, and meaningful connection. Whether you're swinging for a hole-in-one or just enjoying the fresh air and fellowship, this outing is about more than golf — it's about community, faith, and making lasting memories.



Let's tee it up together for a purpose greater than the game.

See you there and bring your best smile (and maybe your lucky golf ball)!

For more outing information: www.sjncanton.org/kofc

Thank you and God Bless,

The Golf Committee:

David Trost - dtrostmichigan@gmail.com

George Peters – gkp350tpi@outlook.com

Chuck Lang – cjlangeagle@gmail.com

Hans Hanson Receives Honors Life Membership



At the May Membership meeting, Hans Hanson was presented with a certificate commemorating his achievement of obtaining Honorary Life Membership.

Honorary Life Membership in the Knights of Columbus is awarded to members who have reached the age of 70 and have served 25 years in the Order, or who have served 50 years regardless of age. This designation recognizes the member's long service and commitment to the organization. Honorary Life Members are exempt from paying dues.

Dues Update

Thank you to the many members who have paid their 2025 dues since the last report. However, there are still 28 members that we have not heard from. If you are one of these 28, regardless of the reason, please contact our Financial Secretary, John Lutz (734-306-5416). To make your payment, you can place it into an envelope marked "Knights of Columbus Dues Payment" and drop it off at the Church Office.

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.

Right to Life Crosses

By Clint Randall

On Saturday May 10th the Knights installed the Right to Life Crosses on the front lawn of St. John Neumann then two weeks later on May 24, we had help from both brother Knights as well as some folks from the Right to Life Ministry at St. John Neumann.

As part of our commitment to life, we must remind our fellow parishioners of their commitment to life as well, this year was a little different in that we had two different signs on the lawn, one sign commenting how all life is precious, and the other with a telephone number indicating to anyone who passes by that help is available.

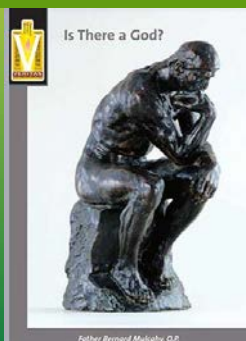
This year we placed 500 crosses, an increase of 25% from the prior year and we have plans to increase that number next year.

In addition the same weekend the Right to Life Ministry also was selling Mother's Day carnations of which the Knights also helped to fill the vacant spots for volunteering, showing a continued strong relationship between the Knights and the RtL Ministry.



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-



Booklet # 306 -

Is There a God?

When someone in the Western world today asks how we can know God exists, he or she usually has in mind the God presented to us in the Bible.

You Can download this booklet to read during your leisure.

[Download PDF.](#)

Distinguished Knight Award

Worthy District Deputy **Dan Timmerman** and Archdiocesan Membership Director **Hans Hansen** were both awarded the Distinguished Knight Award at the convention by our State Deputy Barry Borsenik for outstanding service to the Order in the past year.



Congratulations to Hans & Dan



Our council is asking the parishioners of St. John Neumann to continue to

donate cans and bottles to the Knights of Columbus, with the proceeds going to help seminarians of our Archdiocese.

Volunteers are needed to pick up cans and bottles from the church and return them to get the deposit back.

Brother Steve Otting is leading this effort. Volunteers are being asked to collect a few times on Monday through Thursday or they can volunteer to collect on Friday through Sunday. (Note that the first and the last time slots may have an additional day or two or may be shortened by a day or two depending on when the months start and end.)

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

Membership Update

By John Lutz

Five new members have recently been exemplified, another has been readmitted and yet another has transferred into our Council. As you may recall, our new member goal set by Supreme at the start of the current fraternal year is 13. With the new members recently brought into Council 16169 (readmitted members count as new members), our actual new member count for the fraternal year is now 26 (200% of our quota!). This qualifies us for the Father McGivney Award and makes us eligible for Double Star Council status. Our Council now has a total of 240 members (194 associates and 46 insurance). Total Regular Membership is 221, Honorary Membership is 4 (at least 25 years of service and age 65 or over) and Honorary Life Membership is 15 (at least 25 years of service and age 70 or over).

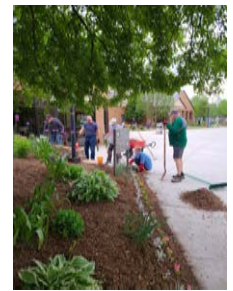
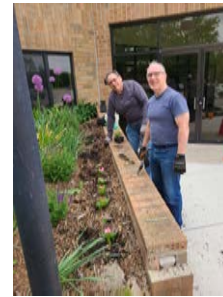
SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION

The sacrament of Reconciliation is offered on Tuesday Nights at 6 pm and on Saturday Afternoons at 3 pm or by appointment with a priest

Beautifying The House of the Lord

By Ron Khetschmer

We had a very successful planning on Saturday! We had almost 40 volunteers of at least half were Knights (including Fr. Paul) planting over 40 flats of flowers and spreading 25 yards of mulch. We were easily done by noon, in time to enjoy pizza provided by Fr. Paul. The grounds are looking awesome! Thanks to all who came!



