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Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights – Vivat Jesus

It is a great honor and privilege that our Grand Knight Henry Testa has asked me to author this month's column and I am very humbled to be writing to you.

This month we celebrate the 527th anniversary of Columbus Day and the 82nd since becoming a federal holiday. I encourage all brothers to take a moment to reflect on why Christopher Columbus was chosen as our order's patron and namesake. Father McGivney and his first knights chose Christopher Columbus for a reason during a time when anti Catholic immigration was a common sentiment. Early new world immigrants brought with them a thirst for liberty, justice, and the American Dream. Father McGivney knew that binding Catholicism with Americanism would show the world the true nature of the Knights. That we are an order created for community, charity, and supporting the American spirit. Take a moment this Columbus Day to reflect on what the Knights mean to you and how the work we do benefits those around us.

To the issue of Life. Our council has been involved in collecting signatures for a state ban dismemberment abortion effort. So far over 250,000 signatures have been collected and our council put in an outstanding effort to collect 665 of those in August. By the time of this newsletter we will have participated in a second round of signature collections on the weekend on Sept 27-29 adding 207 for a total of 872. I thank all those Brother Knights who have been involved in these efforts.

This year we've seen a growing number of states pass laws protecting life. We've seen new heartbeat bills in Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Mississippi, Ohio, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

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Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

October 4th

November 9
Christmas Light
Outside Display
Preparation,
10 a.m.

CALLING ALL
KNIGHTS SERVICE
TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE
Save the Dates
WEEKEND OF
OCTOBER 11,12,13

Deputy Grand Knight's Report (cont'd)

Many of these bills have been delayed or blocked by federal judges. We've also seen growing calls for impeachment and attacks against pro-life judges working on the side of life. At a time when Roe v. Wade may possibly be nearing its expiration, it is important for us all to be ever conscious of the role we play in this fight and the world effect that even one person can have in saving just one life. This year our council will proudly be a continued supporter of Another Way Pregnancy Center in Farmington Hills and a contributor to the ultrasound machine initiative which has a proven track record of saving lives. I ask all Brother Knights to do their part in supporting life in their community and in becoming even better advocates for the cause.

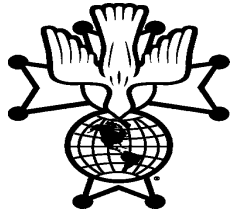
On the weekend of October 11-13 we will be participating in our annual Tootsie Roll Drive to benefit individuals with intellectual disabilities. This year's drive is lead by our Worthy Chancellor Alex Franz who has been doing a remarkable job of getting our brothers involved and keeping us organized for the event. I call upon all Brother Knights looking to make a difference for the handicapped to get involved with the drive this year. If you're not able to work collections at the storefronts we are also looking for brothers to help in the office with clerical duties. Please reach out to Alex (ajfranz11@gmail.com, 248.971.5893) for more information and to sign up.

I look very forward to seeing you at council activities and I encourage all Brother Knights who may feel they have drifted from the council in recent years to consider getting involved again in some of the many great things we do.

Vivat Jesus,
Jim Filbert
Deputy Grand Knight

2019 Cross Initiative





4th DEGREE NEWS

St. Francis of Assisi Assembly #2136

www.mikofc2136.org

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish

Faithful Navigator: Gary Mallia, PGK

I wish to offer my congratulations to our newest Sir Knights who were exemplified on September 14th. Sir Knight Chris Eberly, a member from Fr. Arnold Kosco Council 12808 and Sir Knight Caleb Marquard of Our Lady of Victory Council 14427. We welcome them into our Assembly!

During the month of September, our Honor Guard stayed busy and Sir Knights from St. Francis Council were proudly living the virtue of patriotism!

On September 14th, our Honor Guard did 2 events! Sir Knight Henry Testa, GK led a procession as part of the Feast of San Francesco in Downtown Farmington! Several brother Knights from St. Francis also joined in the procession.

Also on that day, Sir Knight Paul Toth helped with Honor Guard duties at the 4th Degree Exemplification held at DeCarlo's Banquet Center in Warren.

On September 15th, Sir Knight Nino Abate, PFN served at the Holy Family Church in Detroit as part of the mass.

Finally, on September 20th, Henry also took part in the Special Olympics Opening Ceremonies held in Ann Arbor, MI.

Honor Guard is a privilege that some of those who rise to the level of Fourth Degree Knighthood are called to. Our Assembly is active in several other events coming up in the next few months that allow all Sir Knights to bring their Knighthood to its fulfillment. I encourage all my brother Knights to consider joining the Fourth degree so you can fully embrace your Knighthood!



