

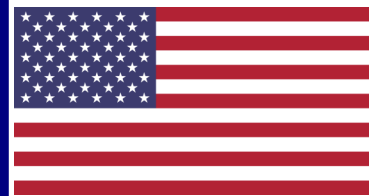


# The Counselor

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## Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights – Vivat Jesus

Earlier in June, a Senate hearing for a nomination to a federal court, the nominee being Peter J Phipps who was asked if he was ever involved with an organization of a fish fry? This confirms the anti-Catholicism of some of the Senators. These politicians see the Catholic faith as being “extreme” because it upholds the teachings of Jesus Christ on marriage and the sanctity of human life.

As we consider current threats to religious freedom, we should remember that the Knights of Columbus was established at a time of great anti-Catholic sentiment in America. Father Michael McGivney founded our Order in 1882 to provide a safe haven for Catholic men to grow in charity, unity and fraternity toward one another and their neighbors, and to help families cope with the death of a breadwinner. Our Order continues its vigorous defense of religious freedom in many ways in the United States and around the world. Here are some suggested steps you can take to support religious liberty:

Sign up for action alerts at the USCCB Action Center and find out how you can engage government officials and advocate for religious liberty!

1. Call your members of Congress. The U.S. Capitol switchboard number is 202-224-3121, to call your Representative's and Senators' local offices. Additional contact info can be found at [house.gov](http://house.gov), and [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov).

2. To stay up to date on current religious freedom issues, sign up for text messages from the USCCB. Just text the word “FREEDOM” to 84576.

Pray for those who oppose Religious Freedom for a change of conscience and heart.

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### SAVE THE DATE

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

**NEXT BUSINESS  
MEETING AUG 7  
HAVE A BLESSED  
SUMMER**

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

As we prepare for our 243<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of Independence Day, let us pray:

*Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.  
Psalms 33: 12.*

Eternal God stir our minds and stimulate our hearts with a high sense of patriotism on this Fourth of July. May all that this day symbolizes renew our faith in freedom, our devotion to democracy, and redouble our efforts to keep a government of the people, by the people, and for the people truly alive in our world. Grant that we may highly resolve on this great day to dedicate ourselves anew to the task of ushering in an era when good will shall live in the hearts of a free people, justice shall be the light to guide their feet, and peace shall be the goal of humankind: to the glory of your holy name and the good of our Nation and of all mankind. Amen.

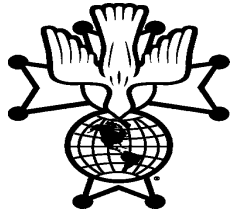
We welcome our 2 newest First Degree Knights who joined our Council on Wednesday June 19<sup>th</sup>. Pablo Martinez and Joseph Rezak are now members of St. Francis Council. **The next business meeting is Wednesday August 7<sup>th</sup>.** We will have our annual corn roast on Sunday August 4<sup>th</sup>. All families are welcome.

Yours in Christ,  
SK Henry G. Testa  
Servant

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



PICTURED ABOVE GRAND KNIGHT HENRY TESTA ON GRAND RIVER AVE. FARMINGTON MEMORIAL DAY PARADE 2019 WEARING THE NOW RETIRED 4TH DEGREE COLOR CORP REGALIA



## 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

On Sunday, June 30th, St Francis of Assisi #2136 celebrated a Corporate Communion at Our Lady of Sorrows parish with approximately 30 Sir Knights, and Ladies present. We also had 8 of our Color Corp fallout for a final ceremony before the retirement of the Regalia. For some, this was their last assignment as Color Corp, retiring after that day. For others, they will continue on, having purchased the uniform, but wearing the Regalia one last time in a show of solidarity and respect for their fellow corpsman.

While this occasion may have been a day of sadness for some, for me as Faithful Navigator, it was a day of gratitude! Gratitude for all those men who served the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Church for so many years! Gratitude for the many Corporate Communion, Eucharist processions, Adorations, Flag Retirement Ceremonies, Parades, Wreath laying ceremonies, weddings, and funerals, and the countless other events that they sacrificed their time to take part in.

To all Sir Knights who have been the standard bearer for these many years, **I salute you and say well done Sir Knights!** To those continuing and to those joining in the service of the Honor Guard, I say **THANK YOU** for your commitment to our brotherhood, our church, and our Country! There may be more asked from each Sir Knight this year. While the Honor Guard will continue, their numbers are fewer so there may be some events normally filled by Honor Guard that they won't be able to be met. This is where all Sir Knights must step in and fill the gap. I am confident that with the help of all the Sir Knights of our Assembly, we will continue live our Knighthood fully. To any 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knight, I invite you to join the Patriotic Order of the Degree. It is only through living all four degrees of Knighthood, that a man can take that Knighthood to its fulfillment!

On Friday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, Our Assembly will be hosting an Officer Installation ceremony. Sir Knights from 2 other Assemblies will be joining with us as they are sworn in for the new Fraternal Year.

Picture right: St. Francis of Assisi Assembly Color Corp with Fr. Mark Brauer (SK & Celebrant) after the Corporate Communion Mass June 30 at Our Lady of Sorrow Church.

Pictured below: Fourth Degree Color Corp present at the final fallout of the retired regalia.

