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## Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights – Vivat Jesus

As we embrace the season of Pentecost we are reminded that Jesus spent a lot of time preparing his disciples to share the good news of God's unconditional love to all. Through the Acts of the Apostles, we learn how difficult the uphill battle that the Apostles faced and still put the foundation of Christianity forward when the same Sadducees and Pharisees challenged them every step of the way.

Do the obstacles that the Apostles struggled with, apply in our lives 2000 years later? Are there anti-Catholic situations or attitudes that we are faced with today? Are we, as Catholic men prepared to challenge those who are against God? Do we remember the 21 Coptic Catholics that were beheaded as they refused to deny Christ in February 2015?

St. Francis Council did a tremendous job executing our first year Faith & Action plan. The recent Baby Bottle drive that Dominic Nieto and Tom Herrmann co-chaired brought over **\$8,000** to Another Way Pregnancy Center. It's been a banner year in terms of the awareness of the Dignity of Life, especially pertaining to the unborn. I believe this nation wants to see positive changes to change Roe v. Wade. Each one of us has an important role driving this change.

We are thankful to be involved with Our Lady of Sorrows Parish and School. Faith in Action is about helping families to be strong. It is about helping fathers lead and become strong and deep in their daily commitment to always follow in the footsteps of Christ.

Let us make each of us be better Knights, Catholics, fathers and husbands thru our interactions with each other in meetings or on projects.

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## SAVE THE DATE

**Corn Roast Picnic  
August 4 Rotary Park,  
Livonia**

## DON'T FORGET

14JUN-Flag Retirement,  
American Legion  
19JUN-1st degree exemption 630 pm CHN  
30JUN-Corporate Communion 1PM Mass OLS

## Grand Knight's Report (cont'd)

I want to congratulate the following Knights who completed their journey into Knighthood on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Michael Evangelista, Michael Kandah, Mark Rychlinski and David Oblender received their Formation and Knighthood degrees along with 12 other first-degree Knights in the area.

I am very happy for our new officers for FY2020. Jim Filbert is the new Deputy Grand Knight; Alex Franz is the new Chancellor and Anand Thakur is the new Warden. The importance of a youthful leadership team in the council is integral to the future of not only St. Francis Council, as well as Our Lady of Sorrows Church. Mike Evangelista was elected as a new trustee and Pat Dywer is the new recording secretary.

Thanks, and appreciation to Tom Kyle for his hard work and preparation for the Lecture series as well as Rinaldo Maffezzoli for his June 5th presentation on St. Joseph.

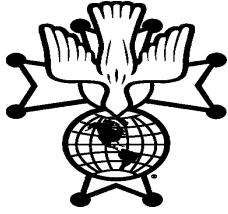
Happy Fathers Day to All!

Yours in Christ,  
SK Henry G. Testa  
Servant

(ALSO PLEASE NOTE THERE IS **NO COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING IN JULY**)



Farmington  
Memorial Day Parade 2019 , Color Corp escorts the Knights up Grand River Ave.



## 4th DEGREE NEWS

### St. Francis of Assisi Assembly #2136

[www.mikofc2136.org](http://www.mikofc2136.org)

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish

Faithful Navigator: Gary Mallia, PGK



Jim Nitkiewicz, Faithful Purser and owner/driver of the '68 Pontiac (below) is pictured left of Gary Mallia, Faithful Navigator post parade march at the American Legion Hall.



Knights participate in the annual Farmington Memorial Day Parade presenting the large United States Flag honoring American Veterans.



## **Calendar of Events**

### **St. Francis Council #4401**

#### **June 2019**

- 1 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield**
- 5 KofC Business Meeting—after Rosary in OLS Church Hall-North 7:30 p.m.**
- 8 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield**
- 12 KofC 4th Degree Assembly Business meeting in OLS Church Hall-North 7:30 p.m.**
- 14 Flag Day - Flag retirement ceremony 6:00 p.m. American Legion, Farmington**
- 15 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield**
- 19 KofC Officers Meeting - 1st Degree Exemplification 6:30 p.m. OLS Church Hall óNorth**
- 22 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield**
- 29 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield**
- 30 Corporate Communion Mass—1:00 p.m. OLS Church**

