

Grand Knight's Report

by Arnel Nablo, Deputy Grand Knight

Greetings of Peace to all Brother Knights,

Our Grand Knight had asked me to share my thoughts as this year is ending.

First, I wish all of you a Blessed Christmas. I hope and pray that the infant Jesus will grow bigger in our lives and his love deeper in our hearts. I also hope each of you have a wonderful celebration with your families and friends. Once a year, we gather together to savor the unfathomable love for us by God for sending his begotten Son, Jesus, to give all of us hope in the uncertainty of life.

As this year ends, we can be proud as our council accomplished so much. We had a pig/corn roast, tootsie roll drive for the mentally impaired, (2) fish fry's, the Religious Appreciation dinner, just to name a few and other charitable events that were all successful. These would not had been a success had it not been for all your dedication to our principals of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. The council officers extend to you, our deepest gratitude. We are at approximately 60% to plan on our Faith and Action initiative. This shows how alive our council is. We are called to continue what we are

doing and complete the F&A plan and our charitable initiatives.

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January 2 - Business Meeting <u>location at the</u> <u>American Legion</u> 7:30 p.m.

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The Nablo Family



Above: Arnel with

Wife Maria & Daughter Frances

DON'T FORGET:

Jan 12 Epiphany Party 530pm American Legion Jan 24 Emergency Preparedness Firehouse #5 7pm

Grand Knight's Report (cont'd)

As we welcome 2019, let's start with a reading from Acts of the Apostles to pray for Boldness in Acts 4.23-30. "After they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders has said to them. When they heard it, they raised their voices together to God and said Sovereign Lord who made the heaven and earth, the sea and everything in them, it is you who said by the Holy Spirit, through our ancestor David your servant "Why did the gentiles rage and the peoples imagine vain things?" The Kings of the earth took their stand and the rulers gathered together against the Lord and against His Messiah". For in this city, in fact, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the gentiles and the people of Israel, gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, to do whatever your hand and plan had predestined to take place. And now, Lord look at their treats and grant your servants to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus".

The fraternal year had started with the Unleashing the Gospel program, which calls all Catholics to renew their commitment with **Vigor** and **Boldness.** We are called to, as ordinary Catholics. To evangelize not only to those who do not believe in Jesus, but mostly to those who were baptized with Christ. We are called to live our faith with our fear. Our Grand Knight has challenged us to show our faith in public and to say God bless you whenever we encounter opposition to our faith. We must be **Bold** to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus. We may not be eloquent with our Catholic faith and may not be comfortable as evangelizers. It wakes a profound knowledge of our faith in order to answer question regarding on what, why, and how we believe in God. We all share one thing in common to all of the baptized, that is, we believe that God the father, who is the creator of all who sent his beloved Son Jesus, to redeem us from sin and the mutual love of the father and the Son begets the Holy Spirit who sanctifies us and gives us the strength, power, perseverance, hope and love to proclaim the good news of salvation. Only when we lived this faith, that we can **boldly** face any difficulties in our faith. Only when we live this faith, that we can evangelize without saying a word, and as Jesus said, "you will know who my brothers and sisters are when they follow my words".

As we embrace the new beginnings of 2019, let us consider this year's resolution to be more **bold**, **courageous**, **trusting**, **loving**, **forgiving and understanding as we offer hope in encouragement to others.** The world that we live in today relies on material success. Let us as Knights of Columbus, show the world that the authentic happiness is not from the material success but in the immaterial being that can only be achieved through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Wishing you and your families a Blessed and Healthy 2019 and beyond to you and your families.

Vivat Jesus

Arnel Nablo

Deputy Grand Knight

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4th DEGREE NEWS

St. Francis of Assisi Assembly #2136

www.mikofc2136.org

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish

Faithful Navigator: Gary Mallia, PGK

My Brother Knights,

Vivat Jesus!

