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Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights – Vivat Jesus

The During the month of August, the Gospel according to St. Luke, we learn the words and deeds of Jesus are to be used as a guide for our conduct as a Christian disciple. We are shown how to identify with Jesus while being caring and tender toward the poor and lowly, to the outcast, the sinner and the afflicted. We also are to understand Jesus will be severe to those who are proud and self-righteous, particularly toward those who place their material wealth before the service of God. These are the hard and terrible teachings of salvation.

I have been involved with the STIR ministry the past 3 years. The time taken early on a Saturday morning to prepare to review the readings for the corresponding weekend mass has been a real blessing. This fellowship is incredible. The perspectives shared are tremendous and we leave with a real understanding of how the readings are connected and how to connect our lives to the work instructions shared within the Bible. Fr. Peterman has joined the group we want to welcome each of you to the ministry.

How does St. Luke prepare us to be the best versions of ourselves that we can? How do the Saints help us become the best version of ourselves? I know each of you know my commitment to the Knights of Columbus and I am grateful to each one of you for your commitment to your relationship with God and to our church and council.

I know this fraternity of Catholic men are Knights for many reasons, first, each of us are surrounded by good men who are encouraged to keep their eyes fixed on Jesus! The world needs Catholic men to step up and live out their faith.

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**Fourth Degree
Exemplification
September 13**

**TOOTSIE ROLL
DRIVE
Save the Dates
WEEKEND OF
OCTOBER 11,12,13**

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Grand Knight's Report (cont'd)

We help strengthen men, their families, their parishes and communities. Today, there are 1.9 million members of the Knights of Columbus who are doing good around the world.

Now to business..... by the time this is published, our crosses will be on the Shiawassee and Raphael street side hopefully opening the hearts of a community over the tragedy we accept called abortion. We will also be working the second round of the Ban Dismemberment Petition drive as we only accomplished 665 signatures the first time. I need your help on Saturday Sept. 24th and Sunday Sept 25th to help collect more signatures. Many in our community will never accept abortion, and **we must never accept what society tells us is right when it is immoral.** We will also be involved with the Tootsie Roll drive on Friday October 11, Saturday Oct 12 and Sunday Oct. 13.

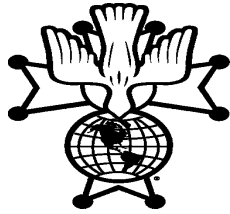
I also want to welcome Jefferson Isaac and Michael Logan to our order. Both took their first degree on Wednesday August 21. Thank you to all who assisted at the Ministry sign up on the weekend of Aug 24th and 25th.

Yours in Christ,

Henry Testa

GK 4401





4th DEGREE NEWS

St. Francis of Assisi Assembly #2136

www.mikofc2136.org

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish

Faithful Navigator: Gary Mallia, PGK

"Time is passing. Yet, for the United States of America, there will be no forgetting September the 11th. We will remember every rescuer who died in honor. We will remember every family that lives in grief. We will remember the fire and ash, the last phone calls, the funerals of the children." George W. Bush

My Brother Knights,

Vivat Jesus!

There's a song written and sung by Country music artist Alan Jackson that asks: *"Where were you when the world stopped turning, that September day?"*

For many of us, Tuesday, September 11th, 2001 will be a day that will be forever etched into our minds. For me, I was at work when I heard the news report that at 8:46 am, American Airlines Flight 11 had crashed into the north tower of the World Trade Center. Thinking to myself what a horrible tragedy this was, I didn't truly understand the events that were taking place. A short time later, reports came in that at 9:03 am, United Airlines Flight 175 had crashed into the South tower. I remember the fear I felt, coming to the realization that our nation was under attack. My first thoughts were to pray for our country, those who had already lost their lives, those trying to escape the terror unfolding around them, and for the protection of my family and friends. Events started becoming surreal when at 9:37 am, we heard of further reports of a third plane, American flight 77 crashing into the Pentagon. And then later, of the 40 heroic passengers and crew of United flight 93 who lost their lives at 10:07 am as the terrorists crashed the plane into a field while passengers attempted to retake the plane. This plane's target would have been the White House.