Calendar of Events

St. Francis Council #4401

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
- 27 Detroit Red Wings Faith Night –2:45p.m., Little Caesars Arena, Detroit

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.
- 7 MAUBC Right to Life Event at the San Marino Club, Troy
- 9 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield
CHRISTMAS LIGHT INSTALLATION –Parish campus meet 10:00 a.m. (near the garage)
- 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
- 19 Provencial Meeting 4th Degree-Wyndham Gardens, Sterling Heights
- 20 KofC Officers Meeting 7:30 p.m. OLS Church Hall –North
- 23 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield
- 28 *THANKSGIVING DAY*
- 30 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield

December 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
- 25 **CHRISTMAS-CELEBRATION THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST**
- 28 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield

The Sick:

Larry Blake Tranquilino Bonet Laura Boucher Jennifer Boyle Dolorese Bozzi Andy Caruso Amanda Cavanaugh Ken Chiara Jackie Clutter Martin Clutter Bill Conroy Robert Conroy Chuck Crimaldi George Curan Eva Demotto John Dewar Bill Dick	Wendy Disteleath Tony DiPonio Rosemary Dwyer Teresa Dwyer Ed Dyman Josephine Evangelista Beverly Friel Stanley Gromala Katie Johnson John Kaljian Kate Kelly Sharmella Kerbawy Joe Mallia Nina Mallia Jose Martinez Dale Monette PGK	Ellen McCarthy Jesse McDonald Martha 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 Johnna Weiss 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 Christainsen Mary Collins Thomas Collins Rhea Crowley John Dana Lisa DeNardo Christine Dwyer Joseph Dwyer	Alfie Evans Fr. Kent Hajdok Pat Hejka Ronald Hittinger Antoine Hubert Jim Jones Tom Kerbawy Jimmy LaLome Julius Ligenza Bob Ludwig Rich Kaczmarek Edward Mangold Marjorie Mangold Ken Marshall Jack McDonald 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 Charles Randau 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 Urben Arnold Weibel Pat Wilkins Kurt Wbyizrsberu All Departed Knights Victims of 911
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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 Jeff Baron	James Plocinik Susan Giller Adrienne Martz Richard Wroblewski The Nablo Family	Grieving Families All who have no one to pray for them Rebecca Padin The Homeless RCIA candidates 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

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Our Lady of Sorrows Parish

Christmas Lights 2019

Saturday November 9th at 10AM near the church garage

We'll have all the supplies ready – we just need you.

Bring the family and dress for the weather.

This is a good opportunity for school students seeking a volunteer opportunity.

Contact Aaron Dick with any questions - aarond234@icloud.com (248) 470-4953

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.

Detroit Red Wings are hosting their inaugural **Celebrate Faith Night on Sunday, October 27th.** There will be a panel discussion about the role of faith by team chaplains and former players at 2:45p followed by the game at 5:00p against the defending Stanley Cup champs, the St. Louis Blues. Tickets are \$39 each, \$5 from every ticket goes back to our school.



“CAMPAIGN FOR PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES”

This campaign, often referred to as the

“Tootsie Roll Drive”

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Contact co-chairmen: Henry Testa and Alex Franz



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

THOMAS	RANCOUR	10-01
MICHAEL	PHENEY	10-02
PERRY	HUELLMANTEL	10-04
KLINT	KESTO	10-04
ANDREW	MC KINNON	10-05
GEOFFREY	HOOL	10-07
ALEXANDER	FRANZ	10-07
FRANCIS	TEBBE	10-08
RAYMOND	PITERA	10-09
LEON	SERDYNSKI	10-10
DONALD	CHERIEZ	10-10
MICHAEL	FOLLBAUM	10-12
MICHAEL	KOPAY	10-12
MARK	YOUNGBLOOD	10-14
THOMAS	WILKINS	10-15
TIMOTHY	DORWEILER	10-16
JAVIER	HOYOS HUAMAN	10-16
LAWRENCE	SMENTOWSKI	10-17
GEORGE	JAGITSCH	10-20
LAWRENCE	LAETHEM	10-20
MIKE	KONKEL	10-22
MONISH	SHARMA	10-22
RUSSELL	LOOMIS	10-23
EDWARD	WALDECKER JR	10-23
GERARD	HAYDEN	10-24
ALAN	REDMOND	10-26
DANA	WHINNERY	10-28
ROBERT	ROUGEAU	10-28
BENJAMIN	VOSS	10-28
JOHN	COLLINS	10-31

YEARS OF SERVICE

THOMAS	MC DONALD	61
NORMAN	D ANGELO	45
DEWITT	MEADOWS	38
SHABAN	RIZA	28
RUSSELL	WALDECKER	24
MARIO	FERRINI	20
JOHN	VLEKO	19
PATRICK	MC KEEVER	19
REV MARK	BRAUER	18
STEVEN	BAKER	18
JOHN	DILLON	11
JOHN	HOEFLEIN JR	11
MICHAEL	KOPAY	11
THOMAS	HERRMANN	11
REV PAUL	GRANEY	8
BARTLOMIE	MACHNIK	6
RICHARD	MELDRUM	6
MICHAEL	VON ENDE	4
PAUL	TOTH	4
ROBERT	PLOCINIK	4
COLBY	MILLER	4
JOSEPH	GROSSI	4
JOHN	BESSEN	3
JAMES	FILBERT	3
PATRICK	FOLEY	3
MONISH	SHARMA	3
MICHAEL	WILLIAMS	3
JAMES	ACHO	1
JOHN	CUSCHIERI	1

50/50 winner**Ken Chiara**

Family of the Month
September 2019
The
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Jason, Amanda, Brenna & Nora

Knight of the Month
September 2019
Paul Ferini



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