Keeping Up with the Fourth Degree

By SK Joe Bradley

125th Year Celebration of the 4th Degree - Special Exemplification

District 1 of the 4th Degree of the Knights of Columbus will be conducting a "125" Exemplification on August 23rd, 2025. The goal is to meet the request of the Supreme Master : Conduct an Exemplification of 125 or more Knights in your District at an Explication in 2025 to celebrate 125 years of the 4th degree. This is the next opportunity for 3rd degree Knights to

become Exemplified to the 4th degree this year. And it will be a special Exemplification as we hope to Exemplify 125 or more Knights at this Exemplification. The event will take place at St. Christopher Catholic Church, along with the Knights Club, both in Marysville, Mi. Registration will open at 12:30, the Explication will begin at 1:30, which will be followed with a mass at 4:30, and dinner around 6:45. The cost will be \$70.00 for the Knight, and \$40.00 for an additional guest. Registration forms and payment are **due by August 1st**.

PLEASE see any 4th degree Council member to start the registration process. You can also contact Joe Bradley directly at 734-673-0004.



Pope John XXIII Assembly #1536 Patriotic Raffle

This year the Assembly is conducting a Raffle to raise funds for the Assembly General Fund. The Grand Prize is a night at the RenCen Marriot, Riverfront view, for the Ford Fireworks on June 23rd. Included in the Grand Prize is a Dinner allowance of \$250 at the Joe Muer restaurant at the Ren Cen. The Grand Prize winner can option for \$500 cash in lieu of the hotel package. Tickets are available from any 4th Degree Knight of the Assembly, or contact Joe Bradley at the above phone number to purchase tickets. A \$5.00 donation per ticket is recommended.

As always, please check the District 1 KofC website at kofcmidistrict1.org and the Assembly 1536 website at kofc1536assembly.org for the latest information on what is happening with the 4th degree.

Sacred Heart Major Seminary Raffle

The Sacred Heart Major Seminary Raffle is coming up June 12th. You may have received your tickets in the mail with a note

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There is a chance to win \$25,000. The suggested donation for each ticket is \$10.00.

All proceeds go towards

helping educate and form Sacred Heart Major Seminary students. Just wanted to remind you in the event that you received these tickets in the mail. If you did not receive tickets and are interested in buying a ticket please let our grand knight know as I have extras. Please let me know ASAP as the drawing is coming up on June 12th. Please consider supporting the education of our future Priests.



Join Knights of Columbus, your premier Catholic partner for financial services, for a free financial webinar to learn more about how extended care planning can help you protect your family's future.

Tuesday, June 3 at 8pm EST
<https://tinyurl.com/KnightsJune3>



For the latest information or to use the sign-up Genius Visit our web page <https://kofc16169.org/>

Keeping Track of your Volunteer Hours

Click here to download the spreadsheet

Each January every Knights of Columbus council and assembly provide to the Supreme Council a summary of their fraternal hours for the last calendar year. This information is used by Supreme to understand the total number of charitable hours for the entire order for communications and to help with the order tax-exempt status.

In order to gather this information, the councils and assemblies ask their members to provide the number of charitable hours, and other charitable activities such as sick visits and blood donations, to the program director and grand knight. To make this easier, the council is providing [this spreadsheet](#) to help you track this information.

You may be thinking, "I have time to look at this later."

However, please open the file and take a look at the structure so that your end of year submission may be easier. It is a simple Excel Document that you can capture hours/visits/mtgs on a monthly basis. Looking at this monthly, it may result in better accuracy and less stress thinking about it at the end of the year.

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

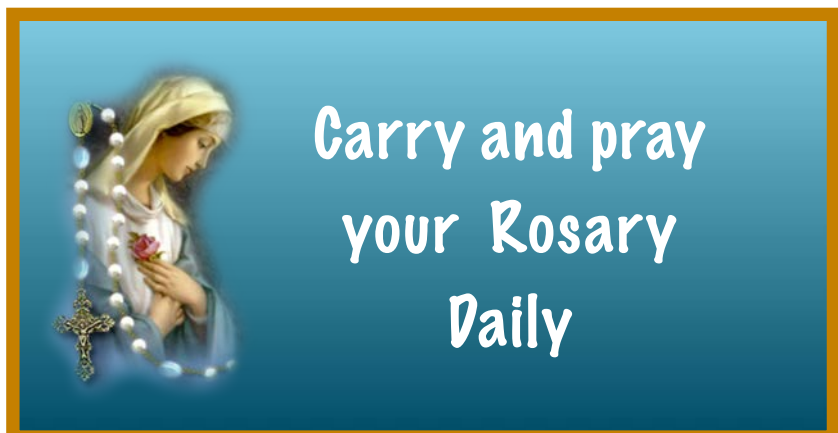
In the second tab title "Explanation", we included activities we typically conduct, and placed them in categories which seemed reasonable. If you don't find a particular program you were involved with, then simply add the hours to an existing category and capture any comments in the Comments Column.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

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

At the end of the year, a reminder for you will be sent to either email the file to PD16169@mikofc.org, or Print the Tab and the Program Director will collect it. If you are not comfortable using Excel, please print the file and write in your hours and the Program Director will collect it from you at the end of the year. Additionally, the Program Director will make these available again as hard copies at the November General Meeting.

