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Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights – Vivat Jesus

We are Catholic men building a bridge back to faith. There is much work to be done in the world. Good work. Necessary work. And that's what the Knights of Columbus do every day.

Assisting the sick and disabled. Protecting those who can't protect themselves. Whether they are next door or halfway around the world. This is the journey we are on. Our path.

We do it to be better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors and Catholics. We invest our time, our effort and our resources into our values with are Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

We come from many places and backgrounds and stages in our lives. But we are all of one faith. A fraternity of men striving to be better ourselves and our world.

It's one thing to say who you are. It's another to live it. It's another to put your values into action. That's what we do at the Knights of Columbus. That's who we are!

As we complete the liturgical calendar with the feast of Christ the king and were reminded by St Luke's reading from chapter 23: 35-45, a thief who recognized Jesus was an innocent man, redeemed himself and asked Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom. The connection at the end of the liturgical year celebrating the only King we have was a reminder that his throne is the cross and I need to know that every day.

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JAN 2020 MEETINGS/DATES REMINDER

01-NEW YEARS DAY NO MEETING
04-EPIPHANY PARTY
08-BUSINESS MEETING
22-OFFICER MEETING

Grand Knight's Report (cont'd)

One of the gifts we have is each other, and as Knights – we can help each other, through faith, to keep Christ as our mission with the support of each other. Through Christ, we become the Best Version of Ourselves.

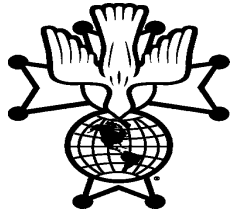
As we prepare for the Advent Season, let us not let the worldly expectations of what we should be, what we need to buy, how many tasks we have to accomplish, set the tone; let us continue to keep our hearts open to help our families, our communities and remind each other that Advent is a preparation, to be open to The Word became Flesh.

In gratitude and appreciation for all the accomplishments in 2019, the Council will host our annual Epiphany party on Saturday evening January 4th.

The officers of St. Francis Council wish you and your families a Blessed and Merry Christmas.

Yours truly,
Henry T





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!

It is with great pride for the outstanding work that St. Francis Assembly has done in the past fraternal year, that I would like to announce that we have been recognized! At our District meeting on November 3rd, St. Francis Assembly # 2136 was one of only three Assemblies in our District to be awarded the Red, White, & Blue Award for outstanding implementation of Patriotic programming. Our Assembly was also awarded the Supreme Civic award for our successful implementation of programming— one of only five Assemblies within our District to achieve this distinction!

This acknowledgement of our efforts this past fraternal year is a testament to the outstanding efforts of all members of the Assembly for their patriotic devotion to our Country and our Order, and for their commitment to taking their Knighthood to its fulfillment! I was honored and humbled as Navigator, to accept these awards on behalf of all members of the Assembly!

Our Assembly has been extremely busy these last few months! With multiple Honor Guard Assignments, those who take on the duties of Honor Guard stayed busy. Our Assembly took part in providing and packing up food items and clothing to be donated to Active Military Troops serving overseas. In addition, our Assembly sponsored and provided manpower for several local homes that support the mentally impaired by hosting a Christmas party!

In the next few weeks, we will honor the fallen by laying wreaths on the gravesites of veterans at a local cemetery. We will also be providing gifts for five veteran's families as part of our Adopt-a-Vet Christmas program.

Members of St. Francis Assembly are living the 4th principle of our Order: Patriotism. But where do you fit into this picture? By joining the 4th degree of the order, you can take your Knighthood to its fulfillment! I invite each brother Knight reading this to become a part of one of the best Assemblies in the State and join us! Our next Exemplification is scheduled for March 7th. Please contact me at gmallia@yahoo.com if you would like to join us!



Calendar of Events

St. Francis Council #4401

December 2019

- 4 KofC Business Meeting-after Rosary in OLS Church Hall-North 7:30 p.m.
Novena of Our Lady of Guadalupe 04DEC-12DEC
- 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.
Week End Retreat 13th, 14th & 15th
- 14 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield
- 14 Wreath Laying Ceremony Oakwood Cemetery 12 p.m. Farmington
- 18 First Degree Exemplification 630 pm KofC Officers Meeting 7:30 p.m. OLS-CHN
- 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 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 Business Meeting Fourth Degree 7:30 p.m. OLS Church Hall—North
Novena for Life 15JAN-25JAN
- 18 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield
- 22 KofC Officers Meeting 7:30 p.m. OLS Church Hall—North
- 25 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield

February 2020

- 1 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield
- 5 KofC Degree Assembly Business meeting 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 Business Meeting Fourth Degree 7:30 p.m. OLS Church Hall—North
- 15 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield
- 19 KofC Officers Meeting 7:30 p.m. OLS Church Hall—North
- 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

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 Juie Denenberg John Dewar Bill Dick	Wendy Disteleath Tony DiPonio Jackie Dix Bob Dolecki Rosemary Dwyer Teresa Dwyer Ed Dyman Josephine Evangelista Beverly Friel Susan Gilleran Stanley Gromala Ian Hoag 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. Carolyn Oblender Mary Olowski Genevieve Ostrowski Evia Pedidis	Melissa Peters 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 James Walla Johnna Weiss Tom Wilkins Phil Yaeger
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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 Dick Chiara Walter Christensen Genny Cleary Mary Collins Thomas Collins Rhea Crowley John Dana Lisa DeNardo Patricia Dick Robert Dolecki Sue Drouliard Christine Dwyer	Joseph Dwyer Alfie Evans Fr. Kent Hajdok Pat Hejka Ronald Hittinger Antoine Hubert Jim Jones Tom Kerbawy Martha Koenig Maureen LaFontaine 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 Theresa Stayer 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 Victims of 911
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Special Intentions:

Parents of Alfie Evans All Priests Newly Elected Officials of Farmington and Farmington Hills Steve and Cindy Urban Eileen Bridenstine	James Plocinik Susan Giller Adrienne Martz Margaret Thompson Richard Wroblewski The Nablo Family Ophelia Argonoza	Grieving Families Less Fortunate Rebecca Padin The Homeless RCIA candidates End of Abortion All Veterans & First Responders
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The Birth of Jesus. 1 In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. 2 This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. 4 And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, 5 to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. 6 While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

8 Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. 9 The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. 10 The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. 12 And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." 13 And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying:

14 "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

The Visit of the Shepherds. 15 When the angels went away from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." 16 So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. 17 When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. 18 All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. 19 And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. 20 Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them. From the book of LUKE, Chapter 2.



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2nd Annual All K of C Advent Retreat

December 13-15, 2019

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Suggested Donation: \$215

Space is limited to first 90 registrants

Register at stpaulretreat.org or by calling Cathy at 313.286.2801





St. Francis Epiphany Party

**Mark your calendars for the St. Francis Council Epiphany Party
You and your spouse/guest are cordially invited to join us as we gather
to celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord**

When:

Saturday, January 4th, 2020 5:30 pm - ??

Where:

American Legion Hall (lower level)

Cost:

Free event

What to bring:

A dish to pass (designate Appetizer, Side, or Dessert on e-vite coming out soon)

A gift to exchange (white elephant or keep to \$15 limit)

What's provided:

Main Course, Open bar, A fun filled evening for all!

For more information, please feel free to contact

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BIRTHDAYS

RICHARD	WALKER	12-01
BRUCE	SUPPELSA	12-04
RICHARD	MELDRUM	12-04
STEVEN	BAKER	12-04
MICHAEL	WILLIAMS	12-07
DONALD	RUSAS	12-08
WILLIAM	KOSS	12-10
WILLIAM	SWORDS	12-17
THOMAS	HERRMANN	12-18
RONALD	ACHO	12-18
JOHN	TOMEI	12-18
MARIO	FERRINI	12-23
TOMASZ	BOLEY	12-23
WILLIAM	MC KEEVER	12-24
CHRISTOPHER	CULLEN	12-26
MICHAEL	KENNEY	12-27
W	SCHMID	12-28
BENNO	SCHMIDT	12-30

YEARS OF SERVICE

LAWRENCE	LAETHEM	49
MARTIN	KOZICKI	38
GEORGE	KENDALL	30
GARY	BERLIN	30
JOHN	KRUSE	17
PATRICK	DWYER	14
GARY	MALLIA	13
JOSEPH	GROMALA	13
RANDAL	D AMORE	13
PAUL	BEDARD	12
JOSEPH	LESNEK	12
JOSEPH	SMITH	10
ROBERT	SAYERS	10
STEVEN	ZABEL	10
BRUCE	LILLEY	7
DAVID	DEREYNA	7
STEVEN	MURPHY	6
ANDREW	WILKINS	6
MICHAEL	ORSINI	6
NATHAN	MC NULTY	5
CHRISTOPHER	O DONNELL	5
ANTONIO	STEPHEN	5
BRIAN	PASEK	5
ALAN	REDMOND	5
PAUL	HERBERHOLZ	12

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**Family of the Month
November 2019**

50/50 WINNER
Gary Mallia

**Knights of the Month
November 2019**

**Bob Plocinik
& Aaron Dick**



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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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