#### **July 2019**

- 3 CANCELLED KofC Business Meeting OLS Church Hall-North 7:30 p.m.**
- 4 Independence Day**
- 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.**
- 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**
- 27 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield**

#### **August 2019**

- 3 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield**
- 4 Corn Roast Picnic-11:00 a.m. Rotary Park, Livonia**
- 7 KofC Business Meeting—after Rosary in OLS Church Hall-North 7:30 p.m.**
- 10 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield**
- 14 KofC 4th Degree Assembly Business meeting in OLS Church Hall-North 7:30 p.m.**
- 17 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield**
- 21 KofC Officers Meeting 7:30 p.m. OLS Church Hall óNorth**
- 24 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield**
- 31 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield**

**Monthly Prayer Intentions:***The Sick:*

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

SK Fred Arganoza PGK Eleanor Bernock Justin Beutal Brian Birkett SK Don Paul Bridenstine 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 Jim Jones Tom Kerbawy Jimmy LaLome Bob Ludwig Rich Kaczmarek Edward Mangold Marjorie Mangold Joanne McElmer Howard McKenna Mary McKenna	SK Don & Connie McKeever Frank Mellert Edward Muczynski Arturo Nablo Sr Fr. O' Dea Joe Phillips PGK Bob Pigula Priscilla Redmond Gare Reid SK John Ricco Edward Philip Rinckey Jerri Serdynski	Sheryl Borgelt Chuck Taunt SK James Telinda, Margaret Tippet Charles Tuffley Bill Urban Barb Urbain Bryan Urben Pat Wilkins 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 abuse The Unborn Eileen Bridenstine	James Plocinik  Susan Giller  Adrienne Martz  Richard Wroblewski  James Plocinik	Grieving Families All who have no one to pray for them Rebecca Padin Fr. Paul Graney & Family The Homeless All poor sinners For neighbors All RCIA candidates End of Abortion <b>FOR <u>ALL FATHERS</u> PAST &amp; PRESENT-</b> Happy Father's Day
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Career Opportunity:

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a Field Agent for a career opportunity representing our Insurance & Fraternal Benefits Program. No prior experience is needed, as all training and licensing is provided. We offer a complete benefits package & professional level income opportunity with this full-time position.

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**Inside Guard** Mark Rychlinksi

**Deputy Grand Knight** Jim Filbert

**Warden** Anand Thakur

**Treasurer** Joe Gromola

**1 Year Trustee** Joe Hejka

**3 Year Trustee** Bob Plocinik

**Outside Guard** David Trumpy

**Inside Guard** Mike Mitchell

***Blessed Are Dads Who Are Poor In Spirit***

Seek to be a father after THE Father's own heart. Being a dad is on-the-job training. No one has it figured out. Don't pretend you do. Go to God every day. Ask him to teach you to be the husband and father he wants you to be; the husband and father your wife and children need you to be.

***Blessed Are The Dads Who Mourn***

Be not afraid of feelings. Empathize with your family's tears, fears, and struggles. In scripture, "mourning" doesn't mean "be sad" so much as it means "cultivate a compassionate heart." It is not your job to fix or feel judged by your wife or kids' feelings. It is your job to be present to your wife and kids, to understand why they feel as they do, to show that you care, and to help them work through their feelings in godly ways

***Blessed Are The Dads Who Are Meek***

Meekness isn't weakness. Cultivate the humble strength of a listening heart. In biblical Greek, the word for "meek" is "prauss", it was an adjective used to describe a war horse that is not easily spooked in battle and responds readily to its rider's commands. A real leader *listens* first. The father who is authentically meek is not afraid to listen to God and to attend to the needs his wife and children bring to him especially when doing so requires him to grow, change, or learn new skills.

***Blessed Are The Dads Who Hunger And Thirst For Righteousness***

Awesome Dads are on a Mission from God. Live for Him. Lead your family To Him. Research shows that when dads model discipleship in their lives and relationship and take the lead in prayer, faith formation, and character training in the home, kids are exponentially more likely to live your faith and values as adults. Be the father that leads your family to THE father.