December was a very busy time once again for our Assembly. St. Francis Assembly members worked a couple of very important events this past month in order to make a difference for our Veterans.

On December 15th, our Assembly, along with members of Boy Scouts Troop 110 laid wreaths on the gravesites of Veterans at Oakwood Cemetery in Farmington. We did so not to decorate graves or remember their deaths, but to celebrate their lives. Each wreath was a gift of appreciation, from a grateful citizen who wanted to show our departed veterans that we appreciated their service, and their sacrifice. Thank you to all the Assembly members, as well as the Scouts for turning out to make this such a special day! Special thanks to Sir Knight Alex Franz for chairing a very successful program!





The Assembly also once again adopted a couple of Veteran's family's for Christmas this year. Members of the Assembly donated funds and gifts were purchased for 2 Veterans and their families in order to help spread the love of Jesus to those who served us and are struggling. The Assembly donated \$50 to each family for gift cards to ensure that each family could have a nice dinner for Christmas and beyond. A very special thank you to Sir Knight Tom and Lady Nancy Rancour for selecting the families, purchasing and wrapping the gifts, and then leading the team to deliver them. It is through the dedication of our families, that we can be of service to those in need.

As we begin another year of Service to our Lord, our Country, and our Community, we continue to be grateful to the many men and women who serve and protect. It is the calling of all Sir Knights to remember, honor, and assist all of these men and women. As our Lord said, "...the harvest is great, and the laborers are few." We are always looking for those who wish to complete their journey towards the highest degree in the order. If you have the desire to be a Knight who wants to make a difference, I ask you to join us! Our next 4th degree will be on Saturday, March 2nd. Any 3rd degree Knight in good standing with his Council is eligible for membership. For more information, please feel free to contact me at 248-496-9838 or at gmallia@yahoo.com God Bless you all! Gary Mallia Faithful Navigator

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Calendar of Events St. Francis Council #4401

January 2019

- 1 New Years Day
- **2 KofC Business Meeting**-NOTE LOCATION at the <u>AMERICAN LEGION HALL</u> 7:30 p.m.
- 5 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield
- 9 KofC 4th Degree Assembly Business meeting in OLS Church Basement-North 7:30 p.m.
- 12 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield Epiphany Party—5:30 to 11:00 p.m. American Legion Upper Hall
- 16 KofC Officers Meeting 7:30 p.m. OLS Church Basement óNorth
- 19 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield
- 24 Emergency Preparedness-7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Firehouse #5, 11 Mile & Orchard Lk. Rds.
- 26 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield

February 2019

- 2 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield
- 6 KofC Business Meeting-after Rosary in OLS Church Basement-North 7:30 p.m.
- 9 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield
- 13 KofC 4th Degree Assembly Business meeting in OLS Church Basement-North 7:30 p.m.
- 16 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield
- 20 KofC Officers Meeting 7:30 p.m. OLS Church Basement óNorth
- 23 Rosary for Life-8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield

March 2019

- 2 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield
- 6 ASH WEDNESDAY <u>TENTATIVE DAY AND LOCATION to be determined-</u>KofC Business Meeting-after Rosary in OLS Church Basement-North 7:30 p.m.
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- 20 KofC Officers Meeting 7:30 p.m. OLS Church Basement óNorth
- 22 Retreat Weekend Fri-Sat-Sun St. Paul of the Cross Detroit (see events)
- 23 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield

Monthly Prayer Intentions:

The Sick:

Tranquilino Bonet	Rosemary Dwyer		Carl Rubo
Laura Boucher	Teresa Dwyer	Ellen McCarthy	Sue Siemiesz
Jennifer Boyle	Ed Dyman	Ann McGowan	Ed Skop
Eileen Bridenstine	Josephine Evangelista	Betty Micctic	Lee Stewart
Sheryl Borgelt	Beverly Friel	Sally Nablo	Ed & Kay Waldecker
Amanda Cavanaugh	Stanley Gromala	Mary Naylor	Tom Wilkins
Ken Chiara	Kate Kelly	Mary Olowski	
Bill Conroy	Sharmella Kerbawy	Evia Pedidis	
Robert Conroy		Nancy Plocinik	
George Curran		Bill Power	
Eva Demotto		Mel Redmond	
Bill Dick		Nancy Redmond	
Wendy Disteleath			