Please email PD16169@mikofc.org with any questions you may have.

Thanks, and God Bless!





Resurrecting the Resurrection Grounds ...

On Wednesday morning, May 28, 2025, at 9:00am, we had thirteen (13) Knights from our council helping out. Several trees had been removed from the Resurrection property. The Knights worked hard for 3 1/2 hours in wood chip and root removal, fresh dirt placement and grading, and seeding the newly graded areas. The Knights participating were:

Mark Mueller
Jim DiMaria
Keith DiMaria
Bob Godek

Larry Redman
David Trost
John Lutz
Larry O'Hara

Marcel Loosbrock
Chuck Holowecky
Vince LaVoie
Dan Pfiefer
Steve Sarlitto



Our Agent T.J. Speaks Out

Brother,

Many people this time of year are wrapping up spring cleaning around their home. But if you're like me, you might need a little nudge each year — a reminder to get started on that process.

Similarly, we could all use a reminder to do some “spring cleaning” for our finances.

Just as spring cleaning in your home might help you realize that a piece of furniture no longer suits your needs, we might also find that it's time to reconsider our financial strategy in light of our current life situation.

For example, have you recently gotten married, welcomed children, or made a career change? Do you have children heading off to college, or are you welcoming any grandchildren? It may be time to think about life insurance.

If you do have life insurance, when's the last time you reviewed your policy? Do you have coverage only through your employer? Now is a great time to ensure it matches your family's current needs.

Have you started preparing for retirement? Whether close to your golden years or still decades away, you can learn more about annuity options that give you a guaranteed income.

Additionally, through our affiliate Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors (KoCAA), you can maximize your contributions to your retirement and investment accounts. If you're close to retirement, you want to ensure that you diversify your retirement portfolio and have proper asset allocation that aligns with both your risk and return preferences. KoCAA can help you review your investment strategy to ensure you're on the right track to hitting your retirement goals.

You might find that things have changed in your life since your last “spring cleaning.” Even if it's been a while since you last reviewed your financial goals — or even if you're just getting started — I'm here to help. Let's set up a time to talk and make sure you have the coverage you need.

Thank you!

T.J. McCully, Financial Advisor .734-926-5998

Post Script: You can visit KofC.org and KoCAA.org for detailed information on what each of KofC and KoCAA can offer members directly

New Welcome Committee Chairman

Our Grand Knight would like to announce the appointment of our new Welcome Committee Chairman. Brother George McPartlin has accepted the chair of the welcome Committee. He will assume the responsibility of welcoming all new members to our council and making each member feel right at home in his new family. George will make himself available to guide them and answer any questions they may have.

Thank You George for taking on this new position.

Proposed Budget For the 2025-2026 Fraternal Year.

The proposed balanced budget for the next fiscal year has been prepared. The bylaws of our council requires that the budget be presented to the membership at two consecutive membership meetings. At each of these meeting all members will have the chance to discuss and question the entire budget. The proposed budget was presented at the May meeting and will again be presented at the June meeting. After the discussion the proposed budget will be voted upon by the members present. Please attempt to attend this meeting to have a voice in the upcoming year.

Next Pancake Hospitality Breakfast




After all the masses on June 8 our council will again be serving pancakes in Baldwin hall for the hospitality week-end. All brother knights are encouraged to volunteer for this fun and worthy event. Please use the link below or on our web site to help.

[June 7/8: Pancake Hospitality Week-end](#)

Knights Ware & Name Badges Too !

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.

Knights of Columbus, Council #16169 - Shirt Orders					Circle the size requested	Price	Qty	Total
T-shirt \$10 90% cotton/10% poly		Size: M L XL 2XL	\$10	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>			
Polo/Golf Shirt \$20 100% poly		Size: M L XL 2XL	\$20	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>			
Dress Shirt, short sleeve \$25 55% cotton/45% poly		Size: M L XL 2XL	\$25	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>			
Dress Shirt, long sleeve \$25 55% cotton/45% poly		Size: M L XL 2XL	\$25	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>			
Sweatshirt \$25 50% cotton/50% poly		Size: M L XL 2XL	\$25	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>			
Baseball hat \$20		Size: Flex Fit S/M L/XL	\$20	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>			

Member Name: _____
Phone Number: _____

Return order and payment to Larry Redman
42914 Ryegate Street, Canton, MI 48187
or KofC mailbox in Parish office
734-674-4544

Chance to win a Basket of Goodies



At last year's annual golf outing, everyone had the chance to win one or more of basket that have been donated. Each basket is different and will contain a variety of item such as wine, beauty products, lottery tickets or sports items name a few.

THIS YEAR YOU CAN PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS EARLY. TICKET SELLS FOR THE DRAWINGS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE PANCAKE HOSPITALITY BREAKFAST.

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 by placing this in this year's budget.

THE CATHOLIC TENT

Brought to you by Catholics Defending Truth



**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."