I remember getting a TV setup in our office and watching in horror at 9:59 am when the South Tower came crashing to the ground, understanding the massive loss of life that had just occurred. I remember all too well watching the North tower coming down just 30 minutes later and, in almost in a state of disbelief, thinking to myself "This can't be happening!" The days following September 11th were strangely quiet as all planes were grounded. Travelers struggled to find any mode of transportation that would get them home to their loved ones. Churches were filled with people imploring God for protection, and asking for His comfort on those who were hurt or lost loved ones. On that day, in the span of 2 hours, nearly 3000 lives were lost, and 6000 people were injured. Crews worked feverishly in the wreckage to try and find survivors, and miraculously, 20 people were pulled from the rubble of those collapsed buildings.

By a resolution of Congress, September 11th has been designated as "Patriots Day" All Americans are asked to fly their flags at half-staff (if possible), and beginning at 8:46 am, for all to offer a moment of silence praying for all those affected by this terrorist attack on our Country. Please remember to join with Americans all around the Country to remember all those who lost their lives or have suffered from this attack!

There will be an exemplification (initiation) of members wishing to join the Fourth Degree on Saturday, September 14th. This will be held at De Carlos banquet center in Warren, MI. There is still time if any 3rd degree member would like to join us and take their final Knighthood degree. The Knights of the 4th degree will always remember in our prayers all Americans who have been lost in the service of, or in the attack of our Country. I ask you all to join us!

Calendar of Events

St. Francis Council #4401

September 2019

- 4 KofC Business Meeting-after Rosary in OLS Church Hall-North 7:30 p.m.
- 6 2000 Cross Initiative - closes, evening dissemble
- 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
Fourth Degree Exemplification-DeCarlo's Banquet, Warren
- 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
24th & 25th—Ban Dismemberment Abortion Petition drive after each mass.
- 28 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield

October 2019

- 2 KofC Business Meeting-after Rosary in OLS Church Hall-North 7:30 p.m.
- 3 Another Way Pregnancy Ctr.-fund raising banquet, Laurel Manor, Livonia
- 5 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield
- 9 KofC 4th Degree Assembly Business meeting in OLS Church Hall-North 7:30 p.m.
- 11 Tootsie Roll Drive WEEKEND OF 11th, 12th & 13th
- 12 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield
- 16 First Degree Exemplification 6:30 registration 7:00– 7:50 event
KofC Officers Meeting 8:00 p.m. OLS Church Hall –North
- 19 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield
- 26 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield

November 2019

- 2 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield
- 6 KofC Business Meeting-after Rosary in OLS Church Hall-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 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 –North
- 21 HAPPY THANKSGIVING
- 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

The Sick:

Tranquilino Bonet Laura Boucher Jennifer Boyle Dolores Bozzi Amanda Cavanaugh Ken Chiara Jackie Clutter Martin Clutter Bill Conroy Robert Conroy Chuck Crimaldi Eva Demotto Bill Dick Wendy Disteleath	Rosemary Dwyer Teresa Dwyer Ed Dyman Josephine Evangelista Beverly Friel Stanley Gromala John Kaljian Kate Kelly Sharmella Kerbawy Joe Mallia Nina Mallia	Ellen McCarthy Jack McDonald Ann McGowan Betty Micctic Ron & Lois Mcetic Lynette Mitani Joann Moranaini Frances Nablo Sally Nablo Mary Naylor Dominic Nieto Sr. Mary Olowski Genevieve Ostrowski Evia Pedidis Nancy Plocinik	Bill Power Mel Redmond Julia Riccobene Carl Rubo Joe Ricci Ed Skop Kate Stafford Lee Stewart Rosemary Szymkowski Anand Thakur Terry Vasher Ed & Kay Waldecker Tom Wilkins
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The Departed:

SK Fred Arganoza PGK Eleanor Bernock Frank Bernock PGK Justin Beutal Dennis Blumke Charles Boigegrain Laura Boucher SK Don Paul Bridenstine George H W Bush Carola Caroselli Walter Christensen Mary Collins Thomas Collins Rhea Crowley John Dana Lisa DeNardo Christine Dwyer Joseph Dwyer	Alfie Evans Fr. Kent Hajdok Pat Hejka Jim Jones Tom Kerbawy Jimmy LaLome Julius Ligenza Bob Ludwig Rich Kaczmarek Edward Mangold Marjorie Mangold Joanne McElmer Howard McKenna Mary McKenna	SK Don & Connie McKeever Frank Mellert Tim Milson Jim Morandini Edward Muczynski Arturo Nablo Sr Basam Nasr Fr. O' Dea Joe Phillips PGK Bob Pigula Priscilla Redmond Gare Reid SK John Ricco Edward Philip Rinckey Jerri Serdynski	Griffin Stein Chuck Taunt SK James Telinda PGK Dustin Testa Margaret Tippet Charles Tuffley Bill Urban Barb Urbain Bryan Urban Arnold Weibel Pat Wilkins Kurt Wbyizrsberu All Departed Knights
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Special Intentions:

Parents of Alfie Evans Holiness of Priests The Priests and Victims of abuse The Unborn Eileen Bridenstine Ophelia Arganoza	James Plocinik Susan Giller Adrienne Martz Richard Wroblewski Souls in Purgatory Those suffering from addiction Prayers for our politicians Victims of the mass shootings in Dayton & El Paso	Grieving Families All who have no one to pray for them Rebecca Padin The Homeless All poor sinners For neighbors End of Abortion
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If you missed seeing the movie *Unplanned*, you can order DVD versions thru our Brother Knight Michael Kinney who was also the co-executive producer of the movie. The *Unplanned* team has given me a link that provides a convenient way to order. I'm wondering whether the Knights and/or other networks might be interested in ordering through my designated link <https://seeunplanned.com/?ref=lgltsktdok>. The cost is \$17.98

St. Francis Council 4401 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 guest welcome and encouraged to attend.



Thank you Bob Plocinik for organizing the Corn Roast!
Bob gets a thumbs up from Randy (left) and Dean (right)

“CAMPAIGN FOR PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES”

This campaign, often referred to as the **“Tootsie Roll Drive”**

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Dear Brother Knights,

This is an all hands on charity movement. Please set some time to participate as little or much time as you can. This is truly why we joined! Thank you.

BIRTHDAYS

REGINALD	LASKEY	09-01
JOHN	TEMPLIN	09-02
FRANCIS	KENNEDY	09-04
IMOKHAI	SULE JR.	09-04
DONALD	BERNHARD	09-06
MATTHEW	KIPF	09-11
JOHN	CUSCHIERI	09-13
BRIAN	KRASICKY	09-14
DAN	MEYERS	09-17
COLBY	MILLER	09-17
STANLEY	WILKINS	09-19
RALPH	KOCH	09-20
WALTER	PIECHOWSKI	09-21
AARON	DICK	09-23
RYAN	BURKHARDT	09-23
GREGORY	TOKARSKI	09-28
DAVID	POGGIONE	09-29
KEVIN	RYAN	09-29

YEARS OF SERVICE

STAN	WILKINS	53
NORMAN	GOERS	53
RONALD	BEAUDOIN	49
PATRICK	DUNLEAVY	39
DR MICHAEL	MC GRATH	37
ROBERT	BYWALEC	36
REV FREDERIC	KLETTNER	35
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RONALD	ACHO	32
ROMAN	BELOBRADICH JR	27
CARL	CADIEUX	8
SEBASTIAN	ABATE	3
DONALD	ZALEK	4
DONALD	SLUSSER	4
MICHAEL	KENNEY	4
BRUCE	LILLEY	6
JASON	CAVANAUGH	6
AARON	DICK	7
BENJAMIN	VOSS	7

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