The Departed:

SK Fred Arganoza PGK	Alfie Evans	SK Don McKeever	SK James Telinda, GK
Justin Beutal	Fr. Kent Hajdok	Edward Muczynski	Bill Urban
Carola Caroselli	Pat Hejka	Art Nablo Sr.	Barb Urbain
Walter Christainsen	Tom Kerbawy	Joe Phillips PGK	Bryan Urben
Mary Collins	Jimmy LaLome	Bob Pigula	Pat Wilkins
Thomas Collins	Rick Kaczmarek	Priscilla Redmond	Delphine Wojtowicz
Lisa DeNardo	Bob Ludwig	Gare Reid	All Departed Knights
Christine Dwyer	Edward Mangold	SK John Ricco	
Joseph Dwyer	Marjorie Mangold	Edward Philip Rinckey	
	Joanne McElmer		
	Howard McKenna		
	Mary McKenna		

Special Intentions:

Rev. Fr. Mark Brauer	Frances Nablo	All who have no one to pray for them
Parents of Alfie Evans	James Plocinik	For our President
Holiness of Priests	Susan Giller	50th Anniversary of James and Patricia Dick
The Priests and Victims of sexual	Adrienne Martz	Health of Barbara Lemay
abuse	Richard Wroblewski	Fr. Paul Graney & Family

St. Francis Council Epiphany Celebration

Please join us for our Annual Holiday Celebration. There will be food fun and a new game

(St. Francis Bingo) with some "Major Awards" given out this year.

When: Saturday, January 12th, 2019 5:30 pm

Where: American Legion Post 346 (UPPER HALL)

31775 Grand River Ave, Farmington, MI 48336

Council will be providing Prime Rib and open beverage refreshments

What to bring: Signup to bring a dish to share

\$10 per person for bingo card

(NO GIFT EXCHANGE THIS YEAR)

Date: 01/12/2019 (Sat.)

Time: 5:30pm - 11:00pm EST

Location: 31775 Grand River Ave, Farmington, MI 48336

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040c45a4ad2ba13-stfrancis2

Emergency Preparedness Plan Farmington Hills Fire Station #5 31445 West Eleven Mile Road (southwest corner of 11 Mile & Orchard Lk.) Thursday, January 24, 2019 7:00-9:30 PM

The Knights of Columbus, St. Francis Council 4401 is offering you the opportunity

to introduce your family to investigate and learn what is involved in an emergency preparedness plan.

Learn how you can **prepare your home and your family** to survive in an emergency. Hear a presentation from Tim Tutak of the Farmington Hills Emergency Preparedness Commission, and take a tour of the fire station, enjoy light refreshments, and join us in thanking our firefighters for serving our community.

Also you can please contact the Chairman of this event, SK Alex Franz (ajfranz11@gmail.com) or 248.971.5893 for more details. See you there!

Special Events

Knights of Columbus Spiritual Retreat Friday, March 22nd – Sunday March 24th St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center 23333 Schoolcraft Road, Detroit, MI 48223

Come and join with your brothers as we gather for a very special weekend of prayer, relaxation, fellowship and spiritual renewal! Enjoy a weekend away from the stresses of everyday life and allow yourself time to listen to God and to what His will is in your life. Each retreatant is given their own private room with private bath/shower facilities. There are quiet areas for reading and reflection, an extraordinary chapel for private prayer as well as where Mass, morning prayer, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation are celebrated. There are several acres of grounds for walking, and great meals provide nourishment for the body!









This Year's Retreat Theme Rejoice in the Lord Always: Again, I Say Rejoice!

Suggested Donation: \$215 (a minimum \$30 deposit will be required to secure your reservation)

Registration

Please provide the following information to Retreat Captain, Gary Mallia at <u>gmallia@yahoo.com</u> or 248-496-9838

Name, Address, Phone, e-mail address

This will allow Gary to follow up with Retreat Center to ensure they've received your deposit. **DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY TO GARY!**

To secure your reservation, please send your payment **DIRECTLY** to the Retreat center.

Provide them with the information above along with our

Retreat Group Name: St. Francis K of C	and	Retreat	ate: March 22nd, 2019
You can send your check to:			You can pay by credit card by
calling:			
St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center		-OR-	(313) 535-9563
23333 Schoolcraft Road			
Detroit, MI 48223			

You can also pay online by going to https://www.stpaulretreat.org/event/mens-weekend-24-2/ Please confirm that the retreat weekend Men's Weekend # 24 Friday, March 22nd, 2019 is selected

	Price	Quantity	Total
Deposit ONLY!	\$30	•	
A non-refundable deposit is require	ed for registration and appl	es toward the suggested	l fee.
OR Pay in Full	\$210	•	
Suggested fee includes deposit.			

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Protecting Your Family... Business?

You already know that the Knight of Columbus is here for all your personal and family financial protection needs, but did you know that the Order can help secure your business too? As your Knights of Columbus field agent, I can help you protect the continuity of your business for years to come.

Business insurance is the term used in the insurance industry to describe the use of life insurance and disability income insurance to solve certain financial needs of businesses and their owners. The products offered through the Order can cover many needs, such as:

- Economic loss to the business when a key employee dies
- Disposition of a business owner's interest upon death or other separation from the business

If you've worked hard to establish a business, you owe it to yourself and your family to learn about the opportunities that the Knights of Columbus can offer.

With protection for the family, the business, the farm, retirement, long term care and disability coverage, the Knight of Columbus truly is your shield for all the elements of your life.

Gregory L Bennett F.I.C. Insurance Field Agent

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Prayer for the Unborn

Heavenly Father, You created us in Your own image, and You desire that not even the least among us should perish. In Your love for us, You entrusted Your only Son to the Holy Virgin Mary. Now in Your love, protect against the wickedness of the devil, those little ones to whom You have given the gift of life. I ask that you help Another Way Pregnancy Center reach those considering abortion, and by Your Grace, changing their hearts and protect the unborn. Amen

K of C Jackets and Shirts

Anyone interested in purchasing a Polo or T-shirt with the K of C logo and our council number can us at the 3rd degree monthly meeting and we need your name, size and color preference. The cost per shirt is \$27. You can also contact us at <u>stfrancis4401@gmail.com</u>. Our Council makes no money off of the shirts. The cost is what we pay to the supplier, who is an Our Lady of Sorrows Parishioner.

Member Recognition

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	BIRTHDAYS		
ANTHONY	BOLACH		01-02
ANDREW	CARUSO		01-02
JOSEPH	GROSSI		01-02
THOMAS	SZYMKOWSKI		01-02
PAUL	JOHNSON	JR	01-04
ROBERT	COLLINS		01-08
SCOTT	TEFFT	JR	01-08
JOHN	BESSEN		01-08
WILLIAM	MOYLAN		01-10
NATHAN	MC NULTY		01-14
UGO	ABATE		01-15
EDWARD	WALDECKER		01-18
SHABAN	RIZA		01-18
GARY	MALLIA		01-21
WILLIAM	HANNEY		01-23
GEORGE	KENDALL		01-24
JOSEPH	LA VERDI		01-25
MICHAEL	MC ILRATH		01-26
GEORGE	CURRAN	III	01-27
NICK	MERUCCI		01-30

ANNIVERSARIES						
А	NTHONY	BC	DLACH	01-	-27-1964 55	
	JAMES		MC LAUGHLIN		01-01-1976	43
	CHARLES		KIN		01-01-1977	42
	MICHAEL		HUZIAK		01-01-1977	42
REV	FRANCIS		TEBBE		01-01-1978	41
	FRANCIS	S KENNEDY		01-01-1983	36	
	DON		BRIDENSTINE		01-01-1983	36
	MICHAEL		KRAMP		01-02-2008	11
	THOMAS		RANCOUR		01-02-2008	11
	KENT		MASON		01-02-2008	11
	TOMASZ		BOLEY		01-02-2008	11
	DAVID		PEGG	JR	01-06-2004	15
	RANDY		MAGEE		01-08-2007	12
	JOSEPH		HEJKA		01-18-2008	11
	KEVIN		HAMMER		01-18-2009	10
	DANIEL		HAGEMANN		01-18-2009	10
	ROBERT		DOBKOWSKI		01-18-2009	10
	GEOFF		DOWNER		01-21-2014	5

Special Mention to Bob Plocinik, MI Drive \$1200+ Weekend Collection

50/50 Winner not available

Knight of the Month not available Family of the Month not available

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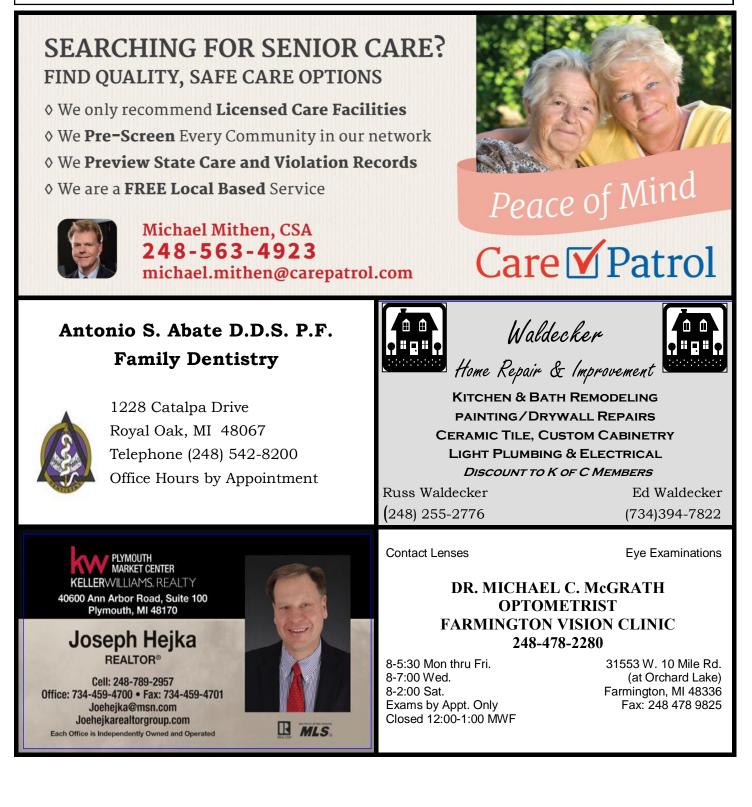
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Who are the knights?

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization with 1.6 million members. It provides members and their families with volunteer opportunities in service to the Catholic Church, their communities, families and young people.

Membership benefits

As a member of the Knights of Columbus you and your family enjoy many benefits, including 12 free issues annually of the *Columbia* magazine, the world's largest Catholic family magazine, eligibility to join the Knights of Columbus top-ranked life insurance program, and many more family and personal benefits.

How to join

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to practicing Catholic men who are at least 18 years old. A practicing Catholic is one who lives up to the Commandments of God and the precepts of the Church. Application forms are available from any member of the Knights of Columbus. Our membership chairman is George Curran. George can be reached at (248) 477-7940.

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The Counselor