**THANK YOU SIR KNIGHTS!**





## **Calendar of Events**

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

#### **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 –North
- 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 –North
- 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

#### **September 2019**

- 4 KofC Business Meeting-after Rosary in OLS Church Hall-North 7:30 p.m.
- 7 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield
- 11 KofC 4th Degree Assembly Business meeting in OLS Church Hall-North 7:30 p.m.
- 14 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield
- 18 KofC Officers Meeting 7:30 p.m. OLS Church Hall –North
- 21 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield
- 28 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield

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

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

*The Departed:*

|  |   |   |  |
|--|---|---|--|
| SK Fred Arganoza PGK<br>Eleanor Bernock<br>Justin Beutal<br>Dennis Blumke<br>SK Don Paul Bridenstine<br>George H W Bush<br>Carola Caroselli<br>Walter Christainsen<br>Mary Collins<br>Thomas Collins<br>John Dana<br>Lisa DeNardo<br>Christine Dwyer<br>Joseph Dwyer | Alfie Evans<br>Fr. Kent Hajdok<br>Pat Hejka<br>Jim Jones<br>Tom Kerbawy<br>Jimmy LaLome<br>Bob Ludwig<br>Rich Kaczmarek<br>Edward Mangold<br>Marjorie Mangold<br>Joanne McElmer<br>Howard McKenna<br>Mary McKenna | SK Don & Connie McKeever<br>Frank Mellert<br>Edward Muczynski<br>Arturo Nablo Sr<br>Fr. O' Dea<br>Joe Phillips PGK<br>Bob Pigula<br>Priscilla Redmond<br>Gare Reid<br>SK John Ricco<br>Edward Philip Rinckey<br>Jerri Serdynski | Sheryl Borgelt<br>Chuck Taunt<br>SK James Telinda,<br>Margaret Tippet<br>Charles Tuffley<br>Bill Urban<br>Barb Urbain<br>Bryan Urben<br>Arnold Weibel<br>Pat Wilkins<br>All Departed Knights |
|--|---|---|--|

**Special Intentions:**

|  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| Parents of Alfie Evans<br><br>Holiness of Priests<br><br>The Priests and Victims of abuse<br>The Unborn<br>Ashley Marlin<br>Eileen Bridenstine<br>Ophelia Arganoza | James Plocinik<br><br>Susan Giller<br><br>Adrienne Martz<br><br>Richard Wroblewski<br><br>James Plocinik | Grieving Families<br>All who have no one to pray for them<br>Rebecca Padin<br>The Homeless<br>All poor sinners<br>For neighbors<br>End of Abortion |
|--|--|--|

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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

# ANNUAL CORN ROAST PICNIC

**SUNDAY  
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Our Council is sponsoring a **table for ten** at the **Another Way Pregnancy Center annual fund raising banquet** at the **Laural Manor** on **Thursday October 3, 2019**. Any one interested in attending contact Tom Herrmann, Wives or significant other welcome and encouraged to attend.

## ***Protecting Your Family... Business?***

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**The Lord said to her in reply, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.”** (Gospel for July 21, Lk 10:41-42)

**Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:** This month, I challenge you to spend five extra minutes sitting before the Lord before or after Sunday Mass. Second, I challenge you to participate in the Faith in Action Sacramental Gifts program or pray for those receiving the sacraments, that they might choose “the better part.”

<https://www.knights.net/en/lead/articles/supreme-chaplains-monthly-challenge-july-2019.html>

## **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.





## BIRTHDAYS

|           |          |       |
|-----------|----------|-------|
| DEWITT    | MEADOWS  | 07-01 |
| ROBERT    | GOLDI    | 07-01 |
| JIM       | SAUCEDO  | 07-01 |
| EDWARD    | SMITH    | 07-03 |
| BARTLOMIE | MACHNIK  | 07-03 |
| ANDREW    | WILKINS  | 07-04 |
| JEREMY    | CAMPBELL | 07-06 |
| DAVID     | TRUMPY   | 07-08 |
| ERNESTO   | CARULLA  | 07-08 |
| GREGORY   | BENNETT  | 07-08 |
| ROBERT    | LYMAN    | 07-08 |
| CHARLES   | KIN      | 07-09 |
| RICHARD   | DAVID    | 07-09 |
| PAUL      | TOTH     | 07-09 |
| DAVID     | PRANGER  | 07-11 |
| MARK      | ZIEGLER  | 07-12 |
| DAVID     | PEGG JR  | 07-12 |
| JOSEPH    | RUHLMAN  | 07-14 |
| MICHAEL   | MITCHELL | 07-14 |
| RANDAL    | D AMORE  | 07-15 |
| RON       | STROPOLI | 07-15 |
| DANIEL    | HAGEMANN | 07-18 |
| MICHAEL   | MITHEN   | 07-20 |
| KENNETH   | CHIARA   | 07-22 |
| KENNETH   | MARSHALL | 07-23 |
| ROBERT    | SAYERS   | 07-25 |
| JOSEPH    | POWER    | 07-27 |
| BRIAN     | PASEK    | 07-28 |
| DANIEL    | PROGAR   | 07-30 |



## ANNIVERSARIES

|         |            |            |    |
|---------|------------|------------|----|
| DANIEL  | WOOD       | 07-01-1949 | 70 |
| RUSSELL | LOOMIS     | 07-01-1980 | 38 |
| DANIEL  | BYWALEC    | 07-01-1994 | 24 |
| JOHN    | URIBE      | 07-05-1977 | 41 |
| RINALDO | MAFFEZZOLI | 07-16-2014 | 4  |

### FAMILY OF THE YEAR 2019

#### THE LIGENZA'S

Paul and wife Carole, son Jonathan & daughter Amber  
are pictured below



**NO COUNCIL BUSINESS  
MEETING IN JULY**



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