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Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights – Vivat Jesus

Intercessory Prayer for Life –

May we as Catholics, be channels of Gods mercy by loving each person, by celebrating their life. *We pray to the Lord.*

For men and women suffering after abortion. May the Church's post-abortion healing ministry, help them find peace, through God's limitless mercy; *We pray to the Lord.*

For those nearing the end of life; may God strengthen their faith and comfort them, through others loving support; *We pray to the Lord.*

For those doubting their own worth, may they find lasting reassurance, in the truth for God's love for them; *We pray to the Lord.*

For those longing for a child of their own, may they find comfort in the reassurance of God's loving plan; *We pray to the Lord.*

For parents placing their children for adoption, may they encounter the outstretched hands of our Fathers love through our words and actions; *We pray to the Lord.*

For the criminal justice system; may it be rooted in mercy and healing that affirms the sacredness of each person's life; *We pray to the Lord.*

For those diagnosed with a terminal illness; may each hour of their lives be cherished with care that honors God's gift of life; *We pray to the Lord.*

May the Lord soften our hearts with compassion, that we may treat each person with the respect that affirms the gift of his or her life; *We pray to the Lord.*

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Knight of the Month January 2019 Deputy Grand Knight Arnel Nablo (right) with Grand Knight, Henry Testa (left) presenting the award certificate. See more on page 9

SAVE THE DATES

Retreat at St. Paul of the Cross
Weekend of March 22-24

DON'T FORGET

Business Meetings for
February 6 & March 6
will be located at the
American Legion
Farmington, MI

Grand Knight's Report (cont'd)

This past January 18th, the March for Life happened in Washington DC. We, as a council, did a Novena for Life with the help of the United States Conference of Bishops, to take the time to pray for the respect of life in all forms. We know that our Christian identity calls us to divine intimacy and true communion with God and closeness in him through daily prayer, along with the reading of scriptures and participation in the sacraments.

Being a disciple of Christ includes sharing the Gospel with others and inviting others to a deeper relationship with God. When we live in union with God, we are open to his prompting and able to see the opportunities to witness his guidance in responding to these opportunities.

How can we as Knights, continue to open our eyes to the culture we live amongst and help create a culture of life? Today, society is trying desperately to promote abortion, assisted suicide, and a general disregard for life. Society is promoting a culture of death.

How can we as Knights do small things with great impact to help create or improve a culture of life? We have within our own Faith and Action initiatives to affect the awareness for life. One of our brothers and his wife support a prison ministry. Several of our brothers pray the Rosary at abortion clinics. Several of our brothers support the Alhambra and the intellectually impaired. Some of our Brothers and their families attended the March for Life (Mike Kramp and Tim Dorweiler), These are just a few examples of some of the way the St Francis Council support a culture a life!

In a world in which the most vulnerable are so often overlooked and disregarded, Christ calls us to embrace and uphold the unconditional dignity of every human life. In doing so, we help build a new culture of life, the fruit of the culture of truth and of love. (Evangelium vitae '77)

A recap of the topics that the Novena that our council shared is as follows:

Day 1 – Culture of Life. Day 2 – Respect for those with Intellectual Abilities. Day 3 – Prayers for those who experienced sexual abuse. Day 4 – Prayer for those who considered and followed thru with adoption. Day 5 – Prayer for those who suffered a loss of child thru abortion. Day 6 – Prayers for the victims of human trafficking. Day 7- Prayer for those hoping to conceive or adopt a child. Day 8 – Prayer for those nearing the end of their natural life, that they may receive medical care that respects their dignity and protects their lives. Day 9 – Prayer for the legal protection for unborn children.

Participating in the Novena was an eye opening experience. The greatest compliment that was shared with me was from a few the wives of our Knights, as many of you, thankfully, were able to share this experience with your families.

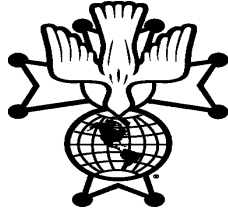
I am happy to report that St. Francis Council is 100% to plan for our Faith and Action program.

We will be having a first degree on Feb 20th. I encourage you to do your best to tell our story to someone you believe would help us continue the growth of St. Francis Council.

Yours in Christ,

Henry T

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4th DEGREE NEWS

St. Francis of Assisi Assembly #2136

www.mikofc2136.org

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Faithful Navigator: Gary Mallia, PGK

My Brother Knights,

Vivat Jesus!

On January 16th, the Senate passed a resolution saying it would be "unconstitutional" to consider membership in the Knights of Columbus a disqualifying criteria for public office. The resolution passed by unanimous consent, meaning it went unopposed by senators of either party.

The resolution was drafted and introduced by Sen. Ben Sasse (R-NE) in response to [recent questions](#) put to a judicial nominee, which suggested membership in the Knights could prevent someone serving impartially as a judge. Citing the protection of religious liberty in the Constitution, the resolution noted that past candidates, including President John F. Kennedy, had suffered from "significant anti Catholic bigotry."

"It is the sense of the Senate that disqualifying a nominee to Federal office on the basis of membership in the Knights of Columbus violates clause 3 of article VI of the Constitution of the United States," the resolution states. Article VI includes the provision that "no religious test shall ever be required as qualification to any office or public trust under the United States."

On Dec. 5, Senators Mazie Hirono (D-HI) and Kamala Harris (D-CA) raised concerns about membership in the Knights of Columbus while the Senate Judiciary Committee reviewed the candidacy of Brian C. Buescher, an Omaha-based lawyer nominated by President Trump to sit on the United States District Court for the District of Nebraska. In her questions to Buescher, Hirono said that the Knights have "taken a number of extreme positions." Harris used her questions to label the organization as "opposed a woman's right to choose" and against "marriage equality," and suggested that Buescher could be unable to give a fair hearing to cases on these issues. (source: Catholic New Agency)

It is sad that in this day and age, we must face the fact that we, as Catholics are under attack due to our beliefs. Our Lord knew of these attacks and prepared us in the Gospel of John. In Chapter 15 verses 18-19, our Lord said:

"If the world hates you, realize that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, the world would love its own; But because you do not belong to the world, and I have chosen you out of the world, the world hates you."

We as Knights must boldly proclaim our love of Jesus and His Church to the world! We must be ready for the persecution that lies ahead of us and boldly and lovingly proclaim that Jesus is ... *"the way, the truth and the light!"*

We must be the strong right arm of the Church and stand with her protecting her and following her, whatever the cost.

These are the promises of all Knights! This is the duty of all who are "practical Catholics!"

On March 2nd, there will be a 4th Degree Exemplification held and DiCarlo's Banquet Center in Warren. There are only two 4th Degree Exemplifications held in this area each year. I encourage all my 3rd Degree Brother Knights to join with us and fulfill your duty as Knights to study the lessons of Patriotism. Join us as a 4th Degree Knight so that you may *"Put on the armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the devil. (Ephesians 6:11) For more information on becoming a 4th Degree Member, please contact SK Gary Mallia, PGK at gmallia@yahoo.com*

God Bless!

Calendar of Events

St. Francis Council #4401

February 2019

- 2 **Rosary for Life**—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield
- 6 **KofC Business Meeting**-NOTE LOCATION AT THE AMERICAN LEGION 7:30 p.m.
- 9 **Rosary for Life**—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield
SOS Host Week, Saturday Evening Dinner at OLS-Sponsored by KofC 5:00 p.m.
- 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
First Degree Exemplification-prior to meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 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
Fourth Degree Exemplification-DiCarlo's Banquet Center, Warren, MI
- 6 **ASH WEDNESDAY-Lent Begins**
KofC Business Meeting-NOTE LOCATION AT THE AMERICAN LEGION 7:30 p.m.
- 9 **Rosary for Life**—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield
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- 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
1st Degree Exemplification PRIOR TO MEETING 6:30 p.m.
- 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

April 2019

- 3 **KofC Business Meeting**-after Rosary in OLS Church Basement-North 7:30 p.m.
- 5 **OLS & KofC Fish Fry**-School Cafeteria 4:00 p.m.
- 6 **Rosary for Life**—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield
- 10 **KofC 4th Degree Assembly Business meeting** in OLS Church Basement-North 7:30 p.m.
- 12 **OLS & KofC Fish Fry**-School Cafeteria 4:00 p.m.
- 13 **Rosary for Life**—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield
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- 20 **Rosary for Life**—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield
- 21 **Easter Sunday-Resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ Celebration**
- 27 **Rosary for Life**—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield

Monthly Prayer Intentions:*The Sick:*

Steve Baker Tranquilino Bonet Laura Boucher Jennifer Boyle Dolores Bozzi Eileen Bridenstine Amanda Cavanaugh Ken Chiara Jackie Clutter Martin Clutter Bill Conroy Robert Conroy Eva Demotto Bill Dick Wendy Distealeath	Rosemary Dwyer Teresa Dwyer Ed Dyman Josephine Evangelista Beverly Friel Stanley Gromala Kate Kelly Sharmella Kerbawy	Ellen McCarthy Jim McDonald Ann McGowan Betty Micctic Frances Nablo Sally Nablo Mary Naylor Mary Olowski Genevieve Ostrowski Evia Pedidis Nancy Plocinik Bill Power Mel Redmond	Carl Rubo Joe Ricci Sue Siemiesz Ed Skop Lee Stewart Ed & Kay Waldecker Tom Wilkins
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The Departed:

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

Rev. Fr. & SK Mark Brauer Parents of Alfie Evans Holiness of Priests The Priests and Victims of sexual abuse The Unborn	Frances Nablo James Plocinik Susan Giller Sue Siemiesz Adrienne Martz Richard Wroblewski	Grieving Families All who have no one to pray for them For our President 50th Anniversary of James and Patricia Dick Health of Barbara Lemay Fr. Paul Graney & Family The Homeless All poor sinners For neighbors The Bush Family
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SCARLET'S HUGS & KISSES

February 9th, 2019

- 7:00 pm – 12:00 am -



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Knights of Columbus Spiritual Retreat

Friday, March 22nd – Sunday March 24th

St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center Ken Chiara
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!**

Our lives today are continually bombarded with challenges and temptations that can lead us away from living lives of joy. Our faith invites us to "open our hearts to be touched by Jesus" and to rejoice in the knowledge that we have been given an Advocate who will be with us always.

The prophet Zephaniah reminds us: "God...will rejoice over you with gladness...He will renew you in his love."

This retreat experience is designed to help us rediscover the intimate call of God to each one of us to grow in holiness and live in JOY!

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 gmallia@yahoo.com 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 date: March 22nd, 2019

You can send your check to:
calling:

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Detroit, MI 48223

-OR-

You can pay by credit card by

(313) 535-9563

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

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- 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.

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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



Pro Life March in Washington D.C. JAN2019

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 stfrancis4401@gmail.com. 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.

**BIRTHDAYS**

ARNEL	NABLO	02-02
STEVEN	MURPHY	02-03
RINALDO	MAFFEZZOLI	02-04
GILBERT	ACOSTA	02-06
WALTER	LEONARD	02-08
ANTHONY	ANGE- LOSANTO	02-08
BENJAMIN	DI PONIO	02-08
WILLIAM	PAIR	02-09
THADDEUS	PODSIADLY	02-09
TIMOTHY	WAHMHOF	02-09
CHARLES	ARCHAMBEAU	02-12
MATT	SURELLA	02-12
RANDY	MAGEE	02-15
DANIEL	WOOD	02-17
DAVID	BRISH	02-17
ROMAN	BELOBRADICH JR	02-19
WILLIAM	DINNAN III	02-20
RUSSELL	WALDECKER	02-21
CLINT	GUEVARRA	02-22
KIRK	WINDISCH	02-25
DAVID	GAWLOWSKI	02-27

ANNIVERSARIES

	GERARD	HAYDEN	66
	RONALD	PIPER	40
	HUGH	HOLZKNECHT	40
	PAUL	HOLDEN	39
	EDWARD	WALDECKER	34
	DON	GOULD	33
	DONALD	COUTURIER	30
REV	JOHN	GIROUX	29
	THADDEUS	PODSIADLY	19
	DANIEL	LEMAY	14
	EMIL	BENOIT	13
REV	JAVIER	HOYOS HUAMAN	11
REV	GREGORY	TOKARSKI	11
	CHRISTO- PHER	CULLEN	9
	KIRK	WINDISCH	9
	GREGORY	COLLINS	8
	SCOTT	TERZICH	6
	KENNETH	CHIARA	6
	JEFFREY	BARRON	5
	MICHAEL	DEEGAN	5
	PAUL	FLANAGAN	5
	EDWARD	CAUGHELL	5
	DAN	MEYERS	5
	KLINT	KESTO	5
	WILLIAM	MC CLURE II	4
	RON	STROPOLI	3
	EUGENE	GRABINSKI	3
	BOB	LAFONTAINE	3
	IMOKHAI	SULE JR	2
	DAVID	BRISH	2
	TOMS	MATHEW	1
	JOSEPH	POWER	1

Aaron Dick (left)
receives the Family
of the Month
Award for January
2019 from Grand
Knight Henry Testa
(right)

**Knight of the Month****January 2019****Arnel Nablo****Families of the Month**

**Alan Redmond, wife Colleen, children
Hannah & Michael, December 2018**

&

**Aaron Dick, wife Missey, daughter
Meaghan, January 2019**

**Knights of the Month
December 2018
Alan Redmond &
Tom Peglar**



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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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