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Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights – Vivat Jesus

During the recent Gospels, on the 5th Sunday of ordinary time, Jesus told Peter “Do not be afraid, from now on you will be catching men”. We were also challenged to go deep while casting our nets and that has a lot of different meanings for each of us. Allowing Jesus in our boats and accepting Jesus’s challenge to really commit to him by letting him into our lives to let go of what might be really holding us back is a difficult challenge to accept.

On the 6th Sunday of ordinary time, the prophet Jeremiah 17:5-8, stated “Blessed in the one who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is the Lord. He is like a tree planted besides the waters that stretches its roots to the stream, it fears not the heat when it comes; its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit.

We have many challenges as a nation. We have many challenges as a community. We have many challenges as families. We have many challenges as a church.

However, we have someone who is with us every moment of everyday, who knows our next thought and move before we do and loves us unconditionally. In lieu of all the challenges we face, we have the greatest gift of all, and that is the unconditional love of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Brother Knights, “Be not afraid”.

Trust in the Lord is easier said than done. We as men, like to be in control and love to fix things. There are somethings in life we cannot control and fix. Knowing that God is with us all the time, we can always fall back on trusting in him in all situations. Many people who are in addiction programs work thru step 3 which is “made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understand him”.
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SAVE THE DATES

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

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DON'T FORGET

Business Meeting
March 6 will be located
at the American Legion
Farmington, MI

Grand Knight's Report (cont'd)

The last fiscal year, this council worked hard achieving all its goals, including 19 new members and the Columbian award. This fiscal year, our council is the benchmark council within the district, with 10 new members thus far, as we are 60% to our membership quota of 19 new Knights. I want to extend my gratitude and appreciation to Sir Knight George Curran and all of you who have assisted in recruiting new members this year, as you are the fishers of men. Since 2010, George Curran has personally recruited over 90 men in our council, and if we could give the St. Peter award, George would be our fishing charter captain and the king fisher of Knights recruitment. On February 20th; Albert Agby, Ryan Blaise and Vincent Szczerawski completed their first degree's and are now a part of St Francis Council.

I want to also thank Chris Parnin for the excellent job that he and all the Knights who helped on the Feb 9th SOS Shelter meal hosted by our council.

I also want to extend our gratitude and appreciation to Dr. Michael Kenney for his discussion that he shared with the 45 members who were at February's meeting about abortion. Dr. Kenney is the co-executive producer of a soon to be released movie about the Abby Johnson and her time at planned parenthood called "Unplanned". I will be asking the trustees to figure out a way for the Knights to sponsor a grand opening to support a local Right to Life contribution. Dr. Kenney will hold a presentation on Thursday March 7th at Our Lady of Good Council which will include a preview of the movie. The goal is to have an across the nation release on Friday March 29th. Please keep the makers of this movie in your prayers as this nation continues to understand the true effects of this genocide called abortion. Keep praying that Roe vs. Wade is overturned soon.

Our Council will be conducting our 3rd and 4th Fish Fry's on April 5th and 12th. We will hold recruitment during these events. The charity of our time, our unity of working together and our fraternity will all be on display as we cook and serve approximately 1000 meals per evening.

As we approach Lent, it is time for us to commit ourselves to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Tom Kyle will share some important information at our March 6th meeting which will be held at the American Legion that can help us make this the best Lenten preparation ever.

Yours in Christ,

Henry T

GK 4401

ATTENTION- All 1st Degree Knights

On **Thursday May 16th**; we will hold a mini-degree where you can get your formation (2nd) and knighthood (3rd) degree.

The location is OLS Church Hall North. The schedule is:

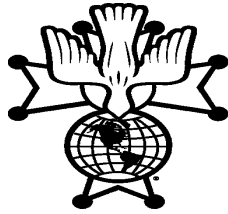
6:00 – 6:20 PM Check in.

6:15 – 6:50 PM Light meal served

7:00 -7:45 Formation Degree

7:45 to 8:30 Knighthood Degree

For members of St. Francis Council, the cost will be covered by St. Francis Council. All others, a fee of \$22 each is required to cover the cost of the degree team and meal.



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!

I am often asked what's the difference between being a 3rd Degree Knight and a 4th Degree Knight? After all, "Why should I consider getting involved in another meeting or group when there's enough going on in my Council?" Both of these questions can be answered by asking yourself:

"How much do you love your Country and how much do you love being a Catholic Citizen of your Country?"

For me, completing the journey of Knighthood in the Fourth Degree meant taking my Knighthood to the next level! I wanted to learn all the lessons that the Knights of Columbus offered to Catholic men in order to see how I could become a better Catholic disciple, husband, father, brother, and citizen.

It meant taking on the duties to stand up for our faith and for our Church!

As we hear from our Lord in Matthew 5:14-16

You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.

To be a Fourth Degree Knight means that you're ready to show the world that you are more than just a man doing good deeds and going to Church every week. While these are both great things, we are called as disciples of Jesus to be a light to the world and shine before others!

For some Fourth Degree brothers, they live their discipleship by taking on the duties of the Honor Guard. Whether it be in more private settings such as masses, funerals, and weddings, or out in the public such as parades, sporting events, Eucharistic processions, or pro-life functions, those who take on the duties of Honor Guard proudly proclaim to the world that:

I am a proud Catholic!

I am a proud Citizen!

I am a proud 4th Degree Knight!

To all my brother Sir Knights that continue to faithfully discharge the duties of our Honor Guard, I thank you, and I salute you!

I also extend my deepest thanks to Sir Knights Paul Toth and Greg Martin for taking their Knighthood to this level and joining our Assembly Honor Guard!

Finally, I wish to acknowledge and congratulate the following brother Knights who were exemplified into the Fourth Degree of the Order on March 2nd, 2019. Welcome Sir Knights!

Jerry Hayden – St. Francis Council 4401

Thomas Herc – Holy Family Council 11811

Dean Nowicki – St. Fabian Council 13362

Jim Zanoni – St Fabian Council 13362

Calendar of Events

St. Francis Council #4401

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
- 13 KofC 4th Degree Assembly Business meeting** in OLS Church Hall-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 Hall 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
- 30 Rosary for Life**—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield

April 2019

- 3 KofC Business Meeting**-after Rosary in OLS Church Hall-North 7:30 p.m.
- 4 Respect Life Dinner**-6:00p.m. Burton Manor, Livonia
- 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 Hall-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
- 17 KofC Officers Meeting** 7:30 p.m. OLS Church Hall óNorth
- 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

May 2019

- 1 KofC Business Meeting**-after Rosary in OLS Church Hall-North 7:30 p.m.
- 4 Rosary for Life**—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield
- 8 KofC 4th Degree Assembly Business meeting** in OLS Church Hall-North 7:30 p.m.
- 11 Rosary for Life**—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield
- 15 KofC Officers Meeting** 7:30 p.m. OLS Church Hall óNorth
- 16 2nd & 3rd Mini-Degree Exemplification**-6:00 p.m. OLS Church Hall North
- 18 Rosary for Life**—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield
- 25 Rosary for Life**—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield
- 27 Memorial Day Parade** -9:00 am Mooney & Grand River to downtown Farmington

Monthly Prayer Intentions:

The Sick:

Steve Baker Dennis Blumke Tranquilino Bonet Laura Boucher Jennifer Boyle Dolorese Bozzi Eileen & Don 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 Bill McKeever Frances Nablo Sally Nablo Mary Naylor Mary Olowski Genevieve Ostrowski Evia Pedidis Nancy Plocinik Bill Power Joe 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 Urban 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 Renee Dudek	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
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MOTION TO DONATE \$1000 to the Corner Shower Project

St. Francis Council agreed to a motion to donate \$1000 to the Corner Shower project that is helping the less fortunate in a very impoverished area of Detroit to get cleaned up and get a set of fresh clean clothes while they eat their meal at the Mana Meal center located in the basement of St. Peters Church in the Corktown area of the city. This writing serves as the official notice of the intent of the council. A vote to approve the motion will occur at the March 6th meeting.

Officer Responsibilities

In April, we will hold nominations for the officers of this council. If you are interested in running for a position, let it be known during the May nominations process.

Grand Knight. The GK is responsible for the welfare of the council. He presides over the council meeting and acts as a member of all committees, appoints membership and program directors, insure all reports are submitted to the state and Supreme Council.

Deputy Grand Knight. The DGK is second in command. He assists the GK with council affairs and fulfills all duties assigned to him by the GK. Should a GK be absent from a council meeting, the DGK will preside. He will set the agenda for the officers meeting.

Chancellor. The chancellor primary goal is to assist the GK and DGK in the execution of their duties in both their absences. The chancellor shall start and end the council and officer meetings in prayer, either from script or written by themselves.

Recorder. The recorder is similar to a court recorder or secretary. He is responsible for maintaining a true record of all actions of the council thru the council minutes. He is also responsible to provide minutes for review prior to each council meeting.

Treasurer. The treasurer is responsible for the safe keeping and maintaining records of all council funds and accounts. He is responsible for depositing money into the council's accounts and provides certificate of such monies to the GK

Financial Secretary. The FS is **appointed** by the Supreme Knight upon recommendations of the council. He maintains all financial and membership records. He collects and receives all moneys from all sources, including dues from member.

Lecturer. The lecturer is **appointed** by the GK to provide educational and educational programs to the council.

Advocate. The advocate is the legal representative of the council and serves as the council's attorney at trials and investigations of any interest to the council.

Warden. The warden is the watchdog of the council property and degree paraphernalia, except the property of the FS., treasurer and recorder. He is responsible for setting up the council chambers for meetings and ceremonial work. The warden will supervise the guards.

Inside and Outside Guards. The guards have similar responsibilities primarily admitting visitors and checking credentials.

Board of Trustee's. There are 3 members elected by the council who oversee the work of the FS , secretary and treasurer. They propose and maintain the council budget and review all vouchers for accuracy.

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:

St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center
23333 Schoolcraft Road
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 the retreat weekend Men's Weekend # 24 Friday, March 22nd, 2019 is selected

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.

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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



Shelter Week Dinner provided by KofC FEB 2019

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



JOSEPH	GROMALA	03-03
JOHN	HOPKINS JR	03-03
EMIL	BENOIT	03-05
DANIEL	LEMAY	03-06
ROBERT	SWINGER	03-09
MEL	GRIESHABER	03-10
JEFFREY	BARRON	03-10
MICHAEL	EVANGELISTA	03-12
REGINALD	KAKOS	03-12
PATRICK	BRENNAN	03-13
MICHAEL	KUSINA	03-13
PAUL	LIGENZA	03-16
JOSEPH	SMITH	03-19
KEVIN	HAMMER	03-19
JOSEPH	RICCI	03-21
MICHAEL	KANDAH	03-23
JAMES	MC LAUGHLIN	03-25
CARL	CADIEUX	03-25
JOHN	VLEKO	03-27
PAUL	BEDARD	03-31
ARTURO	KLISOWSKI	03-31

ANNIVERSARIES

J	SCHADEN	56
LEON	SERDYNski	53
ANTHONY	ANGELOSANTO	50
RUSSELL	JAGER	36
PATRICK	BRENNAN	35
ROBERT	COLLINS	32
WILLIAM	MC KEEVER	32
SCOTT	TEFFT JR	30
MEL	GRIESHABER	29
NORMAN	PRANGER	29
JEREMY	CAMPBELL	3
VICTOR	FERRINI	5
PAUL	FERRINI	5
MICHAEL	GARRY	7
DANIEL	PROGAR	13
MICHAEL	KANDAH	1
EDWARD	SMITH	1
INOCENCIO	CUESTA	5
MICHAEL	EVANGELISTA	1
NEIL	KOWALIK	1
BALASUNDER	DODDA	1
MATTHEW	KIPF	1

Chris Parnin, chairman of the SOS /OLS shelter week KofC sponsored dinner, inspects the serving station prior to shelter guests arriving for dinner.



Knights of the Month

February 2019

Alex Franz

Michael Evangelista

**50/50 winner
Alex Franz**

**The Kramp's
February 2019
Family of the Month**



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Who are the knights?

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization with 1.9 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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