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Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights – Vivat Jesus

The message thru the Gospels of St Luke have been loud & clear – that we are to love thy neighbor and help the poor.

There are several reasons why each of us made the commitment to become Knights. The primary reason was to make a difference in our lives. Some of the reasons are to be part of an army of men who support our Priests & Bishops & the Vicar of Christ on Earth; to defend life from conception to its natural end and help the less fortunate.

Somehow, we must accept as part of our role and responsibilities to bring men and families back into the Catholic Church. This is how membership into St. Francis Council can help our church expand and grow. This is a call to evangelization.

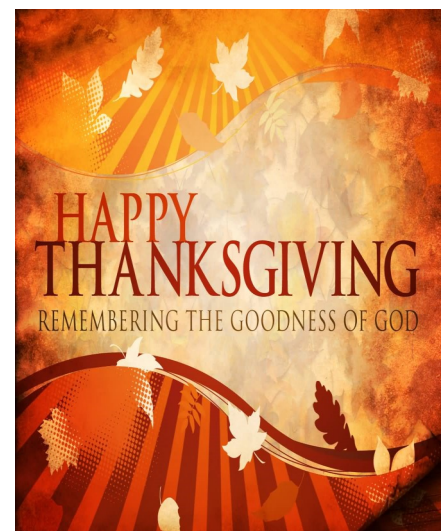
I want to ask each of you a question and I would like to hear from you. The question is “Is St. Francis of Assisi Council 4401 making a difference in our community?”

I know what I want the answer to be, and as good as I think we are progressing, we can always be more impactful. If you have any suggestions that you want us to consider and act on, please let me know. I know we can do more. As we proceed together in our journey thru Knighthood, I want to know that we are making a difference in our lives and community and church. Please be candid in your response.

We have had a busy first quarter and start to the second quarter. We assisted with the Dignity of Life committee to help obtain 875 signatures over the 2 petition drives. We participated in the volunteer event which lead to some future candidates. We have purchased the coats for kids and delivered 24 brand new warm coats to Gompers Elementary & Middle school in Brightmoor. (continued on page 2)

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NOV 9, 10:00 a.m.

OUTDOOR

**Christmas Light
Preparation,
Church Parking
Lot**

Grand Knight's Report (cont'd)

We are well on our way with our charitable spending supporting poverty, problem pregnancy centers and others in need of help. We just completed the Tootsie Roll drive where we collected as a team \$5500 to support St. Francis Camp on the Lake, the St. Louis Center, Team Farmington, Angels Place, ARC of Northwest Wayne County and Mary's Children Family Center.

Everyone who assisted with the MI drive – we extend our gratitude and appreciation. 28 Knights made this a successful drive, and I want to recognize Sir Knight Robert Plocinik for his repeat performance as the tops in collections as he collected approximately \$1500. I also want to recognize Sir Knight Alex Franz for his co-chair responsibilities.

We also have an opportunity to prepare our hearts for the upcoming Advent season. St Paul of the Cross-Retreat Center will be hosting its 2nd annual all-inclusive Knights of Columbus Advent Retreat on December 13, 14 & 15th at St Paul of the Cross-Retreat center. Please consider treating yourself to some much needed one on one time with Jesus as he will help you prepare your hearts for the true meaning of Christmas. The retreat also will explore the spirituality of being a Knight of Columbus and how this can bring us closer to Christ.

In closing, I am asking each of you to reach-out to family, neighbors and others in your workplace to try to evangelize to the best of your ability. Let the Holy Spirit speak thru you to invite others to come to a Catholic church. If you think the candidate or candidates, you might be evangelizing are possible future Knights – then it's a bonus. As we are told at the end of mass – Go an announce the Good News!

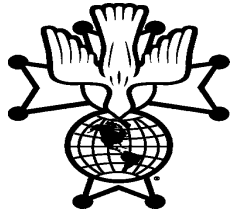
The officers of St. Francis Council give thanks to you and your families for making St. Francis Council a band of missionary disciples. Happy Thanksgiving.

Yours in Christ

Henry T – GK 4401

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

My Brother Knights!

Vivat Jesus!

As we move through fall and prepare for the holidays, it is important to take the time to remember those who have made a difference in our lives by making sacrifices to ensure we can all have the freedoms we enjoy.

For 4th Degree Knights, this includes our service men and woman who are currently serving, our Veterans, and those men and women who made sacrifices for our Country that have already gone home to the Lord.

St. Francis of Assisi Assembly # 2136 is will be busy during the months of November and December as we honor men and women in all three groups.

On November 3rd, Sir Knights and their ladies will be taking part in a District meeting and packing party. Assemblies from our District will gather and bring donated food and toiletry items. These items will be packed up and shipped to our Active Military Troops through a local organization called Desert Angels. These troops risk their lives every day around the world, and their sacrifice, especially as we approach the holidays, should give us all pause to remember and to keep them in our prayers. These donations of everyday items that we take for granted, are a big morale boost to them, and let them know that there are people that care for them.

On December 14th, Our Assembly will gather with local Scouts to lay wreaths on Veteran's graves. This project, headed up by SK Alex Franz brings Knights together at Oakwood Cemetery in Farmington and through the donations of brother Knights, wreaths are purchased and laid on the grave sites of all veterans buried in that Cemetery. All are welcome to attend this event! If you would like to help with this process, the Assembly would gratefully accept any donations for this project. Wreaths cost approximately \$15 dollars each. Checks can be made out to St. Francis Assembly # 2136 and given or mailed to our Comptroller Norm Pranger at 31760 Leelane Farmington, 48336. Please note that the donation is for our Wreath laying ceremony.

Finally, as we get closer to Christmas, our Assembly will "adopt" 2 veteran families and purchase some gifts for each member of the family. Program chaired SK Tom Rancour works with the organization "Vets Returning Home" to select two local families in need. SK's of our Assembly will purchase and wrap a few gifts for each family member and will deliver them to the families around Christmas. This is one of my favorite events as we put "feet to our faith" and see the impact on the families that our efforts bring.

These are just a couple of the events that as Fourth Degree Knights are doing to make a difference in our World! If you feel called to join us, we would welcome you! Our next 4th degree exemplification will be held on March 7th, 2020. If you would like more information about taking your Knighthood to its fulfillment, feel free to contact any 4th degree member.

Calendar of Events

St. Francis Council #4401

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 Special Needs Christmas Party—St. Priscilla Activity Center, Livonia —6:00 p.m. (4th Degree)
- 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

January 2020

- 4 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield
- EPIPHANY PARTY —American Legion Hall
- 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 —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

The Sick:

Larry Blake Tranquilino Bonet Laura Boucher Jennifer Boyle Dolores Bozzi Fr. Frank Canfield 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 Bob Dolecki Rosemary Dwyer Teresa Dwyer Ed Dyman Josephine Evangelista Beverly Friel Susan Gilleran Stanley Gromala Suad Husaynu Jacki Hermstad Katie Johnson John Kaljian Kate Kelly Sharmella Kerbawy P. Kotz	Joe Mallia Nina Mallia Dale Monette PGK Jose Martinez 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	Bill Power Mel Redmond Julia Riccobene Carl Rubo Joe Ricci Ed Skop Kate Stafford Lee Stewart Rosemary Szymkowski Mike Torakis 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 Carola Caroselli Walter Christensen Genny Cleary Mary Collins Thomas Collins Rhea Crowley John Dana Lisa DeNardo Sue Drouliard 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 Dave Mallia 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	James Plocinik Susan Giller Adrienne Martz Margaret Thompson Richard Wroblewski The Nablo Family Ophelia Argonoza Jeff Baron	Grieving Families All who have no one to pray for them Rebecca Padin The Homeless RCIA candidates End of Abortion
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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.

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2nd Annual All K of C Advent Retreat

December 13-15, 2019

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God Bless America!
Thank you for your service
to our Country!

We want to thank the following Knights from St. Francis Council & Assembly for there service to our Country. If we missed any, please let us know:

Ed Good

Bill Martz

Paul Toth

Robert Collins

Bill McKeever

Steve Tomlinson

Guiseppe DiPonio

James McLaughlin

George Jagitch

Buzz Holzknect

Joe Naujokes

Marc Wilkins

Marty Kozicki



THANK YOU ALL FOR
YOUR PARTICIPATION,
DONATIONS,
SUPPORT &
PRAYERS!



BIRTHDAYS

DEAN	WOJTOWICZ	11-02
PATRICK	DWYER	11-03
PAUL	GRANEY	11-03
MICHAEL	KELLY	11-04
DALE	MONETTE	11-06
GIUSEPPE	DI PONIO	11-07
BENJAMIN	MC DERMOTT	11-08
EUGENE	LOOSER	11-09
MICHAEL	ORSINI	11-09
MIKE	MC KEEVER	11-10
EDWARD	GOOD	11-11
MICHAEL	HUZIAK	11-11
MICHAEL	HAUDAN	11-12
JON	JORDAN	11-14
ROMAN	BELOBRADICH	11-17
ROBERT	DOBKOWSKI	11-21
HAXHI	RIZA	11-22
MICHAEL	BUDZISZ	III 11-25
KENT	MASON	11-27
RICHARD	SHARPE	11-29
DONALD	BUDDE	11-30

YEARS OF SERVICE

ROMAN	BELOBRADICH	61
UGO	ABATE	36
DANIEL	DE RYCKERE	35
MARK	ZIEGLER	30
RALPH	KOCH	21
JAMES	JEAN	17
RAYMOND	PITERA	17
WILLIAM	MARTZ	14
WILLIAM	HANNEY	13
REV MARIO	AMORE	12
MICHAEL	FOLLBAUM	11
TIMOTHY	DORWEILER	9
LAWRENCE	SMENTOWSKI	9
DEAN	WOJTOWICZ	9
ARNEL	NABLO	8
MATT	SURELLA	8
CHRISTOPHER	PARNIN	8
THOMAS	ROCKWELL	8
ROBERT	GOLDI	8
ERNESTO	CARULLA	8
THOMAS	WILKINS	8
EUGENE	LOOSER	8
THOMAS	PEGLER	8
TONY	DI PONIO	8
JOHN	FITZSIMONS	4

50/50 WINNER

Mike Evangelista

Knight of the Month**October 2019****SK Alex Franz**



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