***Blessed Are The Dads Who Are Merciful***

Be a loving mentor in your home. Don't break hearts. Mold them. Don't be "The Punisher." Be a mentor and teacher. Treat your children with respect. Don't just yell or impose harsh consequences when they mess up. Instead, teach them how to meet their needs and express themselves in good and godly ways. Put more energy into encouraging, teaching and supporting good behavior than in punishing bad.

***Blessed Are the Dads Who Are Pure in Heart***

Cherish the treasure of your wife and children. Protect their dignity. Affirm their worth. Pope St. John Paul the Great taught that the opposite of love is use. Love makes people more people-y. Use makes people into things or tools. Don't treat your wife or kids as the "things" that exist to make YOUR life easier. Set the standard for loving service in your home.

***Blessed Are the Dads Who Are Peacemakers***

Keep your house in order. Prioritize your family. Protect the heart of your home. St. Augustine said, "Peace is the tranquility of right order." Be the hands-on dad that makes sure your household is characterized by respect, generosity, mutual service, and orderliness.

***Blessed Are the Dads Who Are Persecuted for the Sake Of Righteousness***

The world will try to undermine your effort to be an awesome dad. Be one anyway. When your friends, family-of-origin, co-workers, or employers try to make you sacrifice what's best for your family for what they want, choose your family and know God the Father will honor your sacrifice.

This month, it is my prayer that every Catholic man would let the example of our patron, St Joseph, teach us to be fathers after The Father's own heart.

## ***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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### **Fathers Day Prayer**

St. Joseph, guardian of Jesus and chaste husband of Mary, you passed your life in loving fulfillment of duty. You supported the holy family of Nazareth with the work of your hands. Kindly protect those who trustingly come to you. You know their aspirations, their hardships, their hopes. They look to you because they know you will understand and protect them. You too knew trial, labor and weariness. But amid the worries of material life your soul was full of deep peace and sang out in true joy through intimacy with God's Son entrusted to you and with Mary, his tender Mother. Assure those you protect that they do not labor alone. Teach them to find Jesus near them and to watch over him faithfully as you have done. 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 contact Randy D'Amore 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](mailto:stfrancis4401@gmail.com). Our Council makes no money from the sale of the shirts. The cost is what we pay to the supplier, who is an Our Lady of Sorrows Parishioner.

**B I R T H -**

LEON	NOEL	06-01-
ROBERT	PLOCINIK	06-03-
NORMAN	PETERS	06-04-
MICHAEL	VON ENDE	06-06-
TERRY	LOBSINGER	06-06-
CHRISTOPHER	PARNIN	06-06-
DONALD	ZALEK	06-07-
JOSEPH	WING	06-07-
JAMES	GRESEHOVER	06-13-
THOMAS	ROCKWELL	06-14-
MARK	DUMONT	06-14-
DONALD	SLUSSER	06-14-
ANTONIO	STEPHEN	06-16-
JOHN	FLECK	06-17-
JOHN	URIBE	06-17-
MARC	WILKINS	06-18-
TERRY	HIRSCH	06-19-
WILLIAM	MC CLURE	06-19-
STEPHEN	HARRIS	06-21-
SCOTT	TERZICH	06-22-
JAMES	JEAN	06-22-
PAUL	FERRINI	06-23
JOHN	GIROUX	06-26-
MARK	BRAUER	06-28-
DANIEL	DE RYCKERE	06-30-

JOHN	FLECK	58
FRANK	BERNOCK JR	55
LAWRENCE	CURCIO	37
DAVID	ANDREE	34
BRUCE	SUPPELSA	29
MAURICE	HAEZE-BROUCK	61
KEVIN	DE VORE	13
MICHAEL	KELLY	5
RYAN	BURKHARDT	3
MICHAEL	JACK	5
JOSEPH	WING	16
EDWARD	WALDECKER JR	16
REGINALD	KAKOS	4
JOSEPH	RICCI	10
CHRISTOPHER	BATTERSBY	1
ANGELO	DI PONIO	3
ALEXANDER	TESTA	4
MICHAEL	KUSINA	1

**Knights of the Month**

**Tom Herrmann &  
Dominic Nieto**

**Family of the Month  
The Roebeck Family**

**NO COUNCIL BUSINESS  
MEETING IN JULY